



NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy and productive term at school. There have been many highlights including: our first culture day celebrating Chinese New Year, Young Voices, World Book Day, NSPCC Number Day, Mother's Day celebrations, Year 4 Easter Assembly, Autism Acceptance Week and many sporting events.

We continue to collect items of pre-loved uniform and we have been able to help some families by rehoming your very generous donations.

Throughout the summer term, children will be given the opportunity to attend educational visits with their year group and we are looking forward to our residential visits.

At CHS, we continue to strive to be a 'nurturing school' as we believe it is important to ensure our pupils are in a nurturing environment that supports them to learn. At CHS, we promote and embed Nurture UK's 'Six Principles' across the whole school environment and work together to gain The National Nurturing Schools Award.

Your child will bring home a Crème Egg today. These have been donated to school by the Christian Renewal Centre. We are very grateful for their generous donations.

As always, a huge thanks to the staff team who go above and beyond every single week.

I would also like to thank you as parents for your support and wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Miss Budd

REMINDERS

Easter Break

Pupils break up for Easter - Friday 22nd March 2024
Easter Break (Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024)
School re-opens to children on Monday 8th April 2024 – Summer Term (1)

Please see page 8 for Activities Available During the Easter Break

Stay on top of School News by Downloading our School App!



Make sure you stay on top of school news, dates and events by downloading our school app.

<https://www.schudio.com/free-school-app/>

Once downloaded just search for Coleshill Heath School to stay connected.

Please check emails, Dojo and the website regularly for information and up-to-date events.





School closure due to weather or an emergency

Should the school need to close, we would like to remind you of ways of securing the correct information.

- ◆ Dojo system
- ◆ School texting service: We will send the first contact on our database, a text with the necessary information. Please keep your 'phone turned on and make sure you update the office with any change of mobile number, thank you.
- ◆ Coleshill Heath Social Media Sites – Facebook, Instagram and X
- ◆ Coleshill Heath School website – google Coleshill Heath
- ◆ Search www.solihull.gov.uk internet site.

Listen to FREE or Heart FM radio stations where announcements on school closures will be made.

INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

All applications for school places for September 2024 have to be made via the Council website:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/admissions>. If you live outside Solihull you must apply to your local council even if you want to include Solihull schools on your application.

Information for Year 6 Parents – applying for a Secondary School place for September 2024

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 (current Year 6) transfer to secondary school in September 2024. **Offer day was 1st March 2024.**

Information for Nursery Parents – applying for a Reception place for September 2024

Children with a date of birth between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 start full-time school in September 2024. This first year is called 'Reception'. **Offer day is 16th April 2024.**

Applying for a Nursery school place

We currently have spaces available in our Nursery for children who have turned 3-years-old. Children can start with us the term after they turn 3 years old and they are entitled to 15 hours of Nursery education (AM or PM daily sessions). You can also apply online for 30 hours of free Nursery education via the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> (certain criteria apply).

CHS offers Nursery Provision for Children aged 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 Years

Nursery 2-Year-Old Provision

Children who are 2 years old before 31st March 2024 may be entitled to a free nursery place for up to 15 hours per week. Please use the following link to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/earlyeducation2yearolds>

****Introduction of New Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families****

The new scheme starting in April 2024 is able to offer childcare for 2-year olds where their family meet criteria relating to being in employment. The new scheme is managed by the National Childcare Service.

To apply for this new childcare funding for working families please apply to the National Childcare Service by 31st March 2024 for your code for the Summer 2024 term. Parents can also call them on 0300 123 4097 if you need support submitting your application.

Nursery 3- and 4- Year Olds

All children aged 3 to 4 are entitled to 15 hours of early education funding per week the term after their 3rd birthday. If your child is 3 years old before 31st March you can apply for a place to start in April 2024.

Extended childcare is also available between the hours of 8.00am-5.15pm for nursery children at an additional cost. **For more information or to apply for a place please email 15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk**





REPORTING BACK

Supporting Children who have Experienced Hair Loss



Holly in Year 6 has kindly donated her hair to the Princess Trust to support children who have experienced hair loss. In addition to this, she has raised £270 for the charity which will help to fund vital research into children's cancers. At Coleshill Heath we are really proud of Holly and her amazing efforts.

