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School Newsletter – July 2025

Leavers



Our Year 6 pupils worked really hard during SATS week and we are really proud of them all for tackling these assessments with a really positive and responsible attitude. Well done to all of you! We are very sad to say goodbye to you; you are going to be thoroughly missed. They have been such a fun group to work with and are excellent role models to the younger pupils. We wish them all the best of luck at high school - we hope that you'll keep in touch with us and let us know how you are getting on! Mrs Reeve

Rowan Class and Year 2

What an exciting term! One of the highlights was our exciting school trip to Southwold Lighthouse. We discovered all about how the lighthouse works and why it is so important for keeping ships safe at sea. After our visit, we enjoyed a tasty treat of chips on the beach — a perfect way to end our day.



As part of our history topic comparing life 100 years ago to life today, we were lucky to have a special visit from a classic MG car. The children loved seeing the vintage vehicle up close and imagining what life was like back then. It really helped bring our learning to life.

Back in class, we celebrated the arrival of our chicks hatching and have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow each day. It has been a wonderful way for the children to learn about life cycles and caring for animals.

Our gardening efforts have also blossomed — many of our fruit and vegetables have grown and ripened beautifully. We have used these fresh ingredients to make delicious strawberry milkshakes and lettuce sandwiches, giving the children a chance to enjoy the rewards of their hard work and learn about healthy eating.

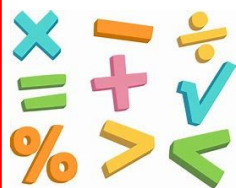
Have a fantastic summer!

Miss Ward



Ash Class

In literacy this term we have been focusing how to write a biography. We have written chronologically and with sub headings about the life of Grace Darling. To help us do this we took part in two drama sessions where the children enjoyed working with partners to take the role of Grace and her father as they set about their heroic rescue of crew from the Forefarshire off the coast of Northumberland.



In maths this term we have been consolidating our knowledge of number and calculation whilst continuing to practice and find strategies for quick recall of our times tables' facts. We have also learnt how to tell the time using analogue and digital clocks.

In science this term we have been learning about plant anatomy and nutrition. We enjoyed dissecting clematis flower heads from Mrs. Merry's garden, identifying and naming the male and female parts and learning how they feature in the pollination process. We learnt about the many ways that seeds are dispersed and spent an afternoon designing our own seeds, measuring how far they travelled when a fan was applied to them.

In music this term we have begun to learn how to play the recorder. I have been pleasantly surprised at how tuneful they all sounded after only a few weeks! I plan to run an after-school club from September for those children who would like to continue. More information about this next term.



Have a great summer!

Mrs Merry

Oak Class

In Oak Class we have been working hard writing newspaper articles for our fairytale baddies. The children have been giving advice to residents about keeping their doors locked and their porridge hidden away!

During the course of the year, pupils from Oak Class have created their own book based upon our walks around the village. We have used the book *Where my Wellies Take Me* by Michael Morpurgo to inspire us, and the children have been very creative with their ideas. We hope that parents enjoy reading them at home.



In our history lessons with Year 3, pupils have learned about rationing and what it was like to be an evacuee in the war. We were also delighted to welcome Marion into school to talk to the children about her experiences at Charsfield when she was a pupil here back in 1942!

As part of their DT project the children also did a Make Do and Mend. The creativity was amazing, and the children came up with lots of different ideas of what to do with their clothing. There are some budding designers in our school!

Have a great summer!

Mrs Reeve

KS2 Camping

On Friday 18th July, we held our annual camp at school for the KS2 children. Unfortunately, with the weather deciding this would be the weekend it was going to turn stormy, we decided to have our camp in the school hall - rain was not going to stop play. After setting up our beds in the hall, we proceeded to have a water fight, a nice relief after a sticky day.



Whilst the children dried off and chilled out, the BBQ got under way, followed by some more chill time and 's'mores' around the fire pit. As the night drew in a bit of nighttime hide and seek commenced, followed by hot chocolate, getting ready for bed, watching a film and finally sleep - yes some sleep was had!

The camp rounded off with tidying up the bedding and packing ready for home, followed by breakfast - bacon rolls, toast etc. A good time was had by all and for those children who have never had a night away from home, you should be very proud of yourselves.



With this being my final camp, I'd like to say a big thank you to all involved especially Miss Ward for helping and staying the night. Mrs Merry for staying to help with setting up, crowd control and coming back in the morning to help with breakfast. Mrs Reeve for helping with breakfast and closing up the school, the office for ordering the food for me, Lizi and Andy for the use of your BBQ and Phil for cooking the food - he once again had lots of compliments from the children. Also thank you to the parents for supporting this event and finally thank you to the children, who were fantastic, well behaved and well mannered.

Thanks for making is a brilliant camp again!!!!!! Hope you all have a great summer!

Mrs Smith.

