



CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of this half term, it's hard to believe how much we have managed to achieve in just five short weeks. Despite the shorter term, it has been packed full of learning, activities and memorable moments across the school.

The children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and positive attitudes towards their learning. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, resilience and engagement shining through in lessons each day.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited for what's to come. We have a range of sporting events planned, preparations for our end-of-year play will begin, and the children will be completing their current topics. It promises to be another busy and rewarding time for everyone.

We are also currently looking for volunteers to take on the running of the PTA. The PTA plays a valuable role in supporting the school and enriching the children's experiences. Unfortunately, if we do not have volunteers to step forward, we will need to cease the PTA and instead carry out fundraising directly through the school. If joining the PTA is something you might be interested in, please take a look at this helpful guide for further information:

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/how-to-start-a-pta-guide>

Finally, we hope you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy the sunshine. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th May- Half term

Monday 1st June- Start of term

Wednesday 10th June- Forest School

Thursday 11th June- Year 5 and 6 Sports afternoon @ Thurlestone

Monday 15th June- Poetry performance for parents

Tuesday 16th June- Great Science share

Thursday 17th June- Year 5 Summer sports festival at KCC

Wednesday 24th June- Forest School

Thursday 25th June- Sports day

Thursday 2nd July- Year 6 transition day

Wednesday 8th July- Forest School

Thursday 9th July- Year 6 Canoeing

Friday 10th July- Beach Day at South Milton

Tuesday 14th July- Play performance (day and evening performance)

Monday 20th July- Leavers service 2pm

Wednesday 22nd July- Last day of term



Library Visit – Summer Term

We are excited to share that we are planning a trip to the library during the summer term. As part of this visit, **every child will receive a free library card** to use for borrowing books.

To set this up, we just need a section of a permission form to be signed by parents or carers. The forms are kept in school, so please **ask a member of staff** if you would like to take one home, or you are welcome to **sign the form in school** instead.

We are looking forward to a wonderful visit that encourages a love of reading!

Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

What a fantastic way to end our half term! We have had a truly wonderful final week filled with creativity, exploration and lots of fun learning experiences.

In Forest School this week, we had an amazing time embracing the outdoors, sliding in the mud and even creating our own muddy sliding course—it certainly brought lots of smiles and laughter! In Geography, we have been exploring Australia, learning about its capital city and comparing it with Great Britain, particularly thinking about the number of counties in each country.

As artists, we proudly completed our final pieces inspired by Gloria Petyarre, using Aboriginal art techniques to create beautiful and meaningful designs. Meanwhile, in Science, we channelled our inner scientists by creating and carefully labelling our own plant models, helping us to better understand how plants grow and function.

It has been a brilliant and busy week, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved!



Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)



It has been great to get back into the swing of things this week after the whirlwind of SATs last week. In English, we have started our new writing topic, a non-chronological report about Everest. It has been great to get to grips with writing our independent sentences, using the skills we have learnt in the lesson.

In Maths Y3 are now doing Mass & Capacity, we have been learning about equivalent weights and what this means. Y5&Y6 have completed an elicitation task for their new unit on position and direction. We then starting the unit off with looking only at the first quadrant and how to find coordinates in this section.

In RE we have been exploring how Jesus helped others and how Christians can do this today. We thought about a Christian may help a homeless person, a hungry child, an elderly person and a person with an illness. The children had some great ideas and discussion points.



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	Forest for the amazing progress he is making in his reading.	Ruby for showing the value of responsibility and taking the time to notice when someone might need help or support and act with kindness and care.
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Lucas for really showing perseverance in Maths this week and not giving up until he worked out all of his tricky sums.	Harley for showing the value of responsibility with his English writing this week, thinking carefully about his vocabulary choices.

Attendance


How close is your child to 100% attendance?

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	0	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

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

Whole school attendance (Target 98%)	95.5%
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	94%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	96.3%

Home learning

Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spellings to practice at home - Reading
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollama – Spelling & Grammar website - 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.