Newsletter – Spring 2 2026

Spring hasn't quite sprung! At least that's what the weather over the last couple of days indicates to us. The beautiful rays of sunshine last weekend were somewhat short-lived. Whilst rain has become inevitable, not many of us would have predicted the hailstorm we experienced on Wednesday. It triggered many enquiries from the children. It also triggered a sprinting practice for Sports Club attendees from the playground as they sought refuge indoors. And within just a few minutes, the sun was out again. That's climate change for you!

LEARNING JOURNEYS

Thank you to all who attended Parents Evening. The high attendance reflects your commitment and positive engagement with your children's learning. Staff have been very pleased with the progress your children have been making and are looking forward to extending the learning after the Easter break. The Summer Term brings different statutory testing to our doors. The school is required to report on the following:

- The % of Reception pupils who achieve a Good Level of Development
- The % of Year 1 pupils who meet the Phonics expected standard – I will say progress this year for this cohort has been fantastic!
- Year 4 Multiplication Test scores
- Year 6 SATs

If your child is in any of the above year groups and appears worried about these tests, please give them the same message we will be delivering at school.

"Don't worry. Do your best. You've got this!"

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

February half term saw the start of Ramadan, Lent and the beginning of Lunar new Year celebrations. Last week, many of our pupils celebrated Eid and the Catering Team put on a special menu on Monday to acknowledge this occasion.

As the school holidays approach, different members of the school community will be looking forward to ***Easter*** Sunday on 5th April and ***Vaisakhi*** on 13th April. We hope all families who worship within the Christian, Sikh or Hindu faith enjoy the celebrations.

Happy Easter and Happy Vaisakhi!

NOTICES

1. The new **playground equipment** is due to be installed on the main playground over the Easter break. Additional equipment will mean shorter waiting times for the children and greater access to equipment which is more suitable for the youngest pupils in the school.

2. **Vacancies** – we have vacancies within the Catering and Midday Supervisor teams. Please refer to the school website or visit www.mynewterm.com for more information.

3. **Parking** continues to be a significant concern at Chilcote. We have received multiple reports from local residents who have been unable to access their own driveways due to vehicles being parked inconsiderately. This is unacceptable, and we must ask all parents and carers to be mindful of the impact this has on our neighbours and the wider community. For busy school events, including the Easter Bonnet Parade, **only families displaying a valid disability badge should park within the close**. All other visitors are expected to park outside the close and walk into school. This ensures safety, respects our residents, and keeps access routes clear at all times. You may also be aware that an ambulance was called to school earlier this week. Whilst awaiting its arrival, I had to ask two parents, who had parked at the top of the Close, to move their vehicles to enable quicker access to the site by the emergency vehicle. It is for this reason, amongst others, that we expect parents and carers to adhere to school policy.

   Thank you to those parents who continue to work in partnership with the school to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

AND FINALLY……

The clocks will change on Sunday as the nation officially moves into British Summertime. We can now all look forward to the longer hours of daylight and the positive impact this tends to have on our well-being.

The holidays are now here, giving us time to decompress, to find time to live by 'The Ten Keys to Happier Living' and to enjoy family time.

School resumes on Monday 13th April. We will see you then.

D. Doherty

Weekly Schedule

Key to Happier Living: EMOTIONS

Value of the Month: HELPFULNESS

Monday 13th April
8.00-8.45am: Year 6 SPAG revision class – all of year 6 welcome
3.15-4.15pm: Year 6 Multi-Sports Club

Tuesday 14th April
3.15-4.15pm: Year 5 Multi-Sports Club
3.15-4.30pm: Year 6 Drama Club

Wednesday 15th April
8.00-8.45am: Year 6 Math's revision class – invite only
3.15-4.15pm: Year 4 Multi-Sports Club

Thursday 16th April
8.00–8.40am: Year 1 Multi-Sports Club
12.00pm: 1 Elm Parent/Carers lunch
12.10pm: 1 Fir Parent/Carers lunch
3.15–4.15pm: Year 3 Multi-Sports Club
3.15-6.15pm: Years 5 & 6 girls tag rugby tournament @ KNRRC

Friday 17th April
8.00-8.45am: Year 6 Reading revision class – invite only
9.00-11.00am: Year 4 walk to Mosque
3.15-4.15pm: Year 2 Multi-Sports Club