



CHARLETON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear families,

This week has been very busy at Charleton, with Wednesday being a particularly exciting day as we welcomed a film crew into school to take professional photographs and create our new promotional video. The children were fantastic throughout and truly showcased all the brilliance of Charleton.

World Book Day was also a great success and thank you to everyone who entered our plate competition—your creativity was wonderful to see.

Thank you as well to all who have already shared their thoughts following the communication we sent out yesterday regarding the school structure; please do continue to reach out with any questions, which we will be able to address at our meeting on Monday 16th.

Finally, we are also very much looking forward to the residential next week for our Year 5 and 6 children. Due to the residential, there will be no Praise Worship on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ruston

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th March- Friday 13th March -Year 5/6 Residential

Friday 13th March- Startpoint and Year 3 day at West Alvington

Monday 16th March- Start Point Tamar bridge trip (drop off 8:30 and pick up at 1:00 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

Start Point (Reception – Year 2)

In **Geography**, we have been comparing the physical features of **Wales** and **Northern Ireland**. The children enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between the landscapes, including mountains, coastlines, and famous natural landmarks.

During **Forest School**, we had a fantastic time making **pizzas on the fire**. The children loved preparing their toppings and watching their pizzas cook outdoors. We also had some very special visitors—**Mrs. Thomas's tortoises!** The children were thrilled to have the opportunity to hold and feed them, learning all about how to care for these gentle creatures.

Yesterday, we celebrated **World Book Day**, and what a day it was! We completed a variety of fun and engaging activities linked to our favourite stories and characters. The children showed wonderful enthusiasm and creativity throughout the day, making it a truly memorable celebration of reading.

Well done to everyone for a brilliant week! 📖 🌿 📚



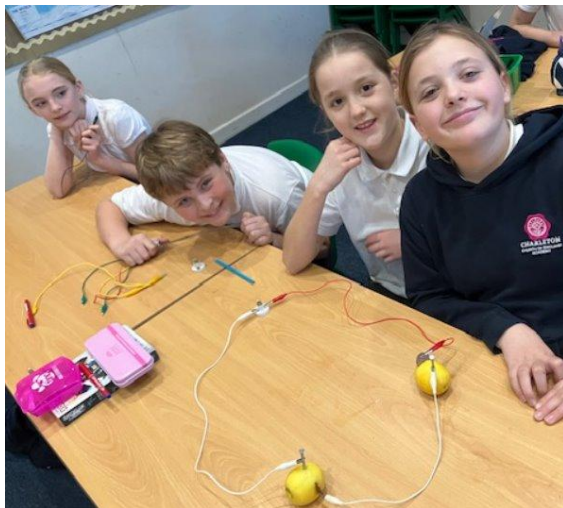
Croft (Year 3 -Year 6)

📅 We have had a very busy second week after half term, with filming and Forest School on Wednesday, World Book Day and PE on Thursday as well as lots of preparations for the Y5&6 residential next week. A reminder that excitingly, next Friday 13th March Year 3 children will be at West Alvington school for the day.



🔧 As Scientists, Year 5 and 6 are learning about electrical circuits. We investigated whether we could make batteries out of fruit and vegetables. Sadly, our circuits did not make the bulb light up but we had fun making them! Lemons, cucumbers and potatoes can also be used to power electrical circuits, but lemons should be the most effective as they contain citric acid.

🔪 As Historians we learnt all about how the crime and punishment during the Viking era. We learnt about some crimes resulted in very severe punishments such as death or being outlawed, but depending on the time of day you commit a crime, you may have an extremely lesser sentence and may even be let off.

📐 As Mathematicians Y3 are learning how to partition number to be able to divide. We thought about how separated 36 into 30 and 6, we can divide 30 by 3 and then divide 6 by 3 and add our answers together. This makes it much more manageable especially for larger numbers. Y5&6 are exploring fractions and learning how to multiply a fraction by another fraction, also how to find the fraction of an amount.



Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

	Star of the Week 	Value of the Week 
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	Foxy for his amazing phonics and being so keen to take part!	Percy for showing the value of love and always being kind to others
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	Olivia for her positive attitude towards learning and always helping others in class.	Oakley for showing the value of Friendship by always looking out for others in class.

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

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%)	95.2%
Start Point (Year R- Year 2)	94%
Croft (Year 3 - Year 6)	96%

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.

