



### NOVEMBER

- WB 10th** Anti Bullying Week
- 11th** Remembrance Day
- 11th** 9am-10am Change Makers Fussy Eaters Parents workshop
- 12th** - Parent Workshop Anti Bullying 9am
- 14th** Children in Need
- 17th** - Road Safety Week
- 21st** Non Uniform Day bring chocolate in exchange
- 26th** SEND Coffee Morning

### DECEMBER

- 5th** Reception trip to the theatre to watch Dear Santa
- 11th** Christmas Fayre & Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day
- 16th** Christmas Plays 9.15 & 2.00
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- 18th** Christmas Comes to Chilvers
- 19th** KS1 Trip to the Belgrade theatre for Panto

**Break up for Christmas Holidays**



## Chilvers Coton Community School

*'Inspiring Excellence Everyday'*

Headteacher: Miss T Hitchcox

Autumn 1  
NEWSLETTER

### HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I'm delighted to share some wonderful updates from Chilvers Coton Community Infant School and Nursery. Our Reception children have settled in beautifully and are already proving to be a fantastic addition to our school family. It's been lovely to see them integrate so smoothly into our community.

We have held many events over the past half term, but my favourite was our Grandparents' Event. It was a special opportunity to celebrate the incredible role grandparents play in our children's lives, and seeing them working alongside their grandchildren was truly magical and reinforces the importance of family connections in education.

Another highlight was our Parents' Evening, which offered a valuable chance to connect with families and share the wonderful progress the children are making.

I'm incredibly proud to share some staff achievements. Mrs Billy and Mrs Guest have qualified for training to become Higher Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs). Their commitment to professional development is remarkable and so important for our school's continued success.

We're also excited to announce that we've become a PINS school - the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools. This national programme supports the education and health needs of neurodiverse children through collaborative work with local authorities and parent carer forums. If your child has SEND, I strongly encourage you to attend our upcoming coffee mornings, as your voice is crucial in this process.

There's lots happening this half term, so please keep an eye on our newsletter dates and check Dojo for the most up-to-date information.

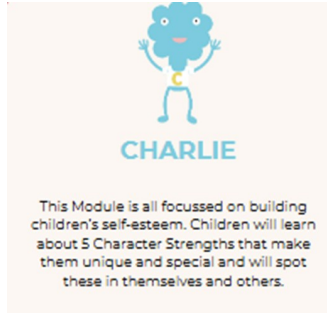
**Take care, be kind,  
Miss Terri Hitchcox**



## OUR HAPPY MIND DRIVE

Supporting well-being is one of our key priorities this year. After launching *My Happy Mind* in March, we are now beginning to explore how we can extend our focus on well-being beyond the classroom.

This half term, our *My Happy Mind* theme is **CELEBRATE**, which encourages children to build self-worth and recognise their character strengths, such as kindness.



As a whole school, we are also thinking about how we can extend this focus to our wider community and staff by using the 'Give' element of the **Five Ways to Well-being**.

There is a wealth of research showing the positive impact of taking part in social and community activities. Studies have consistently found that people who help others often report feeling happier—and that giving to others naturally boosts our own sense of well-being.

To support this, we are encouraging both staff and children to practise "Give" within school. Over the coming week, children will be spreading joy within our community in a variety of ways. They will be delivering handmade Christmas cards to local households and visiting nearby care homes to sing and bring cheer to the residents.

Even the smallest act of giving or kindness makes a difference—whether it's a smile, a thank you, or a kind word.



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

Giving can take many forms, from simple everyday gestures to longer-term commitments.

Why not join us and try to **GIVE** this half term? We'd love to hear how you get involved.

## CHRISTMAS AT CHILVERS



Thursday 18th December is Chilvers Christmas day. The children will ..



Wear their pyjamas to school.

Eat breakfast together.



Have a visit from Father Christmas.

Open our gift round the tree.

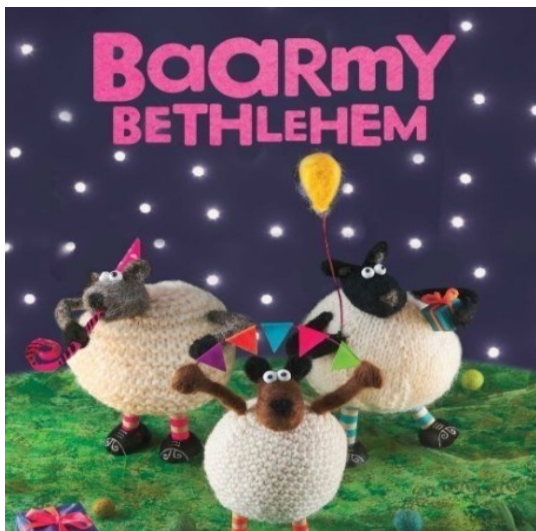


Play games and have a class party .

