

The Chancel **CHIRPER**

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COMING SOON

IMPORTANT REMINDERS Year 6 Production

Please note that, due to some children in Year 6 taking part in the school football finals, the dates and times of the Year 6 production have changed slightly from those originally published on the school app calendar.

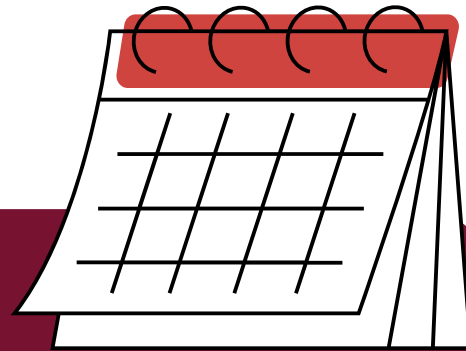
The performances will now take place on:

- Wednesday 8th July at 6:00pm
- Thursday 9th July at 2:00pm

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Dates For Your Diary



JUNE

Monday 29th - Y5 Trip to Stenson Field

JULY

Friday 3rd - End of Year Reports Issued

Friday 3rd - Spelling Bee - First Round

Saturday 4th - Summer Fair

Monday 6th - Transition Morning

Tuesday 7th - Y4 Trip to Chester

Tuesday 7th - Open Evening (3.30pm-5pm)

Wednesday 8th - Y6 Production (6pm)

Thursday 9th - Y6 Production (2pm)

Thursday 9th - Y4 Derby Faith Trail

Friday 10th - Spelling Bee Final

Monday 13th - Y6 Leavers' Trip

Tuesday 14th - End of Year Discos

Thursday 16th - Awards Assembly (10am)

Friday 17th - Leavers' Assembly (10am)





Thank You for Your Support During This Week's Extreme Heat

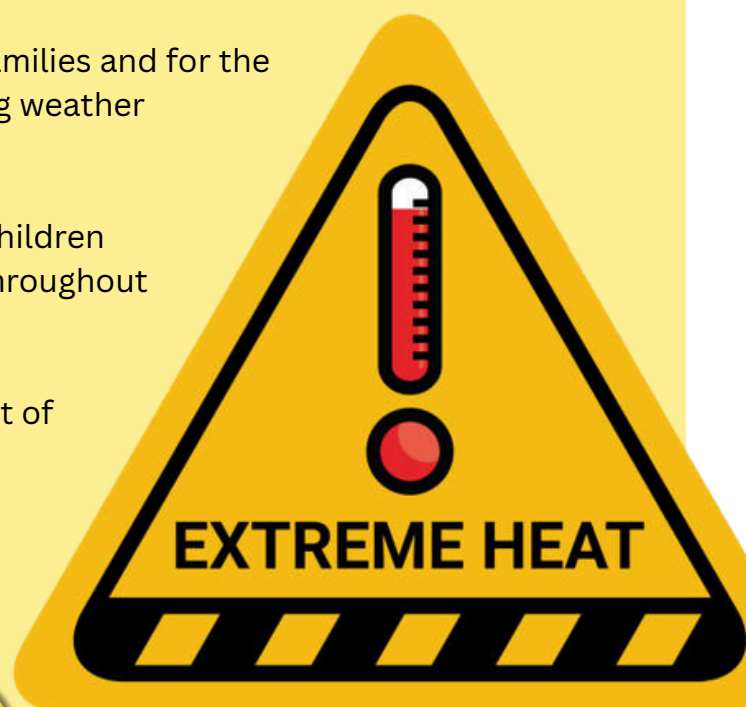
We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers for your understanding, flexibility and support during this week's period of extreme heat.

The wellbeing and safety of our children and staff remained our highest priority, and we greatly appreciated your cooperation with the temporary arrangements that were put in place, including the optional early collections and the closure of after-school club.

We are grateful for the positive response from families and for the patience shown as we adapted to the challenging weather conditions.

