

Chestnuts Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17th July 2026



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Summer Playscheme -
Monday 20th July - Friday
14th August

Returning Nursery
Children come back on
Monday 7th September

**Friday 4th September Y1 -
Y6 RETURN BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been the most wonderful year at Chestnuts. Our children have enjoyed exceptional learning, incredible enrichment opportunities, and countless moments that have strengthened our relationships with our fantastic community.

The children continue to achieve extremely well, and our SATs results this year reflect their hard work, resilience and determination. I will share these fully with our wider community in September, once the new school year begins.

To all our pupils moving on to pastures new — we will miss you enormously. You will always be part of the Chestnuts family, and once a Chestnutter, always a Chestnutter.

Wishing all our children, families and staff a lovely, safe and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Friday 4th September for another exciting year ahead.

Many Thanks
Mrs Horwood

Attendance

If your child is absent please could you call/email or leave a voicemail on the school office number :



02088002362 or email

office@chestnutsprimary.com

BACK TO SCHOOL

*This is a friendly reminder that Y1- Y6 return to school on **Friday 4th September**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and wish you all a lovely rest of the summer !*

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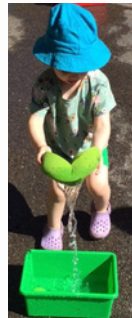
What we have done this week

NURSERY

We've been busy little bees in the Nursery! Sports Day and Splash Day, both in one week! How impressive Nursery were at joining in at all the races and cheering for their classmates on Sports Day. Well-done, Nursery!

Splash Day was amazing fun too, and exactly the right weather for it!

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEK WE'VE HAD



DONALDSON CLASS

AHLBERG CLASS

What an amazing year we have had in Reception! It is impossible to list all of the interesting and enriching things that we have done. From art days to religious celebrations to surprises from the story door to woodwork to drama to butterflies to gardening to forest school to power off day to making our own books, to Christmas, class and celebration assemblies to trips to parties to splash day to sports day and the dance competition and much more I've missed!

The children have grown so much, both personally and academically and we could not be prouder, what a fantastic class.

I could also not let this opportunity pass without extending warm feelings and appreciation to the magnificent Reception Team who have worked tirelessly to support and enrich each and every day of the children's time here. The children have been amazing and so have their parents, we truly appreciate you and your wonderful children! Have a brilliant summer holiday and we look forward to seeing the children starting year 1!



HADID CLASS

This week we have been learning about telling the time. The children made their own clocks and used them to practise reading o'clock and half past times. They explored how the minute hand and hour hand move, and enjoyed matching different times to their clocks. We also played games to help them recognise these times quickly and to build confidence using everyday language such as "What time is it?" and "The big hand is on the 12."



MOZART CLASS

Mozart Class had a fun and interesting trip to the Railway Fields. We enjoyed exploring nature, learning about different plants, and discovering a variety of mini beasts.



SEACOLE CLASS



To the Parents and Carers of Seacole Class,

What a wonderful year it has been teaching your amazing and phenomenal children. They have brought me so much joy, laughter, and many heartwarming messages and drawings that I will treasure. It has been a privilege to be part of their journey, and I honestly feel so proud of everything they have achieved.

Each and every child has grown so much this year. They have challenged themselves in their learning, developed confidence, grown as individuals, and shown kindness, resilience, and determination every step of the way. Watching them learn, mature, and support one another has been truly rewarding.

I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. Your encouragement, kindness, and partnership have meant so much, and I have loved every moment of being your child's teacher.

Although I will miss Seacole Class greatly, I am only a classroom away, so I look forward to seeing the children continue to flourish and achieve wonderful things.

Thank you all once again. I hope you enjoy looking through the photographs and celebrating the fun we have shared together, as well as seeing just how much each child has grown over the year.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

With thanks and best wishes,

Mr Nisbett



RASHFORD CLASS

For PRIDE we have focussed on the artist Mickalene Thomas. The children worked incredibly hard to create art in the same style as her. Each one of the children's collage's show their different personalities and styles.



BENJAMIN CLASS

To celebrate the end of a wonderful year, Benjamin Class enjoyed an exciting trip to the British Museum. The children explored fascinating artefacts from Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and Ancient Greece, bringing their learning to life as they discovered objects from some of the world's earliest civilisations.

A highlight of the day was taking part in an engaging workshop all about Ancient Athens, where the children learned about the origins of democracy and what life was like in Ancient Greece. They asked thoughtful questions, shared their knowledge and represented our school brilliantly throughout the visit.

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement. Your partnership has helped the children grow in confidence and achieve so much this year. It has been a privilege to teach Benjamin Class, and I will miss them all. Wishing every family a relaxing and memorable summer, and every child continued success, confidence and curiosity as they move on to Year 4.



