



FEBRUARY

Monday 24th

Children return to School

Wednesday 26th

Waterstones Trips to spend book vouchers

MARCH

Thursday 6th

World Book Day

Friday 7th

Exhibition of work from world book day for Parents

Friday 14th

International Day of Maths

Tuesday 25th

Year One Parents Phonics Screening check Workshop

Thursday 14th

World Maths Day

Friday 15th

Comic Relief

Friday 28th

Reception Mother's Day assembly

Monday 31st

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd

Autism Awareness Day
SEND Parent Coffee morning

Thursday 10th

Beech Class Assembly

Friday 11th

Break Up For Easter Holidays



CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL

Chilvers Coton Community School

'Inspiring Excellence Everyday'

Headteacher: Miss T Hitchcox

SPRING 1
NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Families,

What a whirlwind this first half term has been! As your new Headteacher, I've been overwhelmed by the warm welcome from all our families. It's been an absolute joy getting to know our wonderful children, and I'm still relishing every moment of this ongoing process.

This busy half term has been a journey of discovery, learning about our school and identifying areas for growth. I must say, our children are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated staff who consistently go above and beyond to ensure they receive the very best. I firmly believe our pupils deserve the world, and I hold high expectations for each of them. My aim is to lift the lid on their potential, allowing it to flourish, and encouraging their ambitions to reach for the stars.

We've been honing in on our school values, refining them to ensure every child understands what it truly means to be a Chilvers Champion. This focus on values is at the heart of everything we do, shaping our pupils into well-rounded individuals ready to take on the world.

I'm thrilled to share that we're expanding our family and community support. While we'll be bidding farewell to Mrs William, we're excited to welcome Mrs Virgo as our new Family Support Worker. We're developing a comprehensive SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) support programme for children in school, which families can also access for additional support. Our goal is to increase engagement with our families and create more opportunities for involvement within the school. Looking ahead, we're crafting a robust well-being offer for all our pupils. This initiative will serve as a golden thread, weaving through every aspect of school life. We'll be sharing more details about this exciting development next half term, so stay tuned!

As we move forward, I kindly ask all parents to keep an eye on the key dates for next half term, allowing you to plan ahead effectively.

I'm filled with enthusiasm for the journey ahead and the positive changes we're implementing. Together, we're creating an environment where every child can thrive, learn, and grow. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's education.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Chilvers Coton Community Infant School and Nursery!

Thank you for all your support as always and have a wonderful half term.

**Take care, be kind,
Miss Terri Hitchcox**

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MATHS

On the 14th March we will celebrate the wonderful World of Maths. Children will take part in a range of real-life Maths activities visiting different realms of Maths around the school, including the realm of time, the realm of baking and the realm of art. We have lots of fun and exciting activities to help develop the children's understanding of the importance of Maths and to excite them.



PARENTS EVENING

8-10th APRIL

After half term, we will be holding parent consultation meetings face to face in school. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and achievements as well as their targets moving forward. You will also have the opportunity to look through your child's work with them as we are very proud of the work they produce in their books.

Teachers will inform you of how to book your time slot after half term.



RECEPTION MOTHER'S DAY ASSEMBLY



Reception will be celebrating Mother's day with special assemblies for Mums, Grandmothers, Aunts & Carers in our school community.

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH@ 9:00am

This will be followed by an opportunity to share some tasty tea and cakes together.

We look forward to you joining us and celebrating all you wonderful people. Remember your tissues –It's going to be a tear jerker!

If you are fasting, we will ensure you have delicious cake to take home.

YEAR ONE PARENT WORKSHOP

YEAR ONE PARENTS

Tuesday 25th March

Phonics



Screening Check

All children in Year One will sit their Phonics screening check in June which is a statutory assessment. We will be holding a parent workshop to model how you can support your child at home and give you information around how the check is taken, what it involves and when it takes place.

It is important that you attend this meeting in preparation for your child sitting the phonics screening check this year.

UNIFORM

This is a reminder to please ensure that your child follows our school uniform policy, specifically regarding footwear. Children should wear *black shoes or all-black trainers*.

We've noticed that some shoes currently being worn are unsafe for school activities.

NO PHONES ON SCHOOL SITE



To safeguard all our children, please do not use your mobile phone on the school site.

HEALTHY LUNCHES



Chilvers Coton is a nut Free school. This includes **Nutella** and any other Hazelnut spread. Please be aware that we will ask you for an alternative sandwich for your child if they have Nutella to keep children with allergies safe.

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunchbox. Please do not put sweets including smarties, jelly sweets and chewing gum into lunchboxes.

PTA

A group of parents is working to start a PTA to raise funds and support activities for our children. If you're interested in joining the team and helping make a positive impact, please email the school.

Join the PTA!