Working together has helped us ensure that all children remained safe, comfortable and well cared for throughout the week.

Thank you once again for your continued support of our school community.



Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from the start of the new academic year on 1st September 2026.

What is changing?

Free school meals are being extended to all children in households receiving Universal Credit, removing the previous income threshold cap. This means many more families may now be eligible for support.

From September 2026, there will be two categories of Free School Meals:

Targeted FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. (These pupils also attract additional Pupil Premium funding for the school).

Expanded FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. (These pupils are entitled to free meals but will not attract Pupil Premium funding).

What you need to do

Please note that any existing transitional protection for Free School Meals will end in July 2026. All students must be re-checked against the new criteria over the summer. To make sure your child's eligibility is assessed in time, we strongly encourage you to apply for each child as soon as possible. The Council will use this information to assess eligibility and share the outcome with you and school.

Please apply, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they already receive a free school meal through the universal infant free school meals scheme.

·How to Apply: Please visit Staffordshire County Council Free School Meals Portal to check your eligibility and submit an application.

If you have any questions or require assistance with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement these changes to ensure all eligible pupils continue to receive their entitlements.



Tesco Grants Programme

Our Sensory Garden Project

We are excited to share some fantastic news with our school community!

Our school has been successfully selected to take part in the Tesco Grants Programme. This means our project to create a school sensory garden will be put forward for a public vote in local Tesco stores.

From Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026, customers shopping in the following Tesco stores will be able to vote for their favourite community project:

Etching Hill Express (WS15 2NH) Rugeley Superstore (WS15 2HS)

Every time you make a purchase in store, you will receive a blue token. Simply place your token in the voting box for our school project!

Our Project: Sensory Garden

We are hoping to create a beautiful sensory garden within our school grounds. This special space will support children's wellbeing, provide a calm and engaging environment, and offer opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration.

What we could win:

1st place: £1,500

2nd place: £1,000

3rd place: £500

The more votes we receive, the greater the funding we can secure to bring this exciting project to life!

What happens next?

Voting will take place until the end of July 2026. The results will be announced in early September 2026.

How can you help?

We would love your support! Please remember to collect your token when shopping at Tesco and vote for our school. Encourage family and friends to get involved too—every token counts!



Summer Activity Camp

Why Parents Choose TayPlay:

- Childcare Vouchers & Tax-Free Childcare Accepted
- Extended Hours: 8:30am – 5:30pm
- Book by the day – No need to commit to a full week
- Sibling discounts applied automatically
- Delivered by qualified, enthusiastic, DBS-checked staff
- Ofsted registered for peace of mind
- Activities for everyone - A range of different activities everyday!

**SUMMER
ACTIVITY CAMP**

RUGELEY LEISURE CENTRE

Monday 27th July – Friday 21st August

YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMPS

EXTENDED HOURS
8.30AM – 5.30PM

BOOK INDIVIDUAL DAYS

SIBLING DISCOUNT

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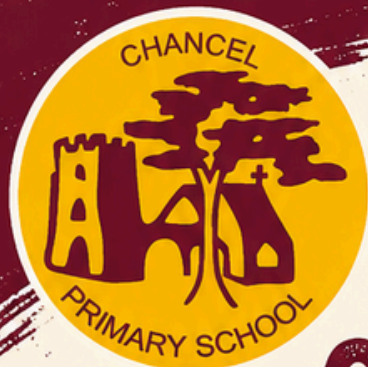
& LOTS MORE!

www.tayplay.net/camps

Spelling Bee

On Friday 3rd July, Chancel will be holding its annual spelling competition. Words will be randomly selected from the National Curriculum list (uploaded to Class Dojo) and children will be given the opportunity to spell them and earn points for their teams. Four winners from each class will be selected and then entered into a Grand Final on Friday 10th July. As well as the opportunities provided in school, children are encouraged to practise these words at home. There will be certificates and prizes for the most successful spellers from each class.





