CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely first week back after the half term break. The children have settled back into school brilliantly and have been busy re-establishing routines in their classrooms. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and to hear about their half term adventures.

The dates section below has been updated to reflect the Christmas events that are currently being planned. It is always a busy and exciting time of year, so please do take a look and make a note of any important dates in your calendars.

This week, I have also had the pleasure of speaking with another trust that was keen to learn more about our small school journey. They were incredibly inspired by the nurturing environment we have created and the rich learning opportunities that our children experience every day. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the many strengths of our school and celebrate all that makes Charleton such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th November- Art gallery, parents welcome from 2:30pm
Wednesday 11th November-Tempest Individual & Sibling Photos
Friday 13th November- Children in Need, pyjama day and bake sale
Monday 16th November- Praise worship
Wednesday 18th November- Forest School
Wednesday 25th November- Whole Forest School day at FaB
Wednesday 9th December- Christmas craft afternoon, parents welcome from 2pm
Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December- Carol singing at Hyne House
Monday 14th December- Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16th December- Christmas fair 2pm-5pm

Monday 21st December- Friday 1st January- Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January- Non-pupil day
Tuesday 5th January- First day of term

NEW PE DAY- TUESDAYS!



Christmas shoebox appeal

We are taking part in the shoebox appeal again this year, we have chosen to pack one for a boy aged 5-9. Please can all donations be in by Monday 9th November. Below is a suggested list of gifts:

A Special Item

- Cuddly toy
- Rag doll
- Toy car, truck or train
- Football (deflated) with pump
- Solar-powered torch
- Brightly coloured ball

Toys

- Skipping rope
- Building bricks/Lego-style sets
- Animal figures or dinosaurs
- Play people
- Dolls
- Toy vehicles
- Yo-yo

- Dominoes
- Bouncy ball
- Frisbee
- Small kite
- Play dough with cutters
- Toy binoculars
- Small puzzles or board games

School Supplies

- Pencil case
- Pencils and pens
- Crayons and colouring pencils
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Notebook
- Drawing pad
- Colouring book
- Glue stick
- Safety scissors
- Stickers

Creative Activities

- Paint palette and brushes
- Stencils
- Whiteboard and pens
- Pavement chalk
- Mini Spirograph kit
- Sketchbook
- Art sets

Accessories

- Hat, gloves and scarf
- Sunglasses
- Hair accessories
- Small backpack or drawstring bag
- Purse or wallet
- Watch
- Water bottle
- Cup or bowl
- Socks
- T-shirt

- Flip-flops

Hygiene Items

- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush or comb
- Flannel
- Sponge
- Wash mitt
- Chapstick
- Compact mirror
- Wash bag

Admissions policy for 2028-29: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2028-29. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 15 January 2027. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2027. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

No changes are being proposed.

Sunny Cove

Welcome Back!

We have had a lovely first week back and it certainly feels as though winter is on its way! The children have settled back into school brilliantly and we have already begun looking ahead to our Christmas celebrations, which we are all very excited about.

In Music this week, the children impressed us by playing *Mary Had a Little Lamb* and following the musical notation independently. It was wonderful to see their confidence growing as they developed their playing skills.

We also welcomed some visitors who came to talk to us about the important work taking place at Torcross. We learnt all about the large rocks that will soon be arriving and how they will be transported onto the beach as part of the ongoing coastal defence project. The children asked

some fantastic questions and we are hoping to organise a trip to the beach so that we can see the work taking place first-hand.

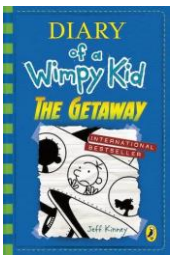
Forest School was great fun this week despite the windy weather! The children embraced the outdoor conditions and worked incredibly well together, successfully building and lighting their own fires. They showed excellent teamwork, resilience and responsibility throughout the session.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting week of learning ahead!





Our school ambassadors

Nature ninja- Oakley	Movement master- Rupert	Masterpiece maker- Noah	Library leader- Wynne
			
We have made a start ensuring all food waste goes into the compost bin. Work has started on restoring the	This week warm up is Traffic Lights. Football club- If you would like to take part, please bring in spare	The artist for this term is Friday Kahlo. Fact file: Full name was Magdalena	The book of the week is The Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

plant pots in the playground. We will be looking to paint them different bright colours if anyone has any paint they could donate. We have also started to collect the wood ready for the polytunnel.	shoes/ trousers to keep in school	Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderon Born 6th July 1954 She loved wearing bright traditional Mexican dresses She had pet spider monkeys, dogs, parrots and a fawn She started to paint when she was in bed for 3 months after a bus accident.	I like how the story is funny.

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 92.9%