



CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24th October 2025

Dear families,

As we wrap up the first term, we're reflecting on what has been a vibrant and uplifting beginning to the school year. The children have settled in beautifully, embracing new challenges and showing great enthusiasm in all areas of school life. It's been a pleasure to see their confidence grow and their creativity flourish.

One of the highlights this week was welcoming our Key Stage Two children from our sister school, West Alvington. Their visit brought a lovely sense of community and collaboration, and we were thrilled to showcase their incredible artwork. Local artist Becky Bettesworth was genuinely impressed by what she saw, and it was a joy to speak with her as she shared her artistic journey and inspired our pupils.

As we head into the half-term break, we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and some quality time with loved ones. Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to an exciting and enriching second half of the term.

Warm wishes

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October- HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November- NON-PUPIL DAY

Wednesday 5th November- Forest School

Monday 10th November- Odd socks day for anti-bullying week

Wednesday 12th November-School Photo's

Wednesday 19th November- Forest School

Wednesday 3rd December- Forest School

Wednesday 3rd December- Christmas lunch

Wednesday 10th December- Nativity and Carol service 14:00 St Marys Church

Monday 15th December- KS2 Theatre trip

Tuesday 16th December- EYFS/ KS1 Theatre trip

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas fair 15:00

Friday 19th December – Last day of autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

NEWS !!!!!

Christmas Fair Poster Competition!

Get your pens, paints, and glitter ready—it's time for a festive challenge!

We're inviting all pupils to design a poster for our **Christmas Fair**, which will be held on **Wednesday 17th December**, starting at **3:00 PM**.

✦ The winning design will be chosen by members of staff and proudly displayed around the **school** and in the **local community** to spread the Christmas cheer!

Poster Guidelines:

- Must include the date and time of the fair
- Should be colourful, creative, and festive
- Can be hand-drawn or digitally designed

🎁 Entries must be submitted by **Tuesday 4th November** .

We can't wait to see your wonderful creations—good luck and get designing!



🎁 Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal 🎄

This year, we're excited to be taking part in **Operation Christmas Child**, a wonderful initiative that brings joy to children around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each class will be preparing **one shoebox**, and we've already selected the **age group and gender** for each box. You should have received a letter with **ideas and suggestions** for the types of items you can donate — from toys and school supplies to hygiene products and accessories.

We kindly ask that **all donations be brought in by Friday, 7th November**, so we have time to pack and send the boxes off.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us make a difference this festive season! 💖



Start Point

I can't believe it's already half term! What a busy but wonderful few weeks we've had.

This week, we were thrilled to see our artwork proudly displayed—a celebration of all the creativity and effort we've put in. We also loved being able to see the artwork of the other children; we were very impressed! It was great to spend the day with the children from West Alvington.

We've also been learning about the vibrant festival of Diwali, exploring its traditions by creating our own Rangoli patterns and crafting beautiful lamps.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break!



Craft

As Artists this week we welcomed renowned artist Becky Bettsworth into our school. The children were fascinated to learn that she was first drawn to art because she has dyslexia, so she struggled with English and Maths in school. She discovered that creating art made her happy and she was good at it. She was incredibly impressed with our artwork, she thought they were colourful and creative.

In PE this week we played dodgeball and four corners. The children continue to really enjoy the Whole School Fitness each Thursday morning, they find it wakes them up and energizes them for the day ahead.

As writers, the children have written, edited and then published their endings to 'Cosmic.' Their writing has really impressed this term, the children have used their imaginations, love of reading and grammatical skills to produce some amazing writing.

Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to the whole of Start Point for such a wonderful start to the year!

Croft: The whole of Start Point for such a wonderful start to the year!



Values of the Week

Start Point: The whole of Start Point for such a wonderful start to the year!

Croft: Alfie for showing the value of friendship when working together as a group to help his friend when they were finding something tricky.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.2%

Start Point Class Attendance: 96.8%

Croft Class Attendance: 95.8%

Home Learning – Start Point

-Can you create a map of your house?

-Reading- please ensure adults sign
the reading diary



Home Learning – Croft

- Complete the homework sheet.

- TTRS / Numbots

- Please ensure you are reading
regularly and recording this in your
reading diary.