LET'S CREATE AMAZING



OUTDOOR PLAY



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

From September 2026, we are developing exciting outdoor play spaces across the school using loose parts and natural materials to encourage curiosity, creativity, teamwork and adventure in all weathers!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

- ✓ Flexi buckets
- ✓ Tarpaulins
- ✓ Plastic pipes (like drainpipes or plumbing pipes)
- ✓ Decking planks
- ✓ Lengths of guttering
- ✓ Traffic cones
- ✓ Small garden tools like trowels and forks
- ✓ Wooden electrical reels
- ✓ Old waterproof coats
- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Or other similar items



ALL DONATIONS WILL
HELP US CREATE MORE
**FUN, IMAGINATIVE
AND ACTIVE PLAY**
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EVERYONE!



IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT
THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON
01889 228710



THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



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2026



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End of Year Discos

We are delighted to announce that our annual School Disco will be taking place on Tuesday 14th July 2026. This is always a popular event and a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate the end of the school year with their friends.

Weather permitting, the discos will be held outside on the school field, making it an even more exciting way to enjoy the summer sunshine with friends.

Nursery, Reception and KS1 Disco

Time: 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will remain in school at the end of the day. Staff will help children change into their party clothes ready for an afternoon of music, dancing and fun!

Cost: £5.00 per child

This includes crisps, a drink and cake.

KS2 Disco

Time: 5.00pm – 6.15pm

Our KS2 pupils can enjoy an evening disco packed with music, dancing and games.

Cost: £5.00 per child

This includes a hotdog, drink and cake.



Booking Information

Payments must be made via ParentPay.

Please note that no payments can be accepted after Friday 10th July 2026, so be sure to secure your child's place before the deadline.



Staffing and Transition

Nursery



Mrs Allerton

Reception



Miss Jones

Year 1



Mrs Wakelam

Year 2



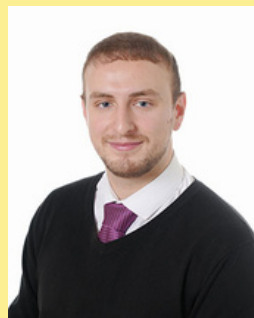
Mr Leese

Year 3



Miss Miller

Year 4



Mr Wincup

Year 5



Mrs Watson

Year 6



Mr Newton

Support Staff

Nursery: Miss Bickley, Miss Gallier, Miss Walker, Mrs Davies-Ratcliffe, Mrs Yates, Miss Sutcliffe, Miss Hewitt. **Reception:** Ms Mitchell, Mrs Moulds, Mrs Bak. **Year 1:** Mrs Bird. **Year 2:** Mrs Bennett, Miss Brooks. **Year 3:** Mrs Dubberley, Mrs Aston, Mrs Waddell, Mr Harrop. **Year 4:** Mrs Deavall. **Year 5:** Mrs Corbett. **Year 6:** Mrs Harris.

Please note that all staffing allocations are subject to change.

To help children prepare for the next academic year, we will be holding a number of transition activities over the coming weeks.

Week commencing Monday 6th July Children who will be using a different entrance next year will begin using it from Monday 6th July and will continue to do so for the remainder of this term. Reception children will enter via the KS1 ramp and Year 2 children will enter via the KS2 door. All other year groups will continue to use their usual entrances. All children will be dismissed at 3.30pm via their normal exits.

Monday 6th July – Transition Morning Children in Reception to Year 5 will spend the morning in their new classrooms with their new teacher, helping them become familiar with their new learning environment ahead of September.

Tuesday 7th and Monday 13th July As part of their transition to Key Stage 2, Year 2 children will join KS2 pupils for break time and will have the opportunity to visit the tuck trolley if they wish.



