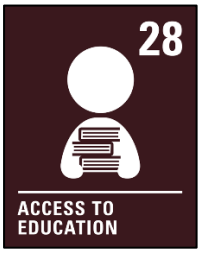
NEWSLETTER

Celebrating, affirming and developing every child

Summer 2 2026



Reflecting on the academic year 2025-2026, I could list so many highlights – events, interactions or experiences which illustrate Chilcote's values. That, of course, would be very personal and potentially biased, so I figured using parent/carer feedback from the recent annual survey would provide a much more balanced view.

School garners a wonderful relationship between teachers and students

Looks after children's mental health, it's not all about academic grades

School keeps you up to date with everything; teachers are approachable

More trips, extra clubs, more dinner options on Wednesdays

PUPIL VOICE

Pupil voice continues to be strong. The House Captains, Vice Captains and School's Council representatives have collectively and successfully led a number of events, all of which have been enjoyed by the pupils.

Fundraising has been successful too. To date, the events have raised **£1371.00** for *Birmingham Children's Hospital,* specifically the "Medi cinema". We are yet to calculate the sums raised for the Sponsored Walk, (currently around £970), we should feel very proud for having raised over two thousand pounds. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Total amount raised will be shared with you in the new school year.

House Captains and Vices have hosted multiple events this year, namely the Easter Egg races, Culture Day and the Talent Show. We thank them for their exceptional leadership which is what made each event a roaring success.

New to Chilcote this year, has been the launch of the newly created House Mascots. We thank Naz Kamal, PTA member, for these wonderful creations. Next year's House representatives may be tasked to make decisions about names, new mottos, and to explore ways in which we can make the most of these new additions to the Chilcote family. Watch this space!

CHILCOTE'S GOT TALENT

Hosted by the House Captains and Vices, this annual event brought the school year to a spectacular end. All the contestants did themselves proud as they mustered up the courage to share their respective talents in front of a captive audience. The winning act and runners-up are listed below. Congratulations to them all.

Key Stage 1	
1st place: Minh-Anh, Year 2	Pianist
2nd place: Emilia, Year 1	Gymnastics routine
3rd place: Haris, Iyla-Jaan, Lana, Year 2	Rap

Key Stage 2	
1st place: Aliza, Year 5	Singing act, "This girl is on fire"
2nd place: Akshayan, Year 5	Mental Maths whizz
3rd place: Raafaye, Year 5	Michael Jackson tribute

PTA

The PTA has been unsurprisingly brilliant. The school cannot thank the team enough for the all the time they have put into securing the success of the different events. It was lovely to sit down with some of the members last week to evaluate this year and plan for the next. Events have already been planned, and dates are already in the diary. 2026-27 looks to be another bumper year.

Total funds raised: £5,112.44 Fantastic!

FAREWELLS

As previously reported, we say farewell to five wonderful members of staff:

Leanne Agar - Catering assistant

Mrs Lyons - current Nursery teacher (although an excellent practitioner in all Year groups)

Mrs Kaur - Midday Supervisor (and Arsenal fan)

Mrs McGann - Catering Supervisor aka the best school cook in Brum!

We thank them for their 65 collective years of dedicated service, and we send end them all heartfelt good wishes as they begin their new chapters. We will miss you all.

We also say 'Au revoir' to **Ms Dinson** who has supported the school over the last 2 years, stepping into the breach when we have been in need, and executing her role as Nursery teacher and cover teacher across the school to the highest of standards. Thank you Ms Dinson; you have helped us and really made a difference.

AND FINALLY…..

The KS1 flood in January and the recent and unexpected heatwaves are probably the only curveballs we have had thrown at us this year. With your support and understanding, we muddled through and came out the other end – still smiling. It's just fortuitous that the high temperatures have occurred in the last few weeks of term; not sure how much longer this could have been endured.

Now as we leap across the final hurdle, ready to embrace a well-deserved break, we remember what we as a school, and the children as individuals, have achieved this year. The Chilcote family goes from strength to strength.

We are looking forward to working towards our vision with the driver of *'Celebrating, developing and affirming every child'* at the core of our decisioning. We have a great team at Chilcote, and I continue to feel proud to work amongst them.

On behalf of all the staff and the Governing Board, wishing you all a wonderful, cool Summer.

See you in September when the learning journey continues.

Best wishes,

Debbie Doherty

Tuesday 1st September	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd September	School resumes 3.30 – 4.00: *Meet the Teacher event for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 4th September	3.30 – 4.00: *Meet the Teacher event for Years 1 & 2
Friday 5th September	3.30 – 4.00: *Meet the Teacher event for Years 3 & 4

*Meet the Teacher is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher and to learn about the new year group expectations and curriculum.