The Chancel CHIRPER



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COMING SOON

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Darker Mornings and Evenings

As the days grow shorter, it is now much darker before and after school. We kindly remind parents and carers to talk to children who walk to and from school about staying safe on their journey.

Please encourage them to take extra care when crossing roads and, where possible, to wear something bright or reflective so they can be easily seen by drivers. Even small items like reflective armbands, bag tags, or coat strips can make a big difference.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe during the winter months.

Upcoming Events at Chancel Primary School

Learn • Grow • Achieve • Together

Important dates for your diary!

OCTOBER

Wednesday 14th
Tempest – Individual & Sibling Photos
Throughout the school day, all children will have their individual photographs taken, as well as photographs with siblings who attend the school.

Wednesday 14th
Nursery and Reception Open Evening @5pm
All prospective parents whose children are due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2027 are invited to visit school to meet staff and take a tour of Chancel.

Friday 16th
Flu Immunisations
The NHS team are in to administer the Flu immunisations for pupils in Reception to Year 6. You should have received a link to sign your child up.

Monday 19th
Y5 Derby Open Centre
Year 5 will be visiting the Derby Open Centre as part of their Religious Education Curriculum.

Tuesday 20th October
EYFS Halloween Stay and Play
Parents/carers of pupils in EYFS are invited to join their child at a stay and play.
Ducklings 9.30- 10.15am; Puffins 9.15 – 10.00am; and Reception is 9.15 – 10.15am.

Wednesday 21st
Harvest Service
Parents/carers of pupils in Reception, KS1 and KS2 are invited to 'The Harvest Service' which will be held at St. Augustine's Church at 10am.

Thursday 22nd
Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 23rd
Inset Day (school closed to pupils)



NOVEMBER

Tuesday 3rd
Reception Open Morning @10-11am
All prospective parents/carers whose children are due to start in Reception in September 2027 are invited to visit school to meet staff and take a tour of Chancel.

Friday 13th
Children In Need
Pupils will be invited to wear one item of **spotty** clothing on this day and participate in a variety of sporting events, for a donation of £2 (payable via Parentpay).

Friday 13th
Progress Reports Issued
Your child will receive their Progress Report via Class Dojo.

Saturday 14th
EYFS Open Morning 10am-12pm
All prospective parents/carers whose children are due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2027 are invited to visit school to meet staff and take a tour of Chancel.

Monday 16th
Book Parents' Evening Appointments
Parents/carers can start to book Parents' Evening Appointments by contacting the school office.

Monday 16th
Anti-Bullying Week
Pupils will participate in a wide range of activities in school in support of Anti Bullying Week.

Monday 23rd
Parents Evening 3.40 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 24th
Parents' Evening 3.40 – 5.30pm

Monday 23rd
Christmas Raffle Tickets Go On Sale
We will start selling Raffle Tickets at £1 per ticket (payable via Parentpay). There will be a vast array of wonderful prizes to win.



DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd
Christmas Jumper Day (Hamper Donation)
Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on this day and donate an item for our Christmas Hampers.

Thursday 3rd
Pantomime (Cinderella)
KS2 will watch the panto in the morning; whilst Reception and KS1 will attend the afternoon performance.

Tuesday 8th December
Christmas Production
Parents/carers of pupils in Nursery Puffins, Reception and Year 1 are invited to watch the Christmas Production. There will two performances at 10am and 2.30pm.

Tuesday 8th
KS2 Movie Munch
Pupils in Key Stage 2 will be invited to stay after school from 3.30pm – 5.30pm to watch a movie. They will be served hotdogs, chips, cake and a drink for £5 (payable via Parentpay).

Wednesday 9th
Reception Trip to Amerton Farm
Pupils in Reception will visit Amerton Farm to meet Santa and take a ride on the train. Payable via Parentpay.

Wednesday 9th
Y2 Christmas Extravaganza @2.30pm
Parents/carers of pupils in Year 2 are invited to join the class for a Christmas Extravaganza.