KS2 PSHE



Working together on a common goal. After a chat with 'John the computer guy', about the trouble they had been having with the internet, years 5 and 6 decided they would write a letter of complaint to Openreach and the local MP, as it is the slow internet coming into our school that is causing the problem. To get this right they have had to learn how to write a formal letter, they have achieved this by pooling all their skills and ideas. I am very proud of what they have done, as we all know writing letters isn't always easy.

Years 3 and 4 have been working hard on their project to raise money to make the band stand into a peaceful place to relax. Thank you to everyone who has bought crafts that the children have made, they have raised £68.30, and the PTA have very generously donated a further £100. In September they will be able to start spending their funds.

Mrs Foster

Forest School



All the children have had the opportunity to spend time in the forest school area this term and have made the most of their time, exploring, creating, playing and growing in their love of the outside and learning to push themselves to try new things.

Mrs Foster



KS2 Shakespeare Rocks



The pupils have worked so hard during the past few weeks learning lines and singing to put on a spectacular performance to all their relatives. All our pupils showed the value of courage by taking part in the performance and we are very proud of them all.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this another success.

Mrs Reeve

Year 6 Leavers Trip to Bewilderwood



On Friday 4th July, Mrs Foster and I took the Year 6 pupils to BeWILDerwood in Norfolk to celebrate their time with us at Charsfield Primary. The weather was kind to us, and it was lovely to be amongst the shade of the trees on such a hot day! The children had a wonderful time playing together in the forest, getting lost in the maze, enjoying the long slides, zip wires and wobbly bridges! They were a delight to take out of school. The children have been given a ticket to gain free entry with a paying adult for the summer, should you wish to visit again. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this trip for the pupils, as you can imagine a treat like this can be costly and it's lovely that we have the support of the PTA to be able to arrange surprise trips like this for our pupils.



Mrs Reeve

Little City Visits



We have been delighted to host Little City Suffolk in school for our younger pupils to take part in. It was amazing to see so many families with young children join us for some sessions too. We are hoping to hold more sessions in the autumn term. Mrs Reeve

Afterschool Club with Mrs Clarke



Since taking on the afterschool club in mid June, it has been a pleasure to lead the children in a range of activities including making bird feeders from pine cones and apples, creating paper plate fans to help keep cool during the heatwave, making pitta bread pizzas and baking sweet and savoury scones to take home, as well as going over to Charsfield recreation ground to take advantage of the wonderful play equipment there when the weather has permitted.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children who attend after school clubs for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to continue to lead the after school clubs after the summer break!

Mrs Clarke

Sports Day



We had lovely weather for our sports day this year – in fact, it was quite warm! The children enjoyed participating in team activities in the morning, encouraging each other, and cheering their friends on. It was lovely to see so many parents and family members join us for the afternoon races. The new race for the Year 6 pupils was great fun – thank you to Mrs Lever for organising this.



In the morning events, the children earned points for their team and this year it was a close competition! Congratulations to Pavo (the blue house) who won the trophy this year.

Well done to all the children for participating in the different events and being kind and helpful to each other. Thank you to Miss Ward and Mrs Lever for their organisation, to all the staff for supporting the day and to the PTA for providing much needed refreshments.

School Council—Meet our Ash Class HLTA, Mrs Lever

By Bella & Charlie

1. **How long have you been teaching?** 18 years!
2. **What are you good at teaching?** Science and I loved teaching PE.
3. **What was your job before teaching?** A pharmaceutical analyst.
4. **Do you have any hobbies?** Open water swimming, wakeboarding, skiing & waterskiing.
5. **What pets do you have?** A dog, a cat and a tortoise.
6. **What is your favourite animal?** An elephant.
7. **What is your favourite car?** A beetle.
8. **What is your funniest moment in teaching?** My baby son was sick down my back and I was teaching all day and no one told me!



Parish Council Road Sign Competition



Charsfield Parish Council organised a competition for the children to design a road sign that makes drivers aware of our school and to slow down.

The winners of the competition were Millie R and Geraint. Their designs will be made into signs and hopefully put up over the summer!

Well done to everyone that entered!

Mrs Crane

The Friends of Charsfield School PTA (FoCS)

FUNDRAISING



We've had a lovely year with some very wholesome events. What a lovely event the spring basket event was. The children seemed to have great fun creating their own little basket and decorating it with all the resources the PTA had supplied. They were incredibly creative and they should be very proud of themselves.

The disco was very well supported and it was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves with their friends on the dancefloor. Thank you to Awesesome Abi for putting together a great disco for us.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. Without the parents and donations from local businesses we couldn't do what we do.

Hope you all have a restful summer!

Jess Hood.

Charsfield PTA

Goodbye to Mrs Coulter!



From all the staff and children, goodbye to Mrs Coulter and thank you for all your hard-work and kindness over your time with us.

We wish you all the very best for the future!

Dates for your diary

September

- Wednesday 3rd—Back to school

October

- Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—half term

December

- Thursday 18th—Last day of school
- Friday 19th—Non-pupil day



Social Media

Please follow us on our social media pages and share posts if you can. It really helps us get our wonderful school out there! We have Instagram, Facebook and Youtube accounts.



We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd September!



Have a great summer!