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Achievements Gained Outside of School



Extra shout-outs to these three for some amazing sporting achievements outside of school. Well done!

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We love to hear about any accomplishments outside of school so be sure to tell us about them



Blue Peter Reading Badge



Amazing work by these Starbooks Café members, who have all been awarded a Blue Peter reading badge for sharing their love of reading!

Rags 2 Riches



Thank you for your donations of unwanted clothing which raised £55.00.





NSPCC Number Day



We celebrated 'NSPCC Number Day' on Friday 2nd February 2024 with a focus on 'Measurement'. Children brought in different fruits and vegetables from home. Across the school, we completed various practical activities.

Nursery and Reception: Children compared the different lengths of the fruits and vegetables using the words 'long' and 'short'.

Year 1: Children explored the different lengths of carrots using non-standard units. They compared the length of the carrots using vocabulary such as 'longest' and 'shortest'.

Year 2: Children measured the length of their carrot using a ruler and sorted the carrots from smallest to largest.

Year 3: Children measured the length of their carrot using cm and mm. They compared the lengths of the carrots.

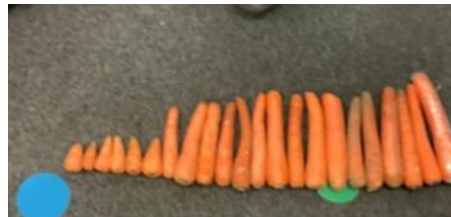
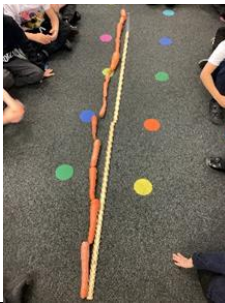
Year 4: Children created a bar graph on the types of fruits and vegetables that were brought in from home. The bar graphs shown which fruit and vegetable were the most popular.

Year 5: Children weighed their potatoes and converted the units from grams to kilograms.

Year 6: Children weighed their potatoes using scales. They worked out the mean weight of the potatoes.

Well done to everyone who dressed up in digits and for the donations for NSPCC. Thank you for your support.

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Young Voices Choir Event

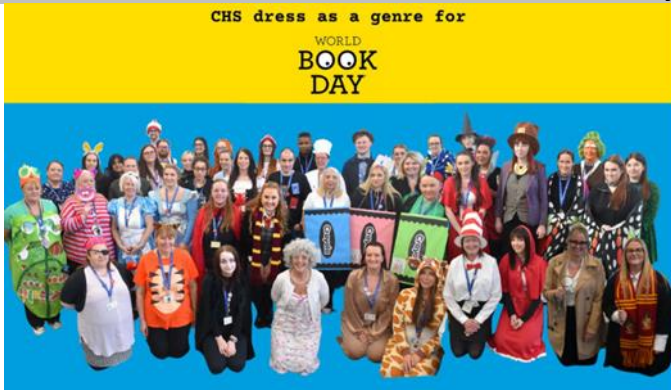
On Friday 23rd February 2024 our choir joined Young Voices at Resorts World to perform alongside other children and schools. We are very proud of everyone.

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World Book Day – 7th March 2024



#teamCHS had a booktastic #worldbookday2024 dressing up as a genre & designing book characters using paper plates! Shout out to WHSmiths for getting copies of the books to us so our children could take one home at the end of the day!

(Your child may have received a book token if their choice of book wasn't available - these entitle you to 1 of a selection of £1 books. Find your nearest retailer here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

Amazing effort to these guys picked for a World Book Day badge for their fantastic character designs. Excellent!



Mother's Day Workshops



There was an amazing turnout for our Mother's Day Workshops on Friday 8th March. Thanks so much for coming along and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon.

Comic Relief



On Friday 15th March, CHS held our "Break the Rules" day for Comic Relief and raised an amazing £488.00.

Thank you to all who joined in the fun and contributed.

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4 a Side



The girls 4 a side team finished joint top of the league and have qualified for the finals. The boys missed out by 2 points but played their games with determination and great teamwork. Well done. **#COURAGE#CONFIDENCE**

My Commonwealth Personal Best

Year 3 children competed in an indoor athletics competition. All 30 children competed to beat their personal best and did this with lots of self-belief, passion and determination.

