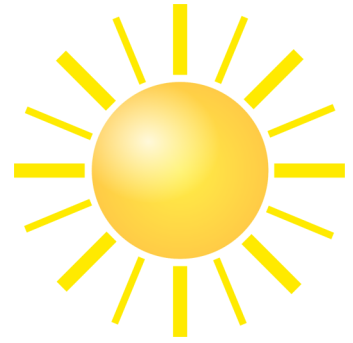




School Newsletter

Summer 2026

"To see the light in everyone"



Our values for the Summer Term are Responsibility & Courage

Rowan Class

In Rowan Class, we have been busy finding out about mapping and using positional language.

We have connected our literacy work with our maths work this week by using mapping in both areas. Our focus story was Rosie's Walk. In this book, Rosie, the hen goes on a walk around the farmyard. As she goes on her adventure, without realising it, she is being followed by a hungry fox. Everywhere that Rosie goes, the fox encounters a calamity! He gets bonked on the nose by a rake and even gets chased by a swarm of angry bees! Rosie, however, is entirely unaware and gets home safely in time for her dinner.

We did lots of work writing about this story and on Thursday, when we had parents in class for a share event, the children created their own journey maps for a little creature that they had made using lots of different resources. We were then able to take our little creatures out into the outside classroom and take them on a walk around, following the map we had developed.



Our mapping work continued in maths, where we were trying to recreate scenes according to the directions given. For example, 'put the hippo behind the log'. This was quite tricky for the children to do, as it was their first time of following instructions for positional language. We will keep working on this, so that we are all confident creating maps that match the instructions we are given.

Ash Class

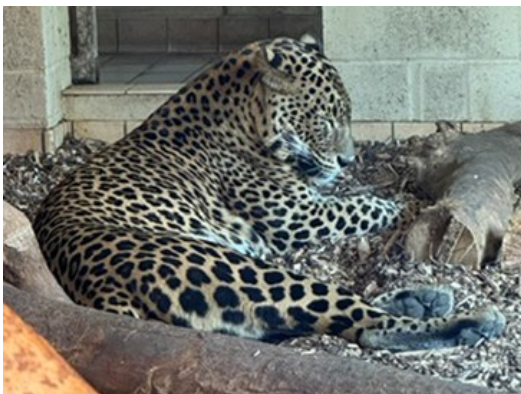
Ash Class have had a busy start to the term. In literacy we have been planning and writing our own stories based on 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson and we are now in the process of making improvements and editing them. We have also started 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fines, a humorous story, which we are reading and acting out in group guided reading sessions. We will then write our own diary entry as Tuffy the cat.

In maths, we have learnt how to tell the time both using analogue and digital clocks and we are now learning how to use them to calculate time duration problems. Years 3 and 4 are now recapping on money and how to write and calculate change and other related problems. Year 2 children are now learning about mass and capacity focussing on practical activities to support them.

In music we listened to 'Storm' by Benjamin Britten and the children painted their impressions of the music. We are now busy learning songs for our school play which we are looking forward to performing at the end of term.

Banham Zoo Visit

At the end of last term, Oak and Ash Classes visited Banham Zoo where we were very lucky to get up close to some of their residents. Ash Class had been studying Big Cats in their literacy so were especially pleased to see the cheetah as it roamed around in its spacious surroundings. We watched in awe as a pair of snow leopards strolled back and forth in their specially adapted enclosure and spent a long time watching the Sri Lankan leopard strut its stuff! Other favourites included the Red Panda, the Red Kangaroos, the Palace Cat and the Sri Lankan leopard which we were able to see clearly on our train ride through the park. We had a lovely picnic lunch and the rain stayed away! A big thank you goes to Mrs Smith for driving us there and back, particularly as it was also her birthday that day!



Oak Class

Here's the news from Oak Class!

We've been busy this term learning all about the village of Eyam in Derbyshire and how this small village was affected by the plague in 1665/6. From this, the children have written their own play scripts of scenes from a BBC radio programme retelling the story of how the plague came from London to Eyam. We are also going to be using this information to help us write our own diary entries as if we are someone living in the village at this time.



In our history lessons we are learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. To start our learning, we visited the Anglo-Saxon village of West Stow where the children were able to handle artifacts and explore the museum to find out about life back then. Some even dressed up in typical Anglo-Saxon clothes! We were excited to explore the buildings and take part in a Q and A session. The children were a credit to the school and showed great enthusiasm during the day.