Thursday 10th
Y1 & Y2 Trip to Conkers
Pupils in Year 1 and 2 will visit Conkers to experience their Winter Wonderland (payable via Parentpay).

Friday 11th
Christmas Fair
The school Christmas Fair will be held after school at 3.30pm. There will be lots of activities and the raffle will be drawn.

Tuesday 15th
Nursery & KS1 Tea With Santa
Pupils in Puffins, Reception, Year 1 and 2 are invited to join us after school, 3.30 – 4.45pm, to meet Santa. They will be served fishfingers, chips, cake and a drink for £5 (payable via Parentpay).

Wednesday 16th
Christmas Dinner Day
Pupils will be able to order a Christmas Dinner on this day.

Friday 18th
Carol Concert
Parents/carers of pupils in Reception, KS1 and KS2 are invited to 'The Carol Concert' which will be held at St. Augustine's Church at 10am.



A busy and exciting term ahead!

WHAT'S NEW?



Chancel Primary School
where every child belongs and thrives

This Year's Pantomime

Cinderella

at the Rugeley Rose Theatre

Thursday 3rd December 2026

Rec/KS1 @ 1pm

KS2 @ 10am

Children will be escorted to and from the theatre by staff.

PTFA

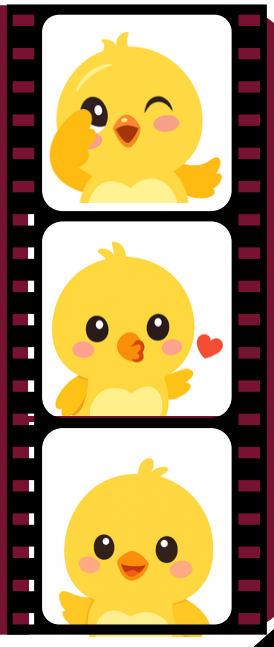
With grateful thanks to the PTFA for subsidising this event, the PTFA are paying £3 per child, so the cost to parents is just £5 per child.

Now on Parentpay

Photographs

All children have now had their individual and sibling photographs taken, and the proofs have been sent home. If you would like to order copies, please visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk and make sure all payments are made directly to Tempest Photography — not to Chancel School — within 14 days of receiving your proofs.

If your child was absent on the day the photographs were taken, don't worry! The photographer will be returning to school on 23rd November to take any remaining photos. Thank you for your cooperation!



Sponsored Read

We are excited to announce that Chancel Primary School will be taking part in a whole-school Sponsored Read from Monday 23rd to Monday 30th November!

Our aim is to encourage children to enjoy reading in all its forms, while raising money to buy exciting new books and resources for our school. We are working alongside our Usborne Partner, Kate from The Story Nook. As well as the sponsorship money raised, Usborne will contribute up to 60% of the total raised in additional free books for Chancel.

Our whole-school fundraising target is £600! We are asking the whole Chancel family to work together to achieve this goal. If we reach our target, Usborne will donate at least an additional £360 worth of free books, giving us a fantastic £960 to spend on new books and resources for our children.

We would love every child to get involved. Reading can take many forms – books, comics, magazines, newspapers, recipes, poems, websites and much more. Children can read independently or enjoy being read to by an adult.

How does it work?

A letter and a two-sided sponsorship pack will be sent home during the week commencing 16th November. There are two ways for children to get involved:

- Reading Challenge: Children record the number of minutes they spend reading or being read to each day on their reading log. Every minute counts!

- Fundraising Challenge: Children can collect sponsorship in whichever way suits their sponsors – a donation for every minute or hour they read, or a single fixed sponsorship amount.

Throughout the Sponsored Read week, teachers will share daily class totals, letting parents know how many minutes their class has spent reading or being read to that day.
There are four prizes up for grabs!

We will be awarding four prizes in total:

- One prize for the child who records the most minutes reading across Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

- One prize for the child who raises the most sponsorship money across Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

- One prize for the child who records the most minutes reading in Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6).

- One prize for the child who raises the most sponsorship money in Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6).

Sponsored Read...continued

So, whether your child loves spending hours with a book or is keen to help us raise money for new reading resources, there is a chance to win!