Holiday Activities



Department
for Education



Staffordshire
County Council



HAF fun this summer

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!



visit staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities



Trips



Year 2

Twycross Zoo



Year 4

Roman Discovery Centre



Year 4 are looking forward to an exciting trip to Chester on Tuesday 7th July 2026, where they will spend the day at the Deva Roman Discovery Centre. Throughout the visit, pupils will take part in a range of hands-on activities and immersive experiences designed to bring Roman Britain to life.

The trip will support their history learning by helping them discover what life was like in a Roman fortress and learn more about the impact of the Romans on Britain. This promises to be an engaging and memorable experience that will enhance their understanding of this fascinating period in history.

Children should wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch, waterproof coat and suitable footwear. The cost of the visit is £21.00 per pupil.





Year 4

Open Centre

Year 4 are looking forward to an exciting educational visit to Derby on Thursday 9th July 2026, where they will take part in the Derby Faith Trail at the Open Centre. During the day, children will visit a Hindu Temple, a Mosque and a Sikh Gurdwara, giving them a valuable opportunity to learn about different faiths, cultures and traditions first-hand.

This visit will support their learning about world religions and help develop their understanding and respect for different communities. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in food tasting activities during the day. The visit promises to be an engaging and memorable experience for all involved.

Children should wear full school uniform, including trousers, and bring a suitable plain hat or scarf as a head covering. A packed lunch will be required. As the coach will leave at approximately 8.45am, children should arrive at school by 8.30am. The cost of the visit is £8.50 per pupil, payable via ParentPay.

Follow the link below to find out more about the Derby Faith Trails.



Faith Trails

What is a faith trail? A faith trail is an exciting opportunity to visit one of Derby's fantastic places of worship through an immersive experience. Please see the video below for an example of what this may look like for your children visiting.