ATTENBOROUGH CLASS

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to the British Museum this week. They took part in an excellent workshop exploring life in the ancient Greek city-state of Athens, learning about trading, citizenship, and the beginnings of democracy.

The children then explored and classified a range of fascinating artefacts before visiting the museum's impressive Ancient Greece and Mesopotamia exhibitions, where they were able to make real connections to our history learning this term. We even had time to relax and play in the nearby park before heading back to school. The children showed great curiosity and had a truly lovely day out.



FIBONACCI CLASS

Our trip to London Zoo last week was nothing short of magical. The children's excitement was infectious from the moment we stepped through the gates, and it was wonderful to see their faces light up as they spotted animals they had only read about. The determined hunt to find the capybara became the highlight of the day and the cheers when they finally found it were unforgettable. Their behaviour throughout the entire trip, both in the zoo and on the buses, was exemplary. They represented Fibonacci Class with such maturity and kindness, and we could not be prouder of them.

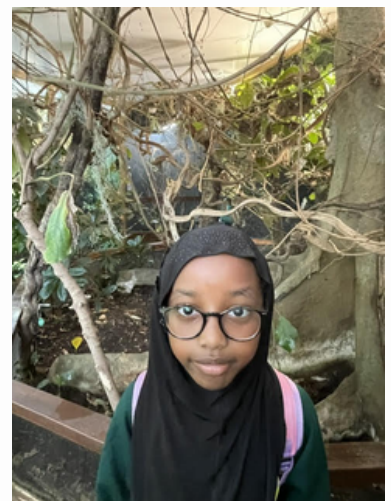
As we reach the end of the year, I want to take a moment to thank you, our fantastic parents and carers, for your unwavering support. Whether it was helping with the MTC check, joining us on trips or encouraging learning at home, your partnership has made a world of difference. It has been an absolute pleasure watching your children grow, learn, and flourish in Fibonacci Class. I will miss them and I wish you all a wonderful, restful, and joy-filled summer.



GANDHI CLASS

What an amazing day at the zoo we had. The birds sang, the penguins swam and the gorillas....well I won't repeat what they did. It was glorious weather and the children had so much fun visiting old favourites and discovering new friends.

I can't believe this is the last newsletter of the year, it has gone so fast (always a good sign). It has been a total pleasure teaching your children this year. They have been so curious, delightful and enthusiastic. I will really miss having their faces in front of me in September. Have an incredible summer and thank you for all your support this year.



PANKHURST & THOMPSON CLASS

With the final week fast approaching, Year 5 made sure we made the most of this glorious weather by going on a trip to Westcliff in Essex. We took the train to the coast, we played in the mud(!) and tried to bathe in the shallow, but warm, water. Unfortunately, the tide was low so we had to squelch our way to the sea - navigating the oyster shells that littered our path.

To further our enrichment, we went on a trip to Alexandra Park School to watch the Year 7 & 8 students perform an abridged version of Midsummer Nights Dream. The kids then partook in a drama workshop before having lunch in the park. Mr. Bloom ended up geeking-out over Oak Trees and Oak Processionary Moths. I think we spotted over 15 nests in one tree alone!



MANDELA & MALALA CLASS

A huge well done to all of you Year6 children! You have worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, and achieved so much this year. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished.

Wishing you all the very best of luck as you begin your exciting journey to secondary school. Goodbye and good luck !



