



CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the first half of the spring term, it has been a lovely moment to reflect on everything the children have achieved. They continue to impress us each week—not only with their progress, but with their enthusiasm, focus, and pride in their learning.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome a range of visitors into school. The children spoke brilliantly, sharing their learning with confidence and showing off our school with the maturity and kindness we see from them every day. They were wonderful ambassadors for Charleton.

Across the term, their attitudes towards learning have been exceptional. Whether they are excitedly sharing what they've been doing in music, showing us their sculpture work in art, or proudly reading out their impressive writing, their eagerness is always clear. It is a privilege to see how much they enjoy their learning.

Looking ahead to next half term, we have lots to look forward to, including World Book Day and the Year 5 and 6 residential. These events always bring excitement and new opportunities for the children, and we can't wait to get started.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing all our families a relaxing and happy half-term break.

Warm regards,

MrRuston

Advance Notice: World Book Day — Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of fun activities, including dressing up as a favourite book character. There's no need to purchase a costume—there are plenty of simple, creative ideas that can be made at home, and staff are always happy to help with suggestions.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February – Half Term
Monday 23rd February- Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February- Parent consultations

Wednesday 4th March- Forest School
Thursday 5th March- World book day
Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential
Monday 16th March- Startpoint Tamar bridge trip (drop off and pick up 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
Tuesday 21st April- First day of term

🌱 Request for Spare Wood for Our Polytunnel 🌱

We are currently developing our polytunnel space so the children can enjoy even more opportunities for planting and growing. To help us create raised beds and organised planting areas, we are looking for **any spare or unused wood** you may have at home—offcuts, planks, decking pieces, pallets, or anything suitable for outdoor use.

If you have any wood which you're happy to donate, please bring it to school.

Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

We've had another exciting and busy week of learning! During Forest School, we celebrated Pancake Day a little early by cooking delicious pancakes over the fire. The children loved taking part in the process—from mixing the batter to watching their pancakes sizzle and flip on the flames. It was a wonderful chance to build confidence around the fire circle and enjoy a tasty outdoor treat! As geographers, we have been exploring the human and physical features found in England and Scotland. The children compared what they discovered in both countries, discussing landscapes, landmarks, and how people shape the places where they live. They showed great curiosity and made thoughtful comparisons between the two nations.

Finally, in science, we carried out an investigation into the stretchiness of different materials. The children tested a range of objects to discover which materials stretched the most and began to think about why some materials need to be stretchy and others don't. They worked brilliantly as young scientists—observing carefully, predicting, and recording their findings.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term!



Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)

As writers have finish our persuasive writing about Plastic Pollution. It was great to see the children's passion behind their writing, to really think about how to persuade a reader to change the way they live and view plastic. They would like to make changes in school and at home too. In maths, Y5&6 have been tackling short and long division. It is a very tricky concept, and excitingly, some lightbulb moments have been happening this week which is great. Lots of practising at home would be so beneficial, especially for those in Year 6. BBC Bitesize is a great resource for this, as well as the CPG books we sent home last year. As Historians, we learnt about when and why Danegeld was introduced. The read a Viking poem and thought about the meaning and context of the poem. We then had a go at channelling our inner Vikings and writing some of our own verses. In RHE we have learnt all about keeping ourselves safe online as it was Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 10th February. We will continue these conversations in school and would love it if these can happen at home also, as we are aware life online is becoming much more commonplace. If you ever have any questions about online safety, please do speak with a member of staff where we can discuss and direct you to some great resources about how to speak with children about this.

A reminder for cooking club: If your child is going to attend cooking club please ensure they attend each week with the correct ingredients and that they are measured out accurately. This will ensure that all children are able to make all the required elements, during our time limitations.

Thank you



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	All of Startpoint for such a great half term!	
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Alfie communication and working well as part of a team in PE & Whole School Fitness.	Oakley for showing the value of friendship by helping his friends in class when they have missed something.

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)	93.8%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	95.9%

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.