

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Here comes the summer – well let's hope so! This has been a fabulous term with many sporting events, competitions and action packed weeks! Unfortunately we had to cancel the Lower School Sports Day due to exceptionally high temperatures, this decision was not taken lightly and whilst the children still did the events indoors, we are mindful that this would have been disappointing for you as families, as it was for us. I am thinking now that maybe that was our summer!

Whilst we are very happy to be welcoming new staff in September we are sad to be saying goodbye to some of our Chadsgrove team! Hannah Tainton has now completed her Teacher Training and has been successful in gaining a fully qualified Teacher post! Helen Hogan has a new job starting in September sharing her skills and expertise beyond Chadsgrove and Chris Styles has been successful in gaining a promotion for a new role, again in September. Roger Dill-Russell is retiring after giving 5 wonderful years to Chadsgrove but thankfully will still keep in touch as he is maintaining his role as a Director of our College. Mark Loveday will take up his first Headship in September and will be missed after 9 years at Chadsgrove and much hard work moving our PD Outreach Team and School to School Support Service forward in leaps and bounds! Kirsten Fallon, one of our brilliant Teaching Assistants, is retiring after 19 years of dedicated service to Chadsgrove, Debbie Holloway is leaving after 2 fabulous years with Chadsgrove and Jackie Charter, after 32 years at Chadsgrove initially as a Lunchtime Supervisor or a 'Pinkie' (!) as they were called in the day, but better known for her role as Receptionist at Chadsgrove, is retiring at the end of term too! Jane Prosser will be our new face at the window and I am sure that you will all help her to settle in! Jackie will be missed at our school and deserves much gratitude for her passion and commitment over the years. We can't imagine Chadsgrove without these amazing staff, however, we are thankful for the skills, expertise and fun that they have brought to our school over the years and for all their hard work and dedication. We wish them all well in their next ventures and hope that they will keep in touch with us!

We are saying goodbye to a number of pupils too who are moving forward into adulthood to new ventures! We wish Dylan, Tim, Arouge, Madison, Tom, James, Katie, Josh and Riley, Alex and Riley all the very best. We shall miss you all so much and we hope that you will pop back and see us from time to time! Thank you for all that you have contributed to Chadsgrove over the years, you have laid a firm foundation and been wonderful role models, for other pupils to follow. We celebrated in style last week with our prom, and have our Achievement and Leavers Assembly this week. We shall dearly miss the families of these young people too, who have been a significant and much valued part of our school for many years.

I hope that you can all enjoy the summer and have some precious family time. We shall look forward to seeing everyone back in September refreshed and ready to go!

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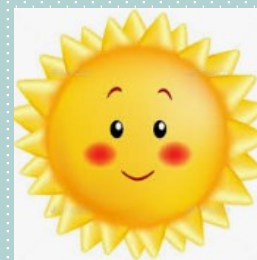
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Chadsgrove School Values
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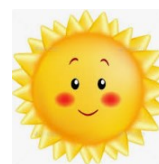
2LS

2LS had a wonderful time taking part in Sports Day. They enjoyed a variety of have a go activities and a sensory walk with lots of sights and sounds. In the afternoon they took part in races in the hall.



3LS

This term, we have been exploring food and exercise in our lessons. We especially enjoyed tasting all of the fruit and vegetables before using them for Art.



All of the pupils loved taking part in all the Sports Day activities!

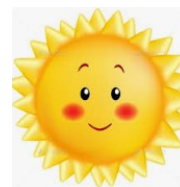
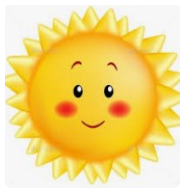
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4LS had a fun day exploring Attwell Farm and met some friendly animals along the way! The pupils especially enjoyed having the opportunity to get close up to some of the animals in the petting area. Nevil the chicken was very interesting and had such beautiful feathers. We were very impressed to find how accessible the Farm was and the Changing Places toilets were amazing! Thank you to the lovely staff at Attwell Farm Park for making us so welcome.