TURING GROUP

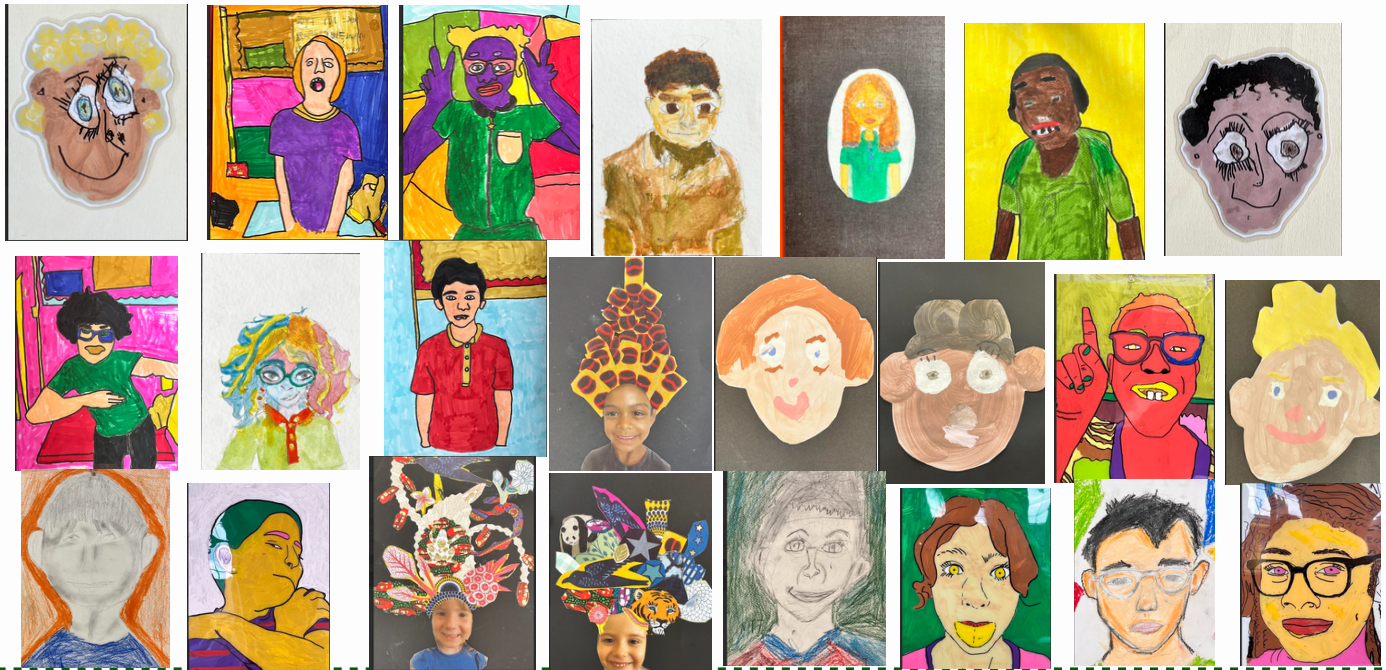
This half term, Turing Group dived into Pride with two brilliant heroes: Alan Turing and Luke Prokop! We wrote letters to King Charles about Alan Turing's legacy (and were amazed to get a reply from Buckingham Palace), learned all about ice hockey and how Luke Prokop is breaking barriers as the only openly gay player under an NHL contract, explored LGBTQ+ role models in STEM and sports, and read coming-out letters to spot the emotions people feel when sharing who they are. With help from guest artist Milly, we turned those emotions into bright watercolour art and filled our classroom with three colourful displays celebrating everything we've learned, created, and proudly shared.



ART CLASSES

.What an incredible year of ART we have enjoyed at Chestnuts! Throughout the year, our children have explored a diverse range of topics, been inspired by the work of celebrated artists, experimented with a wide variety of media, and developed an impressive range of artistic skills and techniques.

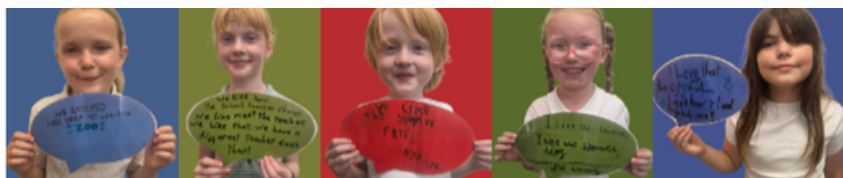
1.The Art Exhibition, held on 1st July, was a wonderful celebration of their learning and creativity. Every piece on display reflected the children's imagination, perseverance, and growing confidence as artists, transforming the school into a vibrant gallery that families thoroughly enjoyed exploring. We are immensely proud of everything our young artists have achieved and the passion and enthusiasm they have brought to every project.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

CHESTNUTS CHEERS:

- **Bonnie:** We enjoyed our trip to London Zoo.
- **Sylvie:** We like how the school lunches change. We like Meet the Teacher. We like that we have a different teacher each year!
- **Nye:** We like the Summer Fair.
- **Lexi:** I like the teachers. I like the school trips, and I liked Tolmers.
- **India:** I like that the Office helps me when I get hurt.
- **Niamh:** We like the PSA members and our school events. We like that we have teachers that help children with special needs. We like the dance competition. We like all the school councils and how we can share our thoughts (UNCRC articles 12, 13 and 14). We like our teacher, Mr Bloom, and how he has taught us. He's really tried a lot to make us prepared for Year 6, and we like the trips.
- **Ms Watson:** A big THANK YOU to all the children who represented their class this year. Thank you for attending and for sharing your ideas, thoughts and suggestions.



MUSIC

The whole school enjoyed an interactive Music concert with a string quartet with lots of singing, and learnt some new musical vocabulary. It was a really fun afternoon!



NETBALL

Chestnuts year 6 netball team, we are so proud of you all. Keep playing you are all fantastic players.

Miss Ellis and Miss Mills



FOOTBALL

Year 5 boys football team went to St Mary's on Wednesday 15th July, and came home victorious with a 8-0 win.

Well done boys
Miss Ellis and Miss Mills