Returning sponsorship money

Please return completed sponsorship forms and all money to the school office by Friday 4th December. Cash should be placed in a named envelope.

If you need any additional sponsorship forms, these will be available in the school lobby or from your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you, as always, for supporting our school and helping us to give our children access to even more wonderful books. By working together as the Chancel family, we can make a real difference to our reading resources.



Rugeley Town Council Baubles



Rugeley Town Council has invited Chancel to take part in a special festive project to celebrate the Rugeley Christmas Lights Switch-On on 28th November.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are bringing home a wooden bauble to decorate. We would love you to work together as a family to decorate your bauble and help us spread some Christmas cheer throughout Rugeley!

Please return your decorated bauble to school by Monday 24th November, when a representative from Rugeley Town Council will collect them.

All of the baubles will then be displayed around the town for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your support. We can't wait to see your wonderful creations!

Parent Evenings

We are pleased to share that our November progress reports were sent home today. We hope that all parents and carers find them helpful and informative, and that they give a clear picture of how well the children are learning and growing this term.

If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher about their report or any aspect of their progress, you can now book a Parent Evening appointment by calling the school office. Appointments are available on:

- Monday 23rd November, 3:30–5:30pm
- Tuesday 24th November, 3:30–5:30pm

Each meeting will last 10 minutes, giving families a focused time to discuss achievements, next steps, and how we can continue to work together to support each child.

Parents and carers of SEND pupils will receive a separate message with details about booking an appointment with our SENCo. These meetings will take place on:

- Thursday 26th November, 9:30am–3:15pm

We look forward to welcoming families into school and appreciate your continued support. Please contact the school office with any questions or to secure your booking.

Free Uniform Reminder

At Chancel, we know how quickly children grow – and how expensive uniform can be to replace. To help support our families, we are pleased to let you know that we now have a rail of good-quality, second-hand uniform available in the school lobby.

Parents and carers are very welcome to help themselves to anything they need from the rail. If you are looking for a particular item or size that isn't on display, please speak to the school office, as we have additional uniform stored away and may be able to find just what you need.



We also happily accept donations of clean, good-condition uniform. If your child has outgrown any items, please bring them to the school office so that other families can make use of them.

This is one of the ways we want to support our Chancel community, making sure every child has what they need to feel comfortable and confident in school.

Flu Immunisations – New Date Confirmed

Following the cancellation of the original flu immunisation session in October, we are pleased to confirm that the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) will now be visiting Chancel Primary School on Thursday 19th November to administer the annual flu vaccinations to pupils in Reception to Year 6.

If you have already completed an online consent form for your child, there is no need to do anything further. Your consent will automatically transfer to the new session.

The e-consent system will also contact parents and carers who have not yet responded, with reminders about the upcoming session sent closer to the date.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Chancel Primary School

EYFS Open Morning



'The quality of the education in the early years is the strength of the school. The curriculum and environment are vibrant and exciting.'

- Ofsted March 2025

Saturday 14th November
10am – 12pm

Are you a prospective parent or carer whose child is due to start **Nursery** or **Reception** in **September 2027?**



If so, you are warmly invited to visit our school to meet our EYFS team and take a tour of Chancel.

Email: office@chancel.staffs.sch.uk

Phone: 01889 228710

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Christmas Fair

We are delighted to announce that this year's Chancel Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 11th December from 3.30pm!

The fair will take place throughout the school hall and classrooms, with lots of festive fun for everyone to enjoy. There will be hot chocolate and mince pies available to buy, as well as a selection of Christmas crafts made by our children.



Would you like a stall?
We are also inviting parents, carers and local businesses to have a stall at our Christmas Fair. Stalls will cost £10, and parents are welcome to share a stall with someone else if they wish.

Places will be limited, so if you would like to have a stall, please let us know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We can't wait to see everyone and get into the Christmas spirit together!