BOOK FAIR

We wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who participated in our recent Book Fair. Your support and enthusiasm in purchasing books has made a huge difference, and we are thrilled to share the wonderful news that the funds raised will allow us to add a wide range of new books to our school library!

These new additions will not only enhance our collection for library use, but they will also be available for children to take home, encouraging a love of reading for pleasure.

We are grateful for your continued support in helping foster a passion for reading among our children. Thank you for making this event a success!



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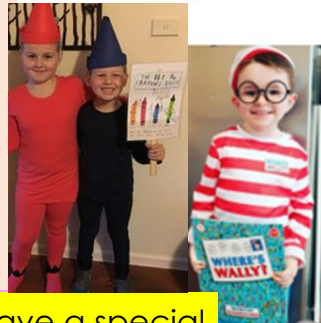
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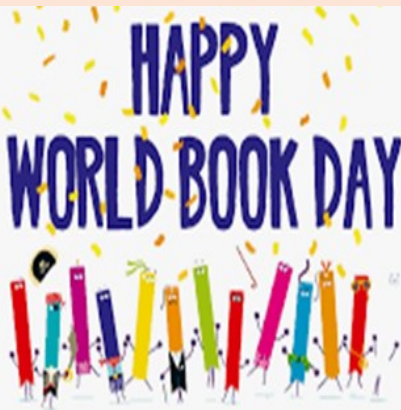
DRESSING UP

World Book Day is a day to celebrate books and characters. We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters. There will be a prize for the best dressed in each year group. If you do not have anything for your children to wear, please speak to the class teacher beforehand and we will help where we can. You can always come dressed in a colour like the crayons who quit.



READING

Reading is such a valuable skill. We learn to read and we read to learn. At Chilvers Cotton, we are lucky to have such wonderful readers and thank you for the support you give your children at home to be rainbow readers.



We have a special Menu for World Book Day with delicious food linked to our favourite tales.

Yum Yum!



COMPETITION

Unusual Reading Places!

We all enjoy reading, some of us enjoy reading in unusual places. Maybe you enjoy reading in your garden playhouse or even in the car! Enjoy a book with your family in the most unusual place. Take a photograph and send your entries by class Dojo

Entries must be in by **Wednesday 5th March**. We can't wait to hear and see all about the book you have read!

There will be a winner announced for each Year group on World Book day.

CALENDAR DATES FOR YOUR FRIDGE

FEBRUARY

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	Half Term	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Return to School		Waterstones Trip to collect World Book Day books			

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	BOOK WEEK Parents in to read in different languages			World Book Day Dress up as a book character	Parent Reading exhibition	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	STEM WEEK				International day of mathematics	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					World Poetry Day	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Y1 Parents phonics screening workshop			EYFS Mother's Day Assembly	
30	31					
	INSET Day School closed					

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		EID Day at school	SEND Coffee Morning Autism Awareness Day			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Parents Evening	Beech Class Assembly	Break up for EASTER	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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SAFEGUARDING SNIPPETT FOR THIS HALF TERM

Online safety

Resources for parents and carers



NSPCC resources

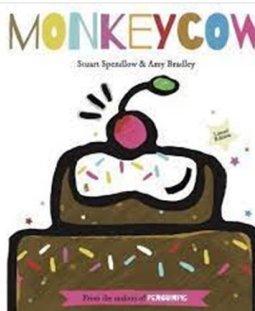
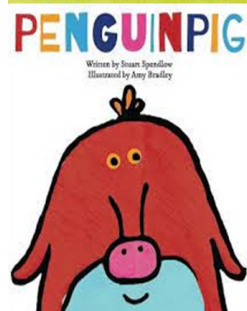
- For guidance on a wide range of topics, visit the NSPCC's online safety pages: nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- For practical tips and real-life case studies, watch the NSPCC's parenting online series: youtube.com/user/nspcc
- Use Talk PANTS resources to help you speak to younger children about sexual abuse online, in an age-appropriate way: nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule

Reporting sites

- Contact CEOP if you're concerned about someone making inappropriate or sexual contact with a child online: ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
- Report sexual images and videos of children shared online to the Internet Watch Foundation
- Report anything online which causes someone distress or harm to Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com

Resources for children and young people

- They can visit the Childline website for advice and information: childline.org.uk
- Call Childline on 0800 1111 to speak to one of our counsellors about anything worrying them
- Share experiences and get peer support on the Childline message boards: childline.org.uk/get-support/message-boards
- Contact Young Minds crisis messenger (Text YM to 85258) or visit the Young Minds website for advice about mental health: youngminds.org.uk
- Visit Childline's online and mobile safety page to learn how to stay safe online: childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety
- Watch films on lots of different topics on Childline's YouTube Channel (aimed at young people aged 13-18): youtube.com/user/childline



As you know, we love books at Chilvers Coton. A book can teach us so many important messages. Below are a few of our top tip reading books about being safe online. If you are thinking of buying a new book for your child, you will find these educational.