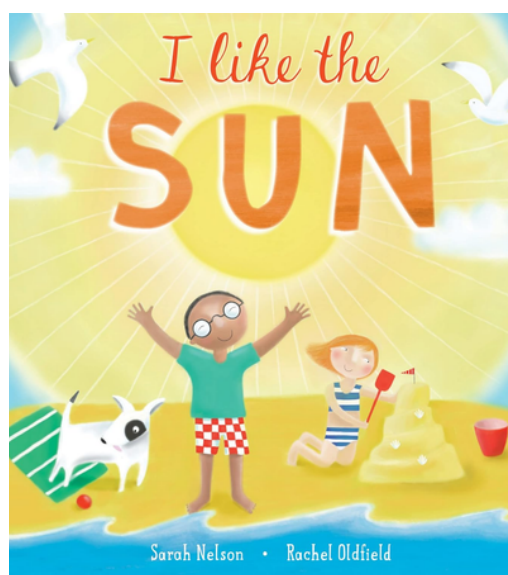
Derby Open Centre





Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1

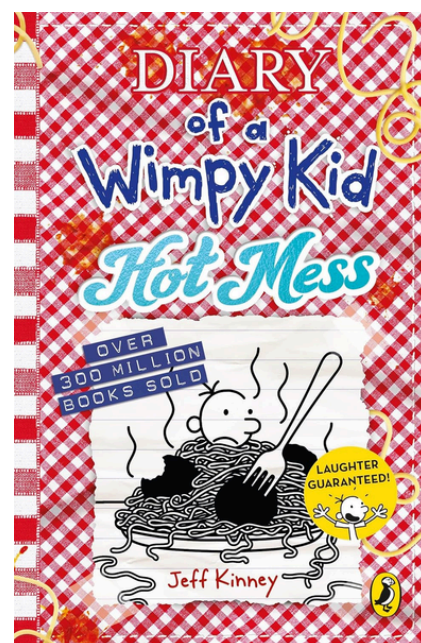
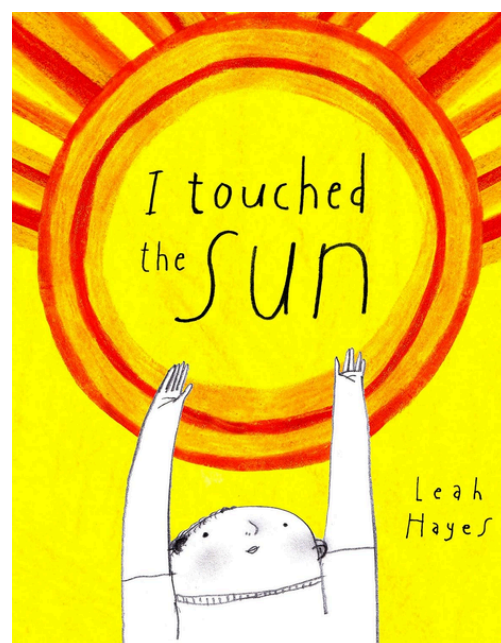
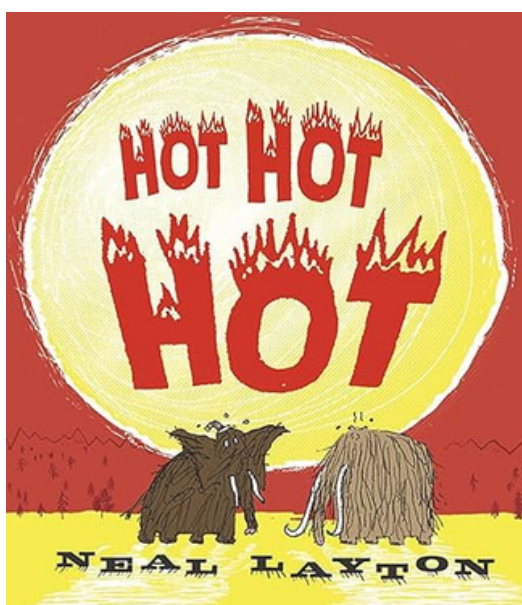
...in the hot weather!





Recommended Reads - KS2

...in the hot weather!





Safeguarding



Our most important role at Chancel is keeping the children safe and protecting them from potential harm. Safeguarding the children is everyone's responsibility and is best achieved through working in partnership as a school community.

The safeguarding staff at Chancel are:

- Mrs Palmer - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Mrs Watson and Mr Newton- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)
- Mr Atkinson- Safeguarding Governor
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If you are worried about a child's well-being or believe they may be at risk of harm, you should report this concern to school, either by personal visit, email or telephone. You can also contact:

- Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) - 0300 111 8007
- Staffordshire Police - 101 or 999

If you are contacted by staff about a safeguarding concern, please do not be offended. We are sure you would rather we take every precaution to ensure the children's safety. We are also here to support you, should you have any concerns or difficulties.

Staying Safe Online



...useful tips for Parents and Carers



What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.

UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

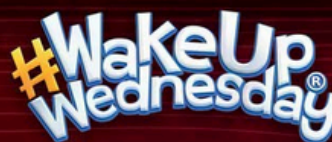
Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.

Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



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SEND & inclusion

Any questions or concerns regarding Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?
Please speak to our SENDCo, Miss Miller, or drop-in to see Mrs Palmer on Friday mornings
between 9.15-9.45am.



CANNOCK CHASE NEURODIVERSITY Together

A place to feel understood, supported and connected. 



A welcoming parent support group for families
of neurodiverse children in Cannock Chase.

Come along, connect with other parents who understand,
share experiences and find support in a friendly,
judgement-free environment.

PARENT-LED

This group is run by parents,
for parents. We understand
because we live it.




**FRIDAY
3RD JULY**
10:00AM – 12:00PM

THAT CHILDRENS
CHOICE THERAPY
WILL BE JOINING US!


GUEST ATTENDING

**Children's Choice
therapy service ltd**

Come along to meet the team
and find out how they can
support your family.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Whether you're looking for
advice, a listening ear or just
a cuppa and a chat, you'll
find a warm welcome here.



