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Dear Families

We have had a wet week in school and the children have been dodging the rain drops during our playtimes. Hopefully, we will get drier weather next week as we come to the end of this half term. Everyone is looking forward to Spring, lighter mornings and evenings with better weather which will give us all an energy boost.

Staff will meet next Wednesday to finalise times for Parents' Consultations and you will be notified after that.

This morning we had a presentation from the Designated School Team which focused on 'Worries'. Feedback from the parents was good and we will be planning more workshops during the remainder of the year. Please keep an eye on our communications. The presentation is attached.

We have been working on improving our Spiritual Garden area and Laura from our PTA has managed to secure free of charge, bags of wood chip, bark and pathway borders. Thank you, Laura and Wickes. Thank you to Mark for dropping this off.

Have a good weekend.

Jane Sharrock

IMPORTANT REMINDER - UPDATING PERMISSIONS

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and respecting the privacy of all pupils, we are updating our records regarding permissions for children to appear on:

- Social media platforms managed by the school
- The school website
- Photographs used in any public domain (including newsletters, displays, and promotional materials)

We kindly ask all parents and carers to review and confirm their preferences so we can ensure we follow your wishes accurately. This helps us maintain compliance with data protection regulations and uphold the highest standards of child safety. **Please return forms by Friday 13th February.**

EASTER MENU

Chartwells Theme Day for Easter is on Thursday 26th March 2026. This is available to book for all menus, including allergen and lifestyle. Cut off for ordering is Thursday 12th March. See attached.

REMINDER – YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

To support the children's learning, we are excited to be having a visit from the Rainbow Theatre on Monday 9th February, who will provide a drama workshop for the children. On this day, the children will be acting out scenes from the Great Fire of London, thinking about how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and what happened after the fire.



To get into character, please can the children come into school dressed as if from the 1666 era, e.g. mop caps, blouses, shawls, long skirts, caps, white shirts/white t shirts and shorts/trousers. If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Please can we ask for a donation of £10 to cover the cost of the Rainbow Theatre.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Before and After School booking forms
- KS2 Choir letter - Church Service at St John the Baptist Church – 1st March at 10am

DIARY DATES FOR 2025-2026

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

FEBRUARY

Mon 9 February	Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre (pm)
Fri 13 February	Parent Forum meeting (2pm) End of half term
w/c 16 February	Half-term holiday
Sun 22 February	World Thinking Day
Mon 23 February	Back to school Celebrate World Thinking Day

MARCH

Sun 1 March	Choir will be singing at Family Service at St John the Baptist Church (10am)
Tues 3 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wed 4 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Mon 16 March	Last Choir and Drawing Club for Spring term
Tues 17 March	Last Boys' Vocal for Spring term
Wed 18 March	PTA Sponsored Bounce – details to follow
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am) Last Football & Netball clubs Last Recorder Club
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – details to follow Last Chelsea Football Club for Spring term Last Clay Club
w/c 23 March	Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of term

APRIL – SUMMER TERM

Mon 13 April	INSET day
Tues 14 April	Back to school
Fri 17 April	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS TOMBOLA – information to follow Reception Health Screening
Mon 20 April	Reception Health Screening
Wed 29 April	Redwood class assembly (2.45pm)

MAY

Mon 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tues 5 May	Back to school
Thurs 7 May	Reception assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
W/C 11 May	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 15 May	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS, SWEETS & CAKES – information to follow
Sat 16 May	Summer Revels
Thurs 21 May	Y1&Y2 trip to Drusillas, Alfriston
Fri 22 May	End of half-term
w/c 25 May	Half-term holiday

JUNE

Mon 1 June	INSET day
Tues 2 June	Back to school
Mon 15 June	Rowan Class trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Tues 23 June	Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm) – details to follow
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos
Tues 30 June	Y4 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)

JULY

Tues 21 July	Last day for children
Wed 22 July	INSET day