CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear families,

I can't quite believe that we have reached the end of another half term already. As we take a moment to reflect on the past few weeks, we are incredibly pleased with how well the new structure across the school has developed.

The school and classrooms are looking absolutely stunning, creating engaging and welcoming environments in which our children can thrive. It has been wonderful to see the pride that pupils are taking in their surroundings and the enthusiasm they are showing towards their learning each day.

One of the real highlights of the term has been the opportunity to work closely with our friends at West Alvington. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning alongside one another, building new friendships and benefiting from the wider range of experiences and opportunities that this collaboration brings.

We would like to thank all of our families for their continued support throughout the term. Your encouragement and partnership make a significant difference to the success of our school community.

We wish you all a restful, enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

October 26th-30th- Half Term
Monday 2nd November- Non-pupil day
Tuesday 3rd November 2026- First day of term
Wednesday 4th November- Forest School (stay and play)
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
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

What a Wonderful End to the Half Term!

We have had a fantastic final week of half term, packed with exciting learning experiences and memorable opportunities for all of the children.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to Salcombe, where we visited the RNLI Lifeboat Station. The children learned all about the important work of lifeguards, how they help keep

people safe, and what we can do to stay safe at the beach. One of the highlights of the day was being invited aboard the RNLI lifeboat itself, where we explored the different levels of the boat and even got to see the engine room. The adventure started before we even arrived, as we travelled on the public bus, which was great fun and an exciting experience for many of the children!

In the afternoon, we joined our friends from West Alvington for some hands-on science learning, working together and sharing ideas.

Back in the classroom, our learning has continued to be just as engaging. As geographers, Year 1 and 2 have been exploring the different climates around the world and comparing them to the climate we experience here in the UK. Meanwhile, our KS2 children have been putting their geography skills to the test by considering the best locations for a new settlement, thinking carefully about the features that make places suitable places to live.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout the week, and we wish everyone a happy, restful half-term break.









Our school ambassadors

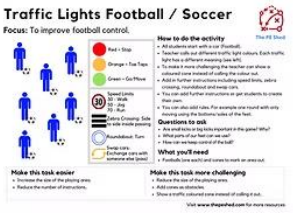
Nature ninja- Oakley	Movement master- Rupert	Masterpiece maker- Ruby	Library leader- Luella



We have made a start ensuring all food waste goes into the compost bin.

Work has started on restoring the 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.



This week warm up is Traffic Lights.

Football club- If you would like to take part, please bring in spare shoes/ trousers to keep in school



The artist for this term is Friday Kahlo.

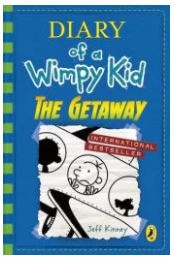
Fact file:
Full name was Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderon

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.



The book of the week is The Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

I like how the story is funny.

Attendance



Our attendance target is 98%

Our school attendance is currently 91.7%