To finish the day we will have a Christmas movie and sweet treats.



## OUR CHRISTMAS SHOW



**We Can't wait to perform for you!**

**We will let you know when you can purchase tickets to watch us shine!**

## HOOP WREATHS



The Christmas hoops will be sent home today for decorating, if you would like your child to receive a hoop please email the school on [admin2103@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2103@welearn365.com).

## PEG DECORATIONS



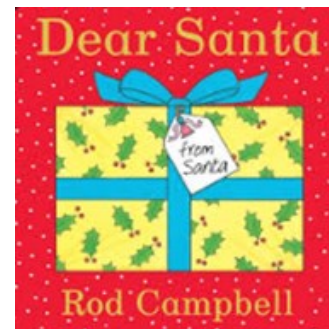
## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

As part of our Christmas decorations in the hall this year, we have provided every child with a dolly peg to decorate. We will hang the pegs on our Christmas tree so that all of the children have made a decoration. Below are some ideas for decorating your peg. Please can we have all decorated pegs returned by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November



## WE'RE OFF TO THE THEATRE

As part of our enrichment offer, we are excited to share that we are taking all Reception and KS1 children to the theatre this term. Our Reception pupils will be watching "Dear Santa" at Bedworth Civic Hall.



Our KS1 children will enjoy "Sleeping Beauty Panto" at The Belgrade Theatre.

We understand the importance of these magical experiences in supporting children's learning and enjoyment. A letter with full details will be coming out next week. I'm pleased to confirm that the school will be highly subsidising the cost, making this wonderful opportunity accessible to all our children.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This Year we have planned a FANTASTIC Christmas Fayre for our children, families and community to enjoy.

This helps raise funds for our school so that we can continue to offer wonderful experiences for our children to enjoy.

Keep an eye out for all the details on Class Dojo this half term.





## Care and Connect Team



Community is at the heart of our School and our Care and Community Team are always here to help, support or simply listen. We are proud to make a difference every single day.

### Donations Welcome

Our Care and Connect Team are looking to support our families even more, as we know times are hard for many right now. We are kindly asking for donations of food and hygiene items to help families who are less fortunate or currently struggling.

Donations of long-life foods such as pasta, rice, porridge, cereal, and tinned goods would be greatly appreciated, as well as hygiene products like shower gel, shampoo, and conditioner.

Please give any donations to Reception, and we will store them as a food bank within school to support our families in need.



Please remember, our Care and Community Team are always here to listen and support – we will help wherever we can, so please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. Miss Virgo and Mrs Kapadia are always on the gate, or you can simply ask for them at the office.

Your generosity will help us collect and share essential items with those in need.



### Winter HAF is coming soon!

The HAF (holiday activities and food) programme keeps the holidays fun by providing funded places for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Apply for a HAF Code today and redeem it for 4 activity sessions in winter, 4 in spring and 16 over the summer holidays!

You can find further information, including a link to apply for your HAF code at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/HAF)



If you're finding it hard to manage debt, energy bills, or food costs, you're not alone. The link below has details of the local welfare scheme and other organisations that can offer support, advice, and practical help. I have also the link to the Children and Families page on the Warwickshire County Council website.

<https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies>

## MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HAPPINESS HEROES



Muhammad  
Fesa



Cody



Muhammad  
Haris



Coco



Kaleb



Florence



Aiyla



Liyanah



Paridhi



Ryan



Manmit



Harry



Ivy



Frankie



Majid

We meet weekly and the children will be having a huge influence on improving and celebrating our school, making big decisions and having their ideas valued and considered.

Please ensure you are attending school every day so that no learning is lost.

### ATTENDANCE AUTUMN 1

## OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**96.1%**

**97.4%** (Compulsory school age)

Reception— **95.5%**

Year One— **98%**

Year Two— **97%**

**Fantastic Year 1 & 2—Keep it up!**

### Days off school add up to lost learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Chilvers Coton has a number of persistent absentee children, this means these children have missed more than **10%** of their learning time which is **4 or more days** already this year. That is a whole week out of 8 weeks altogether.

**Mrs Virgo and Mrs Kapadia will be holding supportive attendance meetings after the half term break with families of children whose attendance needs improvement.**

### PUNCTUALITY IS IMPORTANT

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days



Please note our gate times

**Reception and KS1 opens at 8:45 and closes at 9:00**

**Nursery opens at 8:30 and closes at 8:45. (late children will need to come through the main office)**

**WE HAD 68 LATES LAST HALF TERM— WE MUST DO BETTER!**

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- ◆ Feeling anxiety
- ◆ Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- ◆ Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- ◆ Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future