# Chisenhale Chatter

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Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.

23.10.2026

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I am delighted to share some of the many things that have been happening across Chisenhale School this week.

Our week began with road safety workshops for pupils in Years 1 and 2, helping our youngest pupils think carefully about how to keep themselves safe. On Tuesday, pupils in Years 4 and 5 took part in artist-led workshops as part of the *River of Light* project with Cody Dock, where they made some beautiful lanterns. It was wonderful to see such creativity go into every one.

On Wednesday, Year 4 and Year 6 visited the Tower of London. Year 6 went as part of their Crime and Punishment topic, while Year 4 visited as part of their work on Kings and Queens. Trips such as these bring classroom learning vividly to life, and it was wonderful to see our pupils so engaged.

Year 5 have also completed their two weeks of daily swimming lessons at the Olympic pool. Congratulations to everyone involved for their commitment and hard work over the fortnight.

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Father Darius from St Pauls Old Ford, who led our harvest assembly. He reminded us all to have an 'attitude for gratitude', and challenged the children to say thank to someone who makes a difference to them. Thank you to all our families for your generous donations to our harvest collection. These will be delivered to Bow Food Bank, where they will make a real difference to local families.

Thank you to the PTA and Ruth for organising our Halloween disco on Tuesday. It was a fun-filled evening enjoyed by many.

It was also lovely to see so many parents at our first open afternoon of the year today. Your interest and support mean a great deal to us, and we hope you enjoyed seeing your children's learning first-hand.

Before the holiday, I must ask for your help with an important matter. Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school or stop your car in the middle of the road to let your children out. There was a distressing near miss with one of our Nursery families this morning, and we must all do everything we can to keep our pupils safe. Please take a moment to consider the safety of others when dropping off and collecting your children.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely break, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November. **Gemma Anidi, Headteacher**

These children will receive a praise postcard this week:

**Crossbill**: Bruce & Liyaana
**Capercaillie**: Elise & Tilmann
**Woodlark**: Moses & Ayla
**Wren**: Medina & Jude
**Kingfisher**: Archie & Grace
**Kestrel**: Malakai & Kayla
**Barn Owl**: Ishaaq, Max & Zara
**Starling**: Arthur H, Holly & Jettson
**Goldcrest**: Finn & Ikram
**Goshawk**: Lily & Ismaeel

## Dates for your diary

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM.
School reopens on Monday 2nd November.
Parents' meetings, 9th and 11th November – your appointment time should have already been confirmed
**Thursday 19th November**, all day. Bard books will be running a **book fair** in the library for all your festive book needs. The children will be able to visit during the day with their classes and it will also be open at the end of the day for parents to visit. Exact timings to be confirmed
**Friday 4th December, 3.30-5.30, Winter Fair**
**Thursday 10th December, 9.30am, Year 1 & 2 nativity play at St Barnabas Church, parents welcome**
**CLASS ASSEMBLIES, all on Fridays at 9am, parents welcome**

13th November, Goldcrest
20th November, Goshawk
22nd January, Starling
29th January, Kestrel
5th February, Kingfisher
19th March, Barnowl
30th April, Woodlark
21st May, Wren