



NOTE FROM THE INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL AND LEAD LEARNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy and successful half term, it is a pleasure to reflect on all that our children have achieved over the past few weeks. There is certainly much to celebrate across the school community!

Our children have represented the school with great enthusiasm and determination at a range of sporting events. Children demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