KS 2 pupils have started their rehearsals for "Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf". They are working hard to learn their lines and sing the songs - we look forward to performing this to parents and family members next month.

School Council News

We had a purposeful meeting recently and welcomed our new member, Lyra, to the team. In fact, since this meeting, we need to appoint another member again!

We discussed the need for some improved sports resources to play with at playtime and lunchtime as the children feel frustrated by some of the older resources that we have available.

We were also excited at the opportunity to use a speed gun camera to monitor the speed of drivers travelling through our village. We hope that this will be available over the next couple of weeks, and we look forward to reporting on the good behaviour of our local drivers.



After school Club

Take a look at the amazing projects the children have been working on in after school club with Mrs Crane!



The Friends of Charsfield School PTA (FoCS)

Recent changes on the PTA committee include, Charmaine Jay (Lola's mum) taking on the role of Chair on the PTA, whilst Hannah (Lyra's mum) has taken on Vice Chair.

Mrs Crane, Sarah Bescoby and Lizi Reynolds are also on the committee.

We have current vacancies for Treasurer, Secretary and general committee members.

We are a very small PTA and would appreciate any support parents can offer, whether it be supporting an event, setting up, providing baked goods or running a stall.

We will be providing refreshments at the parents meeting on 15th June and on Sports Day. We have a small raffle and lucky bags for the children to purchase. We hope to host more events in the Autumn term.



Church

Coffee Mornings are held in the church every Friday from 9am, open to all parents and carers. Please do come along!

Forest School

This term in Forest School Ks2 have been crafting and using tools, the new palm drills were very popular. We celebrated the year 6s last ever FS session with us by having a cook up where the children toasted bread and marshmallows.

Mrs Foster.



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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/charsfieldprimaryschool>

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Dates For Your Diary

June-

4th Rowan share morning

5th Bikeability (Yr 6)

11th Church service 9am & REVISED DATE FOR OAK SHARE MORNING DUE TO TRIP

15th Thomas Mills Enrichment Day Yrs 5 & 6 & Parent meeting after school

16th Athletics at TMHS

18th Wilder Schools & additional intake morning for Yr 6 at TMHS

19th School group photos & Reception class intake morning

22nd SEND parent evening (reviewing support plans)

23rd Ash class share morning

25th TMHS Yr 6 intake day & Reception class intake day

26th Sports Day

29th Parents evening



July-

3rd Reserve Sports Day

7th & 8th KS2 Play evenings

10th Rounders event at Hartismere (teams TBC)

14th Yr 6 leavers trip TBA

16th Leavers service

17th Last day of term



September-

3rd Children back to school

21st Flu Vaccinations

October-

21st Crucial Crew (Yr 6)

Please note that all dates are correct to the best of our
knowledge at time of publication



Hilltop 2026

Back in May a group of our year 5's & 6's went on a two night residential trip to Hilltop in Norfolk along with pupils from two of our partner schools, accompanied by Mr Taylor.

During the trip they were able to experience activities such as caving, air jump, a tree-top trail and even an assault course!

Despite some initial nerves, all the children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Final word from Mr Taylor

As you are already aware, I will be leaving my role as Executive Headteacher of Charsfield Primary School at the end of the summer term.

Since joining the school in April 2021, it has been a privilege to work with such wonderful children, dedicated staff, and a supportive community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and it has been incredibly rewarding to play a part in helping the children and staff to flourish.

During this period, the school has many things to be proud of. We have celebrated a successful Ofsted inspection, and last year's KS2 academic outcomes were significantly above national averages in a number of subjects.

I am particularly proud that Charsfield continues to show it can be both highly achieving and truly inclusive, while maintaining its strong sense of warmth and family that makes it such a special place.

I am confident that the school will remain in safe hands under the leadership of the trust moving forward.

With your continued support, I know the school can grow and thrive in the years ahead. To this end, please remember that there is a meeting for parents on Monday 15th June straight after school. At the meeting parents will have the chance to meet teachers, governors and Mrs Barrow (Trust CEO) and be presented with an overview of the arrangements for next year. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your kindness, encouragement, and support over the past five years. It has meant a great deal to me, and I will always look back on my time at Charsfield with great fondness when I leave my role later this year.

With very best wishes for the future,

Mark Taylor
Executive Headteacher