Reception Admissions

Staffordshire County Council

School Admissions and Transport Service
2, Staffordshire Place
Stafford
ST16 2DH
Telephone: 0300 111 8007
Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - ADMISSION INTO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2027

Applications open on 01 November 2026. **The national closing date is 15 January 2027.**

Please visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions or scan the QR Code for more information.

The online system will ask for a UID number – please click 'No UID', this will allow you to continue with your application.

What you need to know:

- If others share parental responsibility for your child but live at a different address, please ensure you agree on school preferences before applying.
- All the information you need about the admissions process in Staffordshire is available on our website.
- Please read the reverse of this letter carefully before submitting your application online via the website.
- No priority for children in the school nursery and no guarantee that a place will be allocated in the reception class.
- Use our online search and compare tool to explore Staffordshire schools.
- Check if your child qualifies for **free home-to-school travel assistance** at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport.

When applying:

- List **all** the schools you would like your child to attend — including those located **outside Staffordshire**.
- Check each school's **admission arrangements** to understand how your application will be considered.
- Some schools may require **additional information** or a **supplementary form**.

If you do not make an application, your child may be disadvantaged in the school admissions process, even if you have an older child attending your preferred school or live in the catchment area.

Kind regards
Staffordshire School Admissions and Transport Service

Staffordshire County Council

Important points to remember

- **Apply online by 15 January 2027** to ensure your application is considered.
- Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions and read all the guidance carefully.
- **You must apply**, even if your preferred school already has an older sibling attending, or your child is in the school nursery, or it is your local school.
- **List more than one school preference**. Only listing one does not give you an advantage and could result in your child being placed at a school far from home.
- All applications are processed **at the same time**. There is no priority for first preferences or early submissions.
- Rank schools in **your true order of preference**, not based on where you think your child is most likely to be accepted.
- If your child qualifies for more than one school listed on your application, the one **ranked highest** on your application will be offered.
- Be realistic. It's strongly recommended to include your **catchment area school** (if applicable) as one of your preferences.
- Understand each school's **admission arrangements** to know how your application will be prioritised.
- Some schools may require **additional documents or supplementary forms** (e.g. baptismal certificates).

  It is **your responsibility** to provide these — the Local Authority will not obtain these on your behalf.
- Consider **how your child will travel to school**.

  Most children are **not entitled** to free travel assistance. Check eligibility at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schooltransport
- You will receive your child's school offer on **16 April 2027**. Offers will not be released before this date.

Primary School Reception Application Process

Opens
1 November
2026

The application process for a Reception place for **September 2027** will open on **1 November 2026.**

The easiest way for parents to apply is **online** via:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Closes
15 January
2027

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2027.**

Please make sure you submit your application before the deadline.



Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Sock Day



Choir

The school choir will perform a medley of festive songs at this year's Rugeley Christmas Light Switch-On, on Saturday 28th November, at 11.50am.

More details to follow shortly.

Armistice Day

Year 6 will be attended the Armistice Day Commemorations at Rugeley Cenotaph on Wednesday 11th November. The prefects read out some of the names of the fallen and the whole class joined in with the two minute silence.









Trips

Years 1 & 2 Conkers Winter Wonderland



We are delighted to announce that our Years 1 and 2 children will be visiting Conkers Winter Wonderland on Thursday 10th December 2026 for a magical festive adventure!

The children will begin by following the Reindeer Trail, before hopping aboard Santa's Conkerchoo Train and making their way to Waterside. From there, the friendly elves at the Amphitheatre kiosk will be waiting to sprinkle some Christmas magic as the children follow the trail towards Santa's Grotto, where they will have the exciting opportunity to meet Santa!

Children should come to school in school uniform and will need a suitable warm coat and sensible footwear. A packed lunch will be provided by school. The cost of the trip is £22.95 per pupil, which is now available to pay via ParentPay.

Reception Amerton Farm

Our Reception children will be visiting Amerton Farm on Wednesday 9th December 2026 for a magical Christmas adventure!

The children will be escorted by Santa's elves to Santa's Grotto, where they will receive a special gift. They will also have the chance to see Santa's reindeer and other farm animals, as well as enjoying a ride on the farm's train.