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PARENT INFORMATION

SATs for Pupils in Year 6

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024 are the provisional dates for Year 6 SATs. Please make a note of the dates in your diary. As you know Year 6 is a critical year for pupils and excellent attendance is expected.

Parent Voice



“Parents are a massive part of their children’s learning journey, as we as parents are part of the school community, and children love to see their parents engaging and being part of school”.

Accompany us in our ‘Quest to be the Best’ and join our Parent Voice. We meet roughly once a month on a Friday (9.00am-10.00am) and would welcome you on board.

- Meet other CHS parents/carers
- Share your views on CHS with staff and other parents/carers
- Learn more about how CHS works
- Enjoy a coffee and have fun!

Next meeting: Friday 19th April 2023 usually held in the CHS Community Hub. Further dates: 17th May, 14th June and 5th July 2024.

Pupil Privacy Notice

Please be aware that you can find the pupil privacy notice, which explains how we use and process children’s personal data, on the school website. Please look in the Key Information Section and then Fair Processing.

Could your child be eligible for extra funding?

Please click on the link and complete the online application for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium to find out: www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm

Unwanted Good Quality Uniform



If you have any unwanted good quality uniform, can you please pass this to the class teacher or the school office so we can make it available to other families. This is something the government have asked schools to implement, thank you.

This FREE pre-loved uniform is available at publicised events throughout the year. For further information please speak to the school office





School Uniform Suppliers

Uniform can be purchased through **Brigade** or **Mansuri Schoolwear**. Please see details below:



Brigade

Order your school uniform online from

Log on to:

www.brigade.uk.com

Enter Colehill Heath School (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop-down list provided.



Mansuri Schoolwear

163 Yew Tree Lane

Yardley

Birmingham B26 1AY

Tel: 0121 784 4230

Please telephone before you visit to see if they stock what you require (Jumpers/Cardigans/PE tops, book bags)

Improving Communication Links with School

To keep your child/ren safe and ensure their well-being, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our links with you and keep everyone up-to-date and well informed. As sending written information home is sometimes unreliable; we are continuing to use Schoolcomms, an electronic school communication system. This will enable you to receive all your information from school quickly and reliably. We can send letters by email to your inbox and short messages directly to your mobile phone as a text message, or if you have an Apple or Android mobile phone, by app message. In addition to Schoolcomms, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents.

URGENT: Keep the office informed of your current mobile number and email address. *If you are not receiving communication by these sources, please contact the school office and they will look into the reason why.* Help us to help you, thank you. Limited information can also be found on our website and noticeboards around school.

Update Information via SIMs ParentLite App

Parents may update some of the information we hold on their child electronically, via the **SIMS ParentLite App**, such as: emergency contacts, cultural information, dietary requirements, medical information, parental consents (for things such as photos, etc.), and student details. You should have received an invitation email to access the system - if you have parental responsibility. Parents will not be able to see other emergency contact's information if they do not live at the same address as the child. If you have not received an invitation email, please contact the school office.

No Smoking or Vaping



There is no smoking or vaping allowed on the school site or just outside the gates. Thank you for your co-operation.





Activities During the Easter Break

**FIT KIDS ZONE C.I.C
SOLIHULL EASTER CLUB**

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL
TILL
FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Department
for Education

COLESHILL HEATH SCHOOL
LIME GROVE
CHELMSLEY WOOD
B37 7PY

FREE
9 AM TILL 1PM
CHILDREN MUST RECEIVE
BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
AND HAVE A HAF CODE

**SOLIHULL
HAF** Holiday Activities
And Food

Multi-Sport
This Easter club will provide life skills and help build confidence

Children will be able to access a nutritious balanced meal during the session as well as refreshments which will all be provided by Fit Kids Zone C.I.C

All Welcome
If you don't receive free school meals, you are still welcome to attend our club with a small charge per day
£10 per day without food £13 per day with food
9am till 1pm

www.fitkidszone.co.uk/clubs 07985607421

Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens

We're OPEN EVERY DAY
**EASTER HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES**

Egg trails, drop in crafts, bookable sessions
Saturday 23rd March – Sunday 7th April
10.30 - 4.30pm