5LS

5LS have had a busy term. They had a great time sailing with Mrs Taylor and enjoyed their visit around Catshill Village. 5LS have also been growing sunflowers and have just replanted them in the sensory garden.



6LS

It has been another busy term for 6LS! Sports Week, Boat Trip, Pirate Shanties, Wellbeing Day and, of course, our trip to the Sea Life Centre! The pupils had a fantastic time looking at all over the sea creatures, feeling shells, hiding in fish tank tunnels and feeling like they are underwater in the Ocean Tunnel. We did sneak off to Legoland to say hello to the giraffe as well!



7LS

7LS had a fantastic trip to Attwell Farm Park! Our guide, Anna, helped us to get up close and personal with lots of the animals, so we could pet and feed them.



The Farm has lots of excellent inclusive facilities which made it a perfect venue for our pupils. We were even given a voucher for a free return trip with our families!



8LS



8LS pupils have been making the most of the sunshine this term and enjoyed outdoor learning! They have enjoyed different activities including reading in the sensory garden, orienteering and planting flowers in PSHE.



8LS also enjoyed pairing up with some of the Upper School pupils to play parachute games.



9US



This year, teamwork has been our key focus and we have all had an amazing year working together.

We had a fantastic opportunity for our class to go sailing. They all looked very smart in their life jackets!

Lyla and Jack enjoyed being out on the water with Sophia and Bryan.

Alexis and Millie enjoyed exploring the lake.

Back in class, Leo and Nathan identified what spirituality meant to them and created their own spiritual hearts.



10US had a fabulous time visiting The Willow Trust at Saul Junction, Frampton on Severn. The boat we embarked was called Spirit of Freedom II and we enjoyed the leisurely cruise on the beautiful Gloucester - Sharpness Canal...we had the opportunity to be Skipper for a while too! We watched the wildlife pass by and immersed ourselves in nature! At school for Sky Arts Week, we created a collage of our trip, we collected natural resources to showcase our wonderful experience!



Just look at Mr and Mrs Skipper!!!!
Great steering you two!

Our 11US pupils were buzzing with excitement at the recent Enterprise Sale! Their creativity shone brightly as they crafted handmade 'Shrinky Dinky' keyrings, turning their artistic talents into beautiful, unique accessories. To attract even more customers to their stall, they ingeniously set up a lucky dip, adding an element of fun and surprise for shoppers.

Well done 11US!



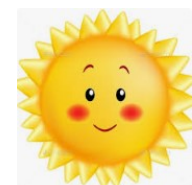
12US have been very busy this term creating a collaborative art display inspired by some ink, milk and oil experiments completed in their art lesson during Science week. Pupils explored printing and modelling and the universe.

A big part of the Summer Term has been devoted to the planning of a class project based around winning a grant from Kew gardens to design and make the Land of Fungi in the Sensory Garden. This is an ongoing project and will be completed in the Autumn Term and has attracted much help from the local community.

As part of Sky Arts week pupils made toadstool wind chimes from old tins and necklaces to hang in the Land of Fungi.

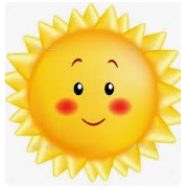


P13 had a lovely time in the Sensory Garden during Sky Arts Week. They looked for and had a photo taken next to the things that they identified with and made them feel happy.