The visit will take place during school hours. Children should wear school uniform, suitable footwear and a waterproof coat. A packed lunch will be provided by school.

The cost of the visit is £28.00 per child, payable via ParentPay.

We are sure the children will have a wonderful festive day!



Residentials



Year 5 - Laches Wood

We are excited to announce that Year 5 children will have the chance to take part in a residential visit to Laches Wood from **Wednesday 17th March to Friday 19th March 2027**. The trip will include a variety of fun and challenging activities, as well as all meals. Parents will need to arrange transport for their child to and from Laches Wood.

A deposit of £50.00 was required by **Monday 19th October 2026** to secure your child's place. The full payment must be made by **Monday 8th March 2027**. (Children who are entitled to Free School Meals will receive a subsidy; the school office will contact those families directly.)

If your child does not intend to go, you needed to inform the school office by **19th October 2026.** After this date, parents will be charged the full amount.
We are looking forward to a memorable trip and hope as many Year 5 children as possible can join us.

Year 6 - Standon Bowers

We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Standon Bowers from **Monday 8th March to Friday 12th March 2027.**

This exciting trip will include a wide range of activities and all meals. Transport will be provided by the school.

A deposit of £50.00 was required by **Monday 19th October 2026** to secure your child's place. Payments can be made via ParentPay, starting from as little as £5.00 upwards.

The full payment must be received by **Monday 1st March 2027.**

If your child does not intend to go, you needed to inform the school office by **19th October 2026.**

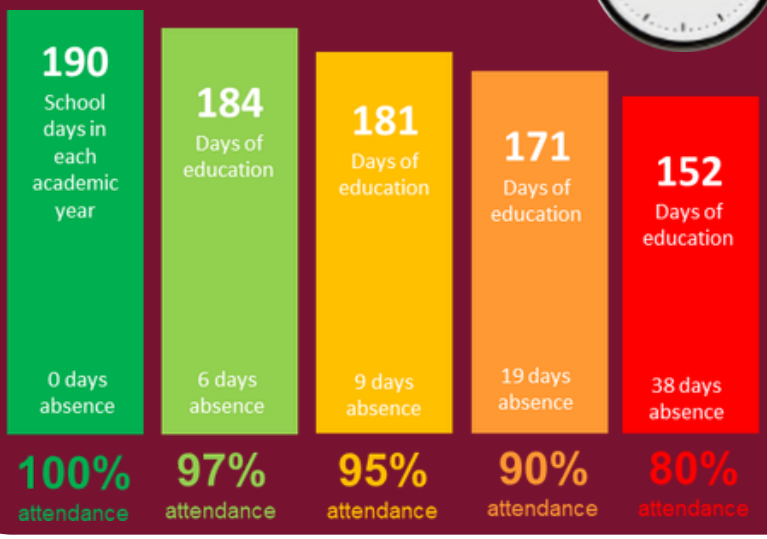
This promises to be a fantastic experience for our Year 6 pupils, and we hope all children will be able to take part.

