



CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after what was certainly a wet and soggy half term! The children have returned with their usual enthusiasm and energy, ready for the exciting term ahead.

Whilst working on site this week, Mrs Dugard was treated to a fantastic gymnastics display from some of our talented Start Point girls. Their confidence, skill, and teamwork were a joy to watch—well done to all involved!

Our Year 6 pupils are beginning to gear up for their upcoming SATs. They are approaching their learning with maturity, focus, and determination, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they continue to put in. Alongside their preparations, both Year 5 and Year 6 are looking forward to their residential in just a few weeks' time—an event that always brings great memories and valuable learning experiences.

A reminder that next week we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. Children are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character—always a highlight of the school year! Details of a fun competition will be coming home today, so please keep an eye out for that.

Next week on Wednesday, we are hoping that the weather stays dry for our long-awaited filming day to create a promotional video for the school.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you to **Praise Worship on Monday at 2:50pm**. It is always lovely to gather together as a school community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
MrRuston

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th March- Forest School
Thursday 5th March- World Book Day
Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 16th March- Start Point Tamar bridge trip (drop off and pick up at Ivybridge train station)
Wednesday 18th March- Forest School
Thursday 26th March- Easter service at St Marys
Wednesday 1st April- Forest School
Thursday 2nd April- Last day of Term
Friday 3rd April- Easter Holidays
Monday 20th April- Non-Pupil Day

Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

It has been lovely to see everyone back this week, and we've even enjoyed a little sunshine. The children were very excited to spot the first daffodils of the year, a cheerful sign that spring is on its way.

As Designers, we have begun learning about different types of bridges and how each one is carefully designed. The children have explored arch, beam and suspension bridges, and in EYFS we have been busy creating our own bridges inspired by these designs. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills in action.

As Technologists, we have been focusing on giving clear and specific instructions. The children practised directing each other through simple tasks, thinking carefully about the exact words needed to make instructions easy to follow. They have shown fantastic teamwork and growing confidence in their communication skills.



Home Learning- To create a bridge to display at school using any materials you would like

Craft (Year 3 -Year 6)

👂 It has been great to see everyone back and ready for Spring 2. We are certainly feeling revitalised by the few glimpses of sunshine we are starting to see, long may it continue. It was also great to see parents and Parents Evening, if you were unable to make it, feel free to arrange an alternative meeting or phone call.

📖 As writers we have started our new book called, 'The Nowhere Emporium.' It has already hooked the children in with the opening discussing a shop that appears out of nowhere. We have been focussing on skills such as similes, modal verbs and relative clause. After the teacher has modelled the grammatical skill, the children then independently introduce these into their sentences.

🔬 As Scientists, Year 3 are learning about how materials change state between solids, liquids and gases. We investigated what was inside three balloons and observed how the contents behaved when

we cut the balloon open. There was a solid (ice) in one; a liquid (water) in another and gas (air) in the third balloon. We also sorted a selection of materials from Mrs. Trought's house into solids, liquids and gases by thinking about their properties.

As Mathematicians Year 3 are learning how to multiply a one-digit number by a three-digit number. We learned how to do this using the column method and also using counters and place value charts. It is quite a tricky concept and they are doing really well. In Year 5 & 6 we are continuing with Fractions, multiplying fractions by whole numbers and also by other fractions.



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	Amelia for working so hard on her handwriting and making all of her work neat	Ruby for showing the value of responsibility with such an amazing start to her english work
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Ella for her positive attitude to all of her learning and always striving to make improvements.	Lucas for showing the value of friendship by always helping his partner in class.

Attendance

Thank you for all your efforts to maximise the children's attendance.

The attendance this week can be seen on the table below.

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	95.1%
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	93.9%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	95.8%

Home learning

Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spellings to practice at home - Reading - To create a bridge to display at school using any materials you would like
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollama – Spelling & Grammar website

Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)

- Reading at least 4 times each week.
- Times Tables Rockstars.
- Spellings.
- Year 6 have CPG books, also question/activity packs for Maths and Spelling & Grammar sent home.