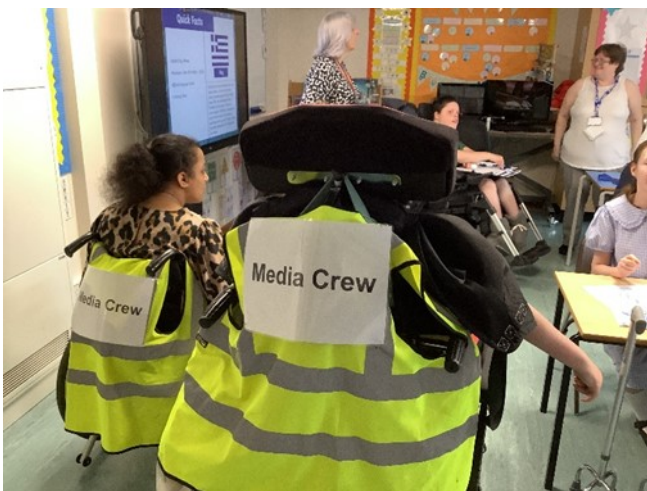




P14 has had a brilliant time in Sports Week; we really enjoyed learning all about Japan for our cultural day. We were able to create a beautiful cherry tree and made the Japanese flag. We also had great fun participating in sensory tennis.

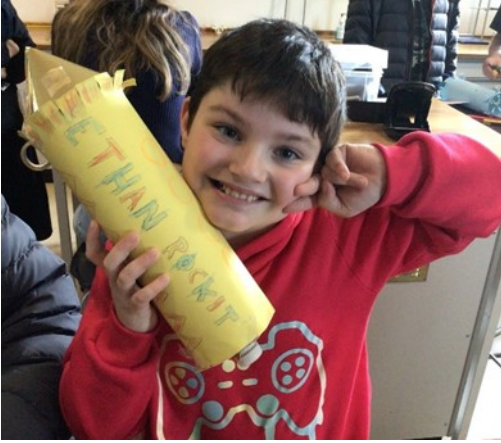


P15 had an amazing experience during Sports Week. We were thrilled to be part of the media crew and we thoroughly enjoyed capturing the vibrant energy of the events through photographs and videos. Whether it was the intense competitions on the field or the exciting activities in the hall or classroom, we were there to document every moment!



Science

A huge thank you to Bromsgrove School for hosting our Saturday Science Morning on the 8th June! 13 Chadsgrove families joined pupils from Bromsgrove School who have been involved in our science partnership with 12US throughout the year. They had organised a fantastic morning for us which included rocket building, chemistry displays, slime making and a delicious afternoon tea!



The Big Sing



On Friday 21st June, six pupils went to the Worcestershire Big Sing to represent Chadsgrove, alongside hundreds of other local First and Middle Schools. The pupils had been working hard all term to learn some quite challenging songs and signs to perform in the arena. They did really well, and it was great to see all the schools across the county using Signalong.



Family Update

Family newsletters aim to bring you information about accessing community support groups, government advice and guidelines and opportunities for participating in online courses.



FOR YOU, WITH YOU, ABOUT YOU

All sorts of things can make life feel hard

Such as...

- Problems at home or school
- Friendships and relationships
- Feeling stressed, anxious or low
- Struggling to deal with emotions
- Body image
- Confidence and self esteem
- Finding time to look after yourself

YourSpace can help



YourSpace Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs for Children and Young People aged 11-25 available in community locations across Worcestershire




Come and talk to us...

You don't need to make an appointment or have a referral. You can drop in and talk to us at a place and time that works for you. You can find YourSpace in local communities across Worcestershire.

You will find a friendly welcoming team with the skills and knowledge to help you with:

- Tools and techniques to deal with the problems you are facing
- Ways to feel better about yourself and your life
- Links to other support if you need more help

You can find out more about YourSpace, including the locations of venues and opening times, by:



- Scanning the QR code
- Looking on our website www.onside-advocacy.org.uk
- Calling us on 01905 27525
- Emailing us at accesshub@onside-advocacy.org.uk

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Get ready for an extraordinary event! Frozen Light's much-loved choral show for audiences with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) returns to London at the [King's Cross Summer Sounds Festival](#) this summer.



There are a range of Family Learning Online Courses being delivered in September. Includes Hair dressing, functional English and Maths skills, Hair and Makeup, ESOL level 1, Teaching Assistant and What is Dyslexia. These courses can be found on the Worcestershire County Council website, in County Services/ Learning. <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnLearningServices/CoursesSearch.aspx>

We're here for you. Don't feel isolated. Get sign-posted to the right help.