AWARDS

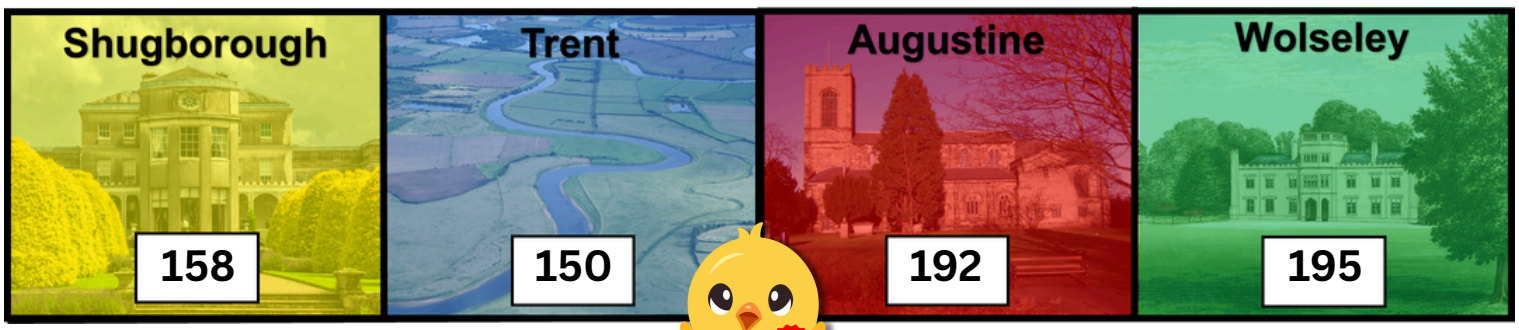
	Stars	Warriors
Reception	Orlando & Gabriel-Noah	Riley
Year 1	Toby & Oscar	Joel
Year 2	Erin & Blossom	Leo H
Year 3	Aari & Henry	Ronnie
Year 4	Olivia-Rae & Reggie	Ethan
Year 5	Junior & Mylah	Leighton
Year 6	Dolly-Anne & Kaitlynn	Jasper

Arrive On Time At Ten To Nine
Make Every Minute Count





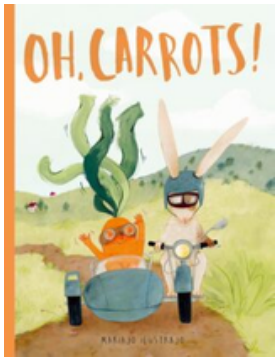
1st	Kingfishers
2nd	Owls
3rd	Eagles
4th	Robins
5th	Kestrels
6th	Toucans
7th	Chaffinches





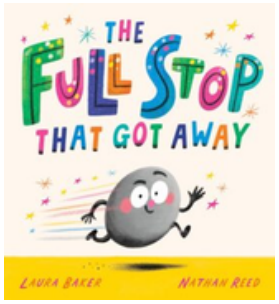
Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1

Nursery



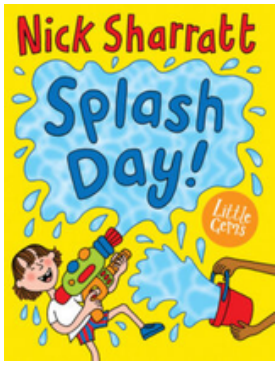
Oh, Carrots! by Mariajo Ilustrajo
Mr Rabbit enjoys his quiet life, spending his days reading, gardening, and drinking tea. When spring arrives, he plants carrots—but one grows into a lively, talking Carrot who wants to be his friend. At first, Carrot's messy, mischievous behavior annoys him, but as the day goes on, Mr Rabbit realizes he actually likes the company. He begins to see that maybe having a friend isn't so bad after all.

Reception



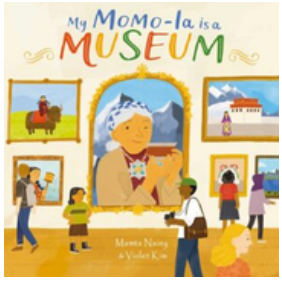
The Full Stop That Got Away by Laura Baker & Nathan Reed
This is such a fun story that will have children letting their imagination fly and remembering to punctuate their sentences correctly!
Frank is a full stop who never exclaims or questions and likes sentences and stories to come to a succinct end. So when a dragon appears and refuses to let the story end, Frank is not pleased and decides to leave. Cue chaos, carnage, food fights, fire and lots of exclamation marks and ellipsis! When Frank saves the day and swiftly ends the story, Dee the Dragon definitely learns the importance of a full stop, but Frank also learns that sometimes it can be fun to let creativity and imagination loose too.

Year 1



Splash Day by Nick Sharratt
Splish, splosh, splash! It's Splash Day and everyone is ready for a water fight! They've got their trunks and wetsuits, some wellies and rubber rings, and Mrs Rose even has a great big hose! Join in with all the splashing fun in Nick Sharratt's beautiful debut Little Gem. Bursting with lots of rhyme, rhythm and energy for little ones to enjoy, it's the perfect book for a young reader's first steps on the path to reading independence.
Hip hip hooray! It's Splash Day today and everyone is ready for a water fight! They've got their trunks and wetsuits, wellies and rubber rings. Even the teachers are going to join in. Let's see what happens when Mrs Thistle blows her whistle!