SUPPORT

A safe space to share,
listen and support
one another.



CONNECTION

Meet other local
parents who truly
understand.



GUIDANCE

Helpful information
and signposting to
local services.



UNDERSTANDING

A judgement-free
group where every
voice matters.

*Everyone
is welcome
here*

NO JUDGEMENT. JUST UNDERSTANDING.

We celebrate differences and support every
child and family on their unique journey.



WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents and carers of neurodiverse
children of any age.

All are welcome.



**£2.00 DONATION
WILL BE REQUIRED**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
PLEASE EMAIL:
jozone@hotmail.co.uk



LOCATION:
Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Cannock
WS12 4EP
England



TIME:
10:00AM – 12:00PM
(Refreshments provided)



PARENT-LED
Run by parents,
for parents.



TOGETHER, WE'RE STRONGER.



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Find us on Facebook:
Cannock Chase
Neurodiversity Together

*Local support.
Real connections.
Stronger together.*



Menu

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	Creamy gammon spaghetti pasta with garlic bread, peas and sweetcorn	Hotdogs with wedges, vegetables or salad	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and gravy	Hunter's Chicken with sliced potatoes, vegetables or salad	Chicken nuggets and chips served with chips and beans or peas
Vegetarian Option	Cheese and tomato pasta with garlic bread, peas and sweetcorn	Quorn hotdogs with wedges, vegetables or salad	Quorn roast served with roast potatoes, fresh vegetables and gravy	Quorn Hunter's Chicken with sliced potatoes, vegetables or salad	Cheese and bean wrap served with chips and beans or peas
Pudding	Donuts and Fresh Fruit	Pineapple upside down cake	Ice Cream and Fruit	Chocolate Rice Cake	Crispy cookie

Available Daily

Jacket Potato with fillings: tuna, cheese or baked beans. Sandwich or bap with fillings: ham, tuna or cheese
Fresh bread, salad, fruit, milk & yoghurt



Positive Global Citizen

What is a positive global citizen?

A positive global citizen is someone who actively contributes to making the world a better, more equitable, and sustainable place, recognising their role within the global community. This means being aware of global issues, respecting cultural differences, and taking responsible actions that benefit people and the planet.

Key qualities of a positive global citizen:

- **Awareness:** Understands global issues like poverty, climate change, human rights, and inequality.
- **Empathy and Respect:** Appreciates diverse cultures, beliefs, and perspectives.
- **Responsibility:** Recognises how personal choices (e.g., consumption, travel, communication) impact others globally.
- **Action-Oriented:** Engages in activities that support positive change—volunteering, ethical consumerism, advocacy, or education.
- **Collaboration:** Works with others, across borders and cultures, to solve shared problems.
- **Sustainability-Minded:** Supports practices and policies that protect the environment and promote long-term well-being for all.

Examples of positive global citizenship:

- Donating to or volunteering with organisations addressing global issues.
- Reducing carbon footprint and supporting sustainable brands.
- Speaking out against injustice or discrimination.
- Learning about and celebrating cultures different from your own.



Yusra Mardini

Yusra Mardini is an Olympic swimmer who has inspired people around the world with her courage and determination. As a teenager, she was forced to leave her home in Syria because of war. During her journey to safety, the small boat she was travelling in began to have problems, and Yusra helped push it through the water, helping to save the lives of those on board.

After arriving in Europe, Yusra continued to train as a swimmer and eventually competed in the Olympic Games as part of the Refugee Olympic Team. Today, she speaks up for refugees and works to help people who have been forced to leave their homes.

Yusra reminds us that courage, hope, and determination can help us overcome even the most difficult challenges.



Meet The Teaching Team



Mrs Allerton



Miss Jones



Mrs Wakelam



Miss Miller



Mr Newton



Mr Wincup



Mr Leese



Mrs Watson



Mrs Gamble



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