JIGSAW
Worcestershire Mental Health Relative & Carer's Support Group

MARVELLOUS *me*

A course for parents and carers



Chadsgrove School

are proud to host a special course for parents and carers to explore how 'marvellous' you are as a person through art & craft activities.

You'll celebrate what makes you and your family unique plus you'll gain an insight into interests and qualities that you might like to achieve.

You and your child can also enjoy quality one-to-one time creating fun seasonal art & crafts in a supportive group alongside your Family Learning Tutor



DATE/TIME: Tuesday's 9 – 11 am

LOCATION: Chadsgrove School

This course is FREE for all parents & carers to attend.

For more information please contact, or ask to speak to

ehudson@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk

at the school.

Course starts: 24 / 09 / 24 for 10 weeks.



Join us from September for a course for Parent Carers delivered by our Family Learning Tutor. This course is only for families within the Worcestershire county.



Starting well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Starting Well Partnership supports families, young people and children across Worcestershire. They offer a range of workshops, online courses and resources.

If you would like any additional support or information please contact Eleanor Hudson on ehudson@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk.



Please see below a link to the Life Beyond School Worcestershire event which is taking place on 15th October at Sixways Stadium.

This will give you careers information and support. It allows you to search through job opportunities, local positions and how to enter for these jobs.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/skills-4-worcestershire/your-future-opportunities>

ARTS TRUST

The Arts Trust, in partnership with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra, will be delivering a schools music tour during August

Please go to the link for more information.

https://www.artstrust.co.uk/events/kings-cross-summer-sounds?mc_cid=9efecfc97&mc_eid=aa6911668a



**Herefordshire and Worcestershire
Health and Care**
NHS Trust



Special School Nursing

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust (HWHCT) provide a Special School Nursing service within seven Worcestershire Special Schools.

We operate an all year round service between the hours of 09.00—17.00hrs excluding Bank Holidays.

Special School Nursing is not an emergency service. If your child is ill, please contact your GP or 111.

The Special School Nursing team can be contacted via email on whcnhs.ssn@nhs.net or by telephoning 01527 488446. There is not always someone to answer the phone so a message can be left; we review



How to join the Learning Disability Register

The Learning Disability Register is a list of people who have a learning disability. Doctors use it to make sure that people with a learning disability get the right support in the right ways. You can ask to be added to the Learning Disability Register by contacting your GP surgery.

Your GP surgery will know to make things easier for you. Find out about reasonable adjustments by following the link <https://www.mencap.org.uk/easyread/about-reasonable-adjustments>

If you are over 14, your GP surgery should invite you for an Annual Health Check every year. Go to the link to find out about Annual Health Checks <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/annual-health-checks>

You and your carers will be invited for COVID booster vaccines and also get a free flu jab. Go to the link to find out about vaccines <https://www.mencap.org.uk/easyread/vaccines>

Not all receptionists will know about the register and may not be able to check it. You may need to make an appointment with your GP to talk about the Learning Disability Register. You could tell them about anything that makes it harder for you to look after your health. The GP will probably ask you some questions about your learning disability, and how it affects you. You could tell them about any disability benefits you get, if you have a social worker, what kind of support you need in your day-to-day life and any support you need. Go to the following link for more information <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/learning-disability-register>

School Holiday Date 2024 / 2025

2024	
Thursday 18th July	Break up for the School Holidays
Friday 19th July Friday 30th August	School Holidays
Monday 2nd September	INSET Day—School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET Day—School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 4th September	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Saturday 21st September	Chadsgrove Help Out Today
Friday 25th October	Break up for School Holidays
Monday 28th October Friday 1st November	School Holidays
Monday 4th November	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Friday 20th December	Break up for School Holidays
Monday 23rd December Friday 3rd January 2025	School Holidays
2025	
Monday 6th January	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Friday 14th February	Break up for School Holidays
Monday 17th February Friday 21st February	School Holidays
Monday 24th February	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)
Friday 11th April	Break up for School Holidays
Monday 14th April Friday 25th April	School Holidays
Monday 28th April	School Re-Opens to Pupils (9am)