Year 2



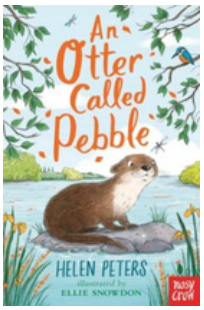
My Momo-la is a Museum by Mamta Nainy & Violet Kim
A child and their grandmother, Momo-la, visit the city's museums, exploring the stories behind artworks and objects. As they wander, the child notices that every exhibit reminds them of Momo-la—her clothes, her keepsakes, and her memories of Tibet. By the end, the child realises that the greatest "museum" is Momo-la herself, filled with treasured stories and history to pass down with love.





Recommended Reads - KS2

Year 3



An Otter Called Pebble by Helen Peters

Jasmine and Tom rescue a tiny otter cub, Pebble, from the river. Before the pair know it, they face a race against time to reunite Pebble with her elusive family.

As with Helen Peters' other animal rescue stories, this book is filled with hope and determination, empowering children to make a difference to the natural world around them. Its short chapters and line illustrations offer an enjoyable adventure alongside fascinating insights into protected wildlife, making it an ideal independent read for Year 3.

Year 4



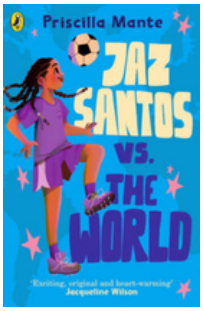
Brand New Boy by David Almond

"Mam, did you think George was," I say, "a bit ... weird?"

"Weird? Yes, I suppose so. But you kids are all a bit weird if you ask me. And to tell the truth, it'd be weird if you weren't."

When a new boy joins the class, everyone thinks he's a bit strange, but he's brilliant at football and loves crisps, and that's all that matters to Dan and Maxie. However, the truth about George is stranger than anyone could have imagined ... and more sinister, too. Can his new pals help him to become truly free?

Year 5



Jaz Santos Vs The World by Priscilla Mante

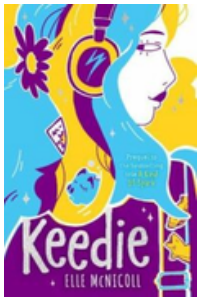
Ola! I'm Jasmina Santos-Campbell (but you can call me Jaz). You've probably heard of me and my football team the Bramrock Stars before. No? Well, you will soon because we're almost famous!

Forming the Stars was my genius idea – you see I need to prove to Mae (that's my mum!) that I'm a football star so she'll want to come back home.

The idea was the easy part, though. Now I've got a team of seven very different girls and we need to work together, to be taken seriously as footballers.

We are the DREAM TEAM and we're going to show the world that girls CAN play football!

Year 6



Keedie by Elle McNicoll

Set in Juniper five years before A Kind of Spark comes a powerful coming-of-age story from award-winning author Elle McNicoll.

As Keedie and her twin Nina approach their fourteenth birthday, they seem to only be growing further apart. Keedie instead feels drawn to, and fiercely protective of, their quiet younger sister Addie – who on the surface is the opposite of loud and fiery Keedie, but in fact they have more in common than anyone knows.



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.

NSPCC Learning

Parental Mental Health Resources

Find out more about the NSPCC services and resources on parental mental health to help support you and your families.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/parental-mental-health-resources



Parental mental health problems

Advice on how the mental health of parents and carers can impact on a child's wellbeing. Find out what works to support families where one or more parents or carers have a mental health problem.

Learning from case reviews

Improving practice around parental mental health

Learning from case reviews around working with families where parents or carers have mental health problems.