Egg trails every day: entry +£1 per child
(No need to book. Normal Entry Fees apply)
free drop in crafts 26th & 29th

ALSO Bookable sessions:
Mini Beast Safari
Hapa Zome art workshop
Den building
Ceramic egg decoration

**Unplug
& Play**

**Renewal Kids
Easter Trail**

Come along for the Easter fun!
Thursday 28th March
FREE / Renewal Chelmsley

Walnut Close, Birmingham B37 7PU
12PM - 2PM

There will be chocolate eggs, crafts,
refreshments, puppets and lots of fun!
It's free to take part (but you need to book)
so come along and bring your friends too.

Book your place at:
renewalcc.com/kids



**EASTER
READING
CHALLENGE**

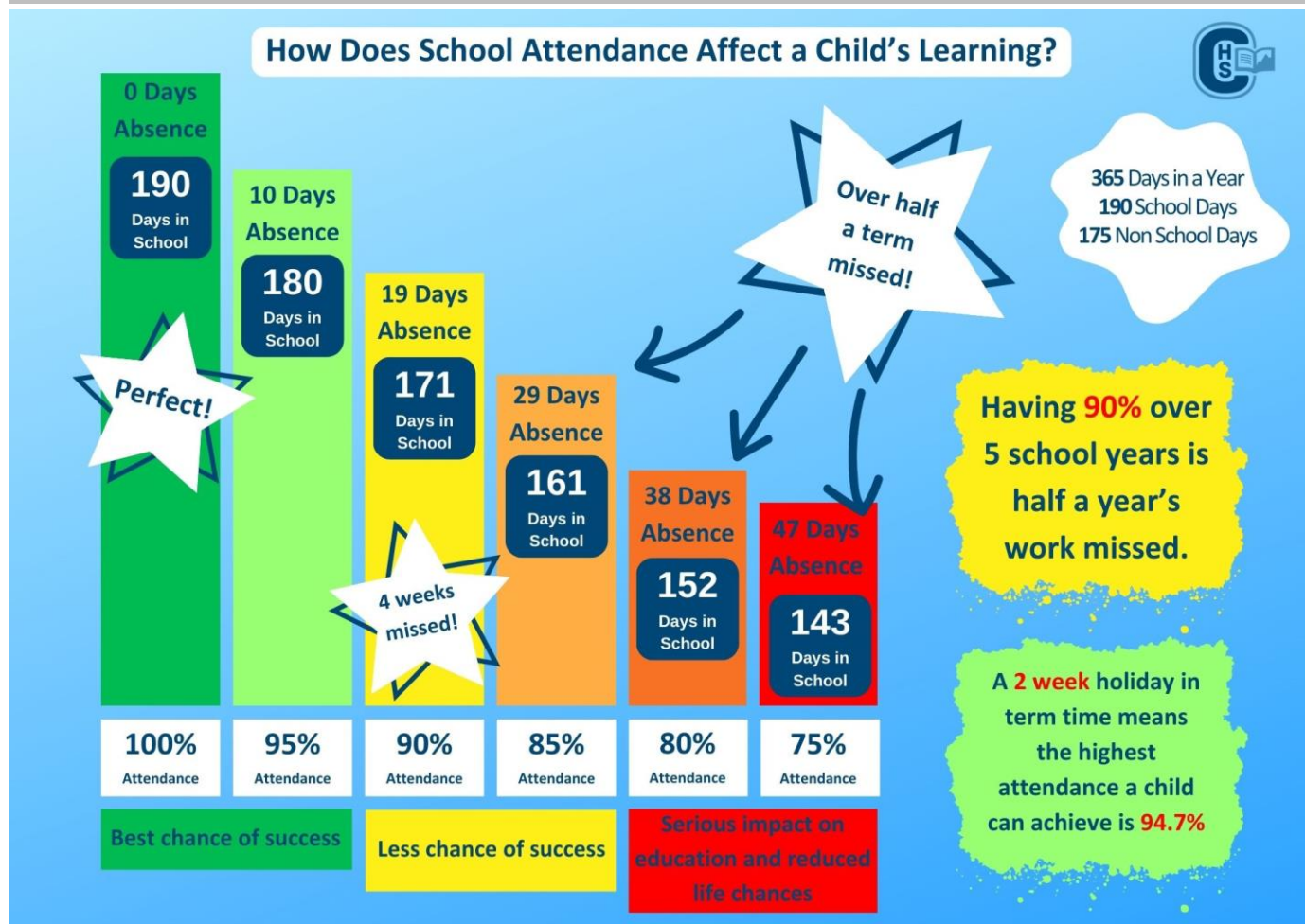
Read while eating an Easter Egg	Read (and follow) a recipe with a grown up	Read a non-fiction book	Read in the garden or park
Read something funny	Read a book about an animal	Draw or write your own Easter story	Read a book and write a review
Read in your pyjamas	Read a book that was recommended to you	Read a book with a one-word title	Read the lyrics to your favourite song
Read in the dark with a torch	Read a non-fiction book	Read a poem	Read a book about someone famous

