Chater Junior School

Making lives better

Friday 23rd October 2026

“Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”

Maya Angelou

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an excellent half term at Chater, and this week has been filled with wonderful learning experiences and memorable activities for our children.

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Lincolnsfield, deepening their understanding of history through hands-on experiences. Year 3 visited the Children’s Open-Air Museum, which beautifully supported their History learning and brought their lessons to life.

On Wednesday, Greta Thunberg Class delivered a fantastic assembly. The children presented confidently, spoke clearly and showcased their learning brilliantly. Well done to them all.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising Crazy Hair & Hat Day. The children and staff absolutely loved it. An amazing £145 was raised and will directly support our school and enrich the experiences we offer.

Yesterday, Year 5 took part in an exciting Ancient Greek workshop. It was wonderful to see the children fully immersed in history and enjoying such a creative learning opportunity. A heartfelt thank you to all the parent helpers who supported the trips and workshops this week. Your time and enthusiasm make such a difference, and we are truly greatful.

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families for your generous donations towards the Harvest Festival. Your kindness will directly support **New Hope Trust**, helping them continue their vital work in the community.

As we come to the end of a busy but very successful half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We remain committed to driving standards forward while providing rich and meaningful experiences for all our children. Thank you also to our wonderful staff for their hard work.

We will begin Autumn 2 with **Chater Celebrates Diwali**. Please refer to the letter sent on Monday for full details, and you will also find the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Wishing you all a happy and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Mrs Khindey.

Congratulations

Headteacher Award

Well done to the following children who received the Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly.

Halima H
Class: Walter Tull

Zunaira
Class: Florence Nightingale

Hajra
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Labeesh
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Aida
Class: Martin Luther King

Dilyan
Class: Greta Thunberg

Alfie
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Ayad
Class: Usain Bolt

Attendance Award- Queen Elizabeth II

Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow
Every School Day Counts!

National Target- 95%
Whole School Target - 96%
Whole School Attendance- 95.8%

Walter Tull	97.3%
Florence Nightingale	95%
Queen Elizabeth II	98%
Ernest Shackleton	94%
Martin Luther King	97.6%
Greta Thunberg	96%
Malala Yousafzai	95%
Usain Bolt	94%

Golden Table Award

Well done to the following children for showing excellent manners and behaviour at lunchtime.

Amelia
Class: Walter Tull

Nelith
Class: Florence Nightingale

Adeen
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Jessica
Class: Ernest Shackleton

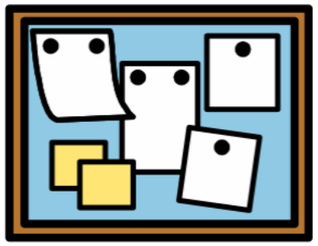
Ayesha
Class: Martin Luther King

Isaiah
Class: Greta Thunberg

Zunairah
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Nehemiah
Class: Usain Bolt

Notices



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half-Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY 2- School closed
Tuesday 3rd November	Pupils return to school Chater Celebrates Diwali
Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November	Year 6 at PGL
Friday 6th November	Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Competition Deadline
Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November	SEND Parent's Evening week Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with school nurse
Tuesday 3rd November to Tuesday 10th November	Poppy Appeal to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.
Tuesday 10th November	Year 6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshop at Watford Football Club
Wednesday 11th November	PTA Meeting - Christmas Fayre Preparation 9am-10am
Thursday 12th November	Year 4 Sports hall Athletics Festival Year 6 Sports hall Athletics Festival
Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying week- Break the Silence
Thursday 19th November	Flu Vaccinations session 2
Monday 23rd November	Years 5&6 Game On Football Match (Away)
Tuesday 24th November	Usain Bolt Class Assembly
Friday 27th November	PTA Non Uniform Day to raise tombola donations for Christmas Fayre
Week beginning 30th November	Last week of School run Clubs
Tuesday 1st December	Martin Luther King Class Assembly
Monday 7th December	Years 5&6 Game On Football Match (Away)
Tuesday 8th December	Tricia Bastable (Watford School's Trust) Christmas Assembly
Wednesday 9th December	PTA Christmas Fayre 3:30-5:00pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas School Lunch
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Performance 1 2:00-3:00pm
Wednesday 16th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Performance 2 9:30- 10:30am Rocksteady Christmas Concert 2:00pm
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term- school finishes at 1:15pm.
Monday 4th January	INSET Day 3- School closed
Tuesday 5th January	Spring Term- Pupils return to school.
Thursday 7th January	Year 6 SATS information meeting 3:30-4:00pm

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DEEPFAKES

A deepfake is a piece of artificial intelligence (AI) trickery designed to make you believe that a person has said or done something they haven't. AI models are able to use audio, video and photos of a subject to produce misleading mimics. Initially unsophisticated and easy to spot, deepfakes are improving every day. And with the spread of user-friendly AI, it's easier than ever for children to make their own, or be the unsuspecting target of them.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BULLYING RISK

AI has got easier to use and more widespread, making it a "gift" to bullies. Children can generate fake audio of peers saying damaging things, or pictures of them doing something embarrassing. More disturbingly, Metro recently highlighted cases where fake sexualised images of teens are spread through social media. Mainstream apps don't allow this usage, but with AI becoming widespread, easy-to-use sites without guardrails keep emerging for darker uses.

FAKED CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

With the technology getting easier to use and public figures having lots of clips for training, celebrities are a frequent target. According to McAfee, the most deep faked celebrities are Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Jenna Ortega, Sydney Sweeney and Sabrina Carpenter, and their AI dopelgangers are usually pushing scams. Even YouTuber MrBeast has been deepfaked by scammers on TikTok. It can be used for propaganda too, making politicians appear to do or say things to improve or harm their reputation.

FAKE FAMILY SCAMS

With a few seconds of audio — from an Instagram reel or TikTok — scammers can clone a person's voice. They can then use this to scam relatives with phone calls asking for money or assistance. This is a widespread tactic for scammers, with the FBI reporting 22,000 such cases in 2025, defrauding victims out of $893 million that year alone.

EXTORTION RISK

You might not be the one being tricked by a deepfake — you could also be the star of it. Blackmail videos are as old as film itself, but with deepfake technology you don't have to have done anything wrong to be a target. A deepfake video showing a person in an uncompromising position could make the victim pay up, even when the content never happened.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP PROFILES PRIVATE

To make a convincing deepfake, you need a supply of images, audio or video of the subject. That means that most non-celebrity victims are targeted via social media where there's a ready-made repository of media to train a deepfake from. Most social media companies have privacy settings to prevent unauthorised access. Enable these to keep strangers and bullies away.

KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR

While deepfakes are getting harder to spot, there are still telltale signs to look out for. Deepfake creation can leave blurry edges and flickering textures, especially around hair and teeth. It can also look too sleek, with models often trained on professional video. Make sure the mouth shapes match the spoken words, too. As for audio, listen out for mispronounced phrases and a slightly unusual, robotic rhythm of speech.

USE RESEARCH AND COMMON SENSE

Even perfect deep fakes rely on trust, so think critically. If it's someone you know claiming to need help, then ask them to prove they're who they say they are with an inside joke. For public figures, try Googling the person along with a bit of the contentious speech in quotation marks. Also question why you're seeing the video. If it's a paid promotion, then ask yourself who's paying and why. If someone is sharing the clip, do they dislike the target?

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

As well as emphasising the need for privacy and to not trust everything they see online, it's important to ensure children realise why deepfakes are problematic in the first place. With deepfake technology getting more accessible and easy to use, children can start using the technology to make deepfakes of schoolmates, teachers or other adults. Ensure they're aware of the serious trouble the technology can cause, and the ethical problems of manipulating someone's image without consent.

Meet Our Expert

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Chater Celebrates Diwali

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
First day back after half-term

Wear traditional cultural clothing or a colourful Diwali-inspired outfit

Indian dance workshops
for all classes

£2.75 per child

Contribution via Arbor by **Friday 30th October**

Diwali-themed activities throughout the day

- Diya drawing and painting
- Reading and writing activities linked to Diwali
- Learning about the significance and traditions of the festival

Families who celebrate Diwali...

We'd love to welcome you to share your stories, traditions or experiences with your child's class at **2:45 pm** on the day.

If you would like to share a story or talk to a class, please let your child's teacher know in advance.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

The **Poppy Appeal** is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November to support serving personnel, veterans, and their families.

Poppy	Pencil	Poppy Keyring	Poppy Bracelets	Rulers / Snap Bands
20p	20p	50p	50p	£1.00

We will be selling the above items from

Tuesday 3rd November to Tuesday 10th November.

Lest We Forget

Hertfordshire HEROES
SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE

CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION 2026

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THIS CHRISTMAS

REAL PEOPLE. AMAZING WORK. BRIGHTER CHRISTMASES.

Create festive artwork to bring cheer to Armed Forces personnel and say thank you for their service.

THANK YOU
BRAVERY
DEDICATION
SERVICE
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

DIFFERENT PEOPLE SAME IMPORTANT MISSION

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Create a festive piece of artwork to bring cheer to military personnel who are serving away from their families during Christmas.

Your artwork will be shared with members of the Armed Forces to spread festive cheer and show appreciation for their service.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

Create a single piece of artwork on one page, no larger than A3. Your artwork must:

- feature His Majesty's Armed Forces
- include a winter theme, such as Christmas or another winter festival
- not use glitter.

You can also include a message, such as:

"Wishing our Armed Forces a Merry Christmas from [School Name]."

"Thank you for your service."

ANY ART MEDIUM IS WELCOME!

Paint, pencils, crayons, collage, pastels and more – just no glitter please!

WHO CAN ENTER?

All Hertfordshire Key Stage 2 pupils

- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

ALL CREATIVE MINDS WELCOME!

DEADLINE

Submit your artwork by

Friday 6th November 2026

HOW TO ENTER

Submit your artwork to school.

Please make sure you clearly write:

- **Your name**
- **Your age**
- **The name of your class**

Your school will collect and send all entries.

THE PRIZE

One winner from each year group (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) will receive:

- A certificate
- A special prize kindly donated by Northwood HQ
- In previous years this has included an exciting outdoor adventure experience.

A DAY OF ADVENTURE AWAITS!

RESPECT
THANK YOU
COMMUNITY
STRONGER TOGETHER

SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

HEROES AT CHRISTMAS

Hertfordshire County Council

Hertfordshire HEROES
SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE

Kindness Connects Us All

Halloween at church farm

24th - 31st October

Visit
Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- Big Bale Play
- Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- Spooky Photo Opportunities
- Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- Scarecrow Trail
- Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

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