NSPCC Learning Podcast

Podcast: Supporting Black mothers facing perinatal mental health challenges

Listen to Sandra Igwe, founder of The Motherhood Group, discuss the importance of providing inclusive support for maternal mental health during pregnancy and the first year following childbirth.



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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION 13+ In the UK

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but they can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and frequent notifications can create a sense of needing to be constantly available. WhatsApp's new parental controls notify parents when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size.

HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels allow users to receive updates from public figures, organisations, and content creators; however, some Channels may expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies, or age-inappropriate material. New optional parental controls allow adults to restrict which Channels teenagers access, including limiting them to approved Channels.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, sending money, or sharing security codes. They may impersonate friends or family members, using convincing stories about emergencies or urgent requests for help. New parental controls can help manage who contacts teenagers; however, they cannot prevent all scams or fraudulent messages.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp allows users to share their live location, profile information, and Status updates. Without appropriate privacy settings, this information could expose young people to unwanted attention or reveal their whereabouts. New parental controls enable adults to manage certain privacy settings, including who can view account details and add teenagers to groups.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder for adults to identify. Although these tools are designed to protect privacy, they may also make it harder for adults to recognise inappropriate exchanges or harmful behaviour. WhatsApp's new parental controls do not give adults access to teenagers' private messages or calls.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in parts of its Updates section and offers Meta AI, an integrated AI assistant. Young people may encounter sponsored content, misleading AI responses, or information which is unsuitable for their age. New parental controls offer a stricter 'Limited Content' setting for Meta AI; however, this cannot guarantee that every response will be accurate or appropriate.

ONLINE

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new optional parental controls are being rolled out gradually, giving families more ways to manage teenagers' privacy and interactions. Teenagers will need parental approval using a parent-set PIN to relax any protected settings. Keep the conversation open and set up the controls together, remembering that parents can adjust or switch them off at any time.

MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Explore the new settings for Channels, Status updates, and Meta AI. Parents can restrict Channels to approved selections or prevent teenagers from viewing them. They can also choose Meta AI's stricter 'Limited Content' option, which restricts certain topics. Remind young people that AI can produce inaccurate information and encourage them to question responses rather than accepting them at face value.

MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

New parental controls notify adults when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size. These alerts can help identify potentially concerning interactions without revealing private messages. Encourage young people to discuss unfamiliar groups, uncomfortable conversations, or pressure from other members and that they can leave, mute, or report if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Parental controls should support conversations about online safety, not replace them. Explain that WhatsApp's new features do not give adults access to private messages or calls, helping teenagers understand that their privacy remains protected. Reassure young people that they can speak openly about upsetting content, unwanted contact, or pressure from other group members.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



See full reference list on our website

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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.



Menu

Week 2					
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Main Option	Spaghetti bolognaise with peas, sweetcorn and garlic bread	Hot Dog with wedges and mini corn	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetabes and gravy	Chicken curry with rice, naan and sweetcorn	Fish Fingers and chips served with baked beans or peas
Vegetarian Option	Mac and cheese pasta served with peas, sweetcorn garlic bread	Vegetarian hot dog with wedges and mini corn	Quorn roast served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetabes and gravy	Vegetarian curry with rice, naan and sweetcorn	Cheese and bean wrap served with chips and beans or peas
Pudding	Toffee Shortbread	Chocolate shortbread and mint custard	Fruit cheesecake	Apple sponge	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.





Leonardo DoCaprio

Leonardo DiCaprio is a well-known actor who has starred in many famous films, but he is also passionate about protecting our planet. For many years he has spoken up about the importance of looking after the Earth, especially when it comes to climate change, oceans, and endangered animals. He created the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, which supports projects around the world that help to protect wildlife, restore forests, and keep our oceans clean. Through his work, he encourages everyone — even children — to make small changes that help the environment.

Leonardo shows us that being a global citizen means using your talents and voice to take care of the world we all share.

Meet The Teaching Team



Mrs Allerton | Miss Jones | Mrs Wakelam | Mr Leese



Miss Miller | Mr Wincup | Mrs Watson | Mr Newton | Mrs Gamble

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