Can you get 4 reading challenges in a row?
Why not try to get them all?!





Attendance



- **In the line at 10 to 9!** If your child is arriving after 8.55am, they are **late** for school, and will need to report to the school office! (For Nursery and Early Years start and finish times, please consult your class teacher).
- If your child is **absent from school** it is up to you as parents/carers to inform the school office on the 1st day of absence before 9.15am (**0121 779 8070 or email office@chs.solihull.sch.uk**). It is **your** responsibility to provide a reason for your child's absence. If not provided it will be marked as **unauthorised**.
- **Medical appointments** - Pupils are expected to attend school prior to the appointment and return to school after the appointment. Evidence should be shown. Any absence outside of the appointment/travel time will be unauthorised.
- Where possible medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours.



Next term, we are launching a 'Going for Gold' attendance mission. During the Summer term, we are aiming for our attendance to reach at least **95%** or above for the whole school. Should we achieve this, there will be a whole school prize to coincide with our Attendance Reward Day on Tuesday 16th July.

If your child is in school every day for the week, they will be given a 'Golden Ticket' by their class teacher for the Summer Prize Draw. The more Golden Tickets they receive, the more chances they have to win one of the prizes.





Dates for your Diary: Summer Term (1) – April to May 2024

March 2024

Easter Holiday - Monday 25th March 2024 to Friday 5th April 2024

April 2024

08.04.2024	Start of Summer Term (1)
	Musician of the Month – Queen
09.04.2024	Parents Consultations
10.04.2024	Parents Consultations
10.04.2024	Years 3-6 – Girls Power Inspire Event at North Solihull Sports Centre (12.45pm-2.45pm)
10.04.2024	Parents Consultations - Face to Face (3.30pm-4.30pm)
11.04.2024	Parents Consultations
12.04.2024	CHS Culture Day – Eid Al Fitr
12.04.2024	Parents Consultations
16.04.2024	Reception National Offer Day
17.04.2024	School Photographer in School
19.04.2024	Parent Voice - CHS Community Hub (9.00am) – everybody welcome
w/c 22.04.2024	Sun Awareness Week
22.04.2024	Earth Day – Activities delivered during the school day
23.04.2024	Reports out to Parents
24.04.2024	Year 5 – Residential: Whitemoor Lakes (24 th -26 th)
24.04.2024	Year 3 – HAL Project: Characters, Settings and Storylines
25.04.2024	Year 4 – Outdoor Athletics at John Henry Newman CC (3.45pm-5.30pm)
30.04.2024	Birmingham City Mission Assemblies

May 2024

	Musician of the Month – Taylor Swift
01.05.2024	Reception – Vision Screening (1.00pm)
01.05.2024	Year 5 – Sikh Visitor
02.05.2024	Polling Day – The Hub – School open
02.05.2024	SEND Share
06.05.2024	Bank Holiday (May Day)
07.05.2024	Reception – Play Village – in Hall
09.05.2024	KS2 SEND Panathlon – CHS (10.15am-12.00pm)
09.05.2024	KS1 Football Festival at Grace Academy (3.30pm-5.30pm)
w/c 13.05.2024	Key Stage 2 SATs
13.05.2024	Nursery – Living Eggs Arrive
17.05.2024	Parent Voice - CHS Community Hub (9.00am) – everybody welcome
w/c 20.05.2024	Year 5 – Bikeability
w/c 20.05.2024	Art Gallery Week
21.05.2024	Years 5&6 – Netball League at Grace Academy (3.45pm-5.30pm)
22.05.2024	Year 4 – HAL Project: Hands on History
23.05.2024	Solihull Parent Carer Voice (2.00pm-3.00pm)
24.05.2024	Years 3&4 – Quad Kids – NSSC (9.30am-11.30am)
24.05.2024	Art Parent Workshop
24.05.2024	Break Up for Half-Term

Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

*Dates correct at time of print (22.03.2024)
Information to follow regarding the above events*

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024
Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

All holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that the school is closed





Dates for your Diary: Summer Term (2) – June to July 2024

June 2024	
03.06.2024	Start of Summer Term (2)
	Musician of the Month – Dolly Parton
w/c 03.06.2024	Year 4 – Multiplication Check
04.06.2024	Years 5&6 – Netball League at Grace Academy (3.45pm-5.30pm)
06.06.2024	Year 6 – Residential: London (6 th -7 th)
06.06.2024	Years 2&3 – Shooting Stars Festival at John Henry Newman CC (9.30am-11.30am)
07.06.2024	CHS Culture Morning – Euro 2024
w/c 10.06.2024	Year 4 – Multiplication Check
w/c 10.06.2024	My Money Week
w/c 10.06.2024	CHS Careers Week
10.06.2024	Year 4 – Residential: Kingswood (10 th -12 th)
10.06.2024	Years 5&6 – Spelling Bee at Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.15pm)
11.06.2024	Year 1 – Black Country Museum
11.06.2024	Years 5&6 – Netball League at Grace Academy (3.45pm-5.30pm)
13.06.2024	Years 3&4 – Girls Football at John Henry Newman CC (3.45pm-5.30pm)
14.06.2024	Father's Day Afternoon Workshop
14.06.2024	Parent Voice - CHS Community Hub (9.00am-10.00am) - everybody welcome
w/c 17.06.2024	Whole School – YouSkip – In School
17.06.2024	Whole School - National Schools Sports Week
17.06.2024	Years 3&4 – Spelling Bee at Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.15pm)
18.06.2024	World Music Day Assembly – in school
18.06.2024	Years 5&6 – Netball League Finals at Grace Academy (3.45pm-5.30pm)
20.06.2024	Year 2 – Weston Super Mare
20.06.2024	Years 5&6 – Girls Football at John Henry Newman CC (3.45pm-5.30pm)
21.06.2024	INSET Day
24.06.2024	Year 6 – Transition Workshop (9.00am-10.00am, 10.00am-11.00am)
24.06.2024	Year 2 – Spelling Bee at Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.15pm)
25.06.2024	New Reception Induction Evening (4.00pm)
July 2024	
	Musician of the Month – James Brown
03.07.2024	Reading Parent Workshop
04.07.2024	CHS Transition Day
05.07.2024	Parent Voice – CHS Community Hub (9.00am-10.00am) - everybody welcome
05.07.2024	KS2 - Borough Athletics at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre (10.00am-3.30pm)
06.07.2024	Summer Fayre (Saturday 6th July 2024) – everyone welcome
w/c 08.07.2024	Sports Week
08.07.2024	Year 5 – Space Centre
08.07.2024	KS1 – Sports Day
08.07.2024	Years 5&6 – Girls Football World Cup at Bodymoor Heath (10.00am-2.30pm)
09.07.2024	EYFS – Sports Day
11.07.2024	Year 6 – Leavers' Assembly (2.00pm)
12.07.2024	KS2 – Sports Day
w/c 15.07.2024	Reading Festival Week
15.07.2024	Attendance Assembly
15.07.2024	Years 3-6 – Girl Power Party at Arden Hall (1.00pm-4.00pm)
16.07.2024	Attendance Reward Day
18.07.2024	Year 6 – Leavers' Disco
19.07.2024	Champion Learner and Reading Reward Assembly
19.07.2024	Reading Festival Celebration
19.07.2024	Reports out to Parents
19.07.2024	End of Term – Break Up for the Summer
22.07.2024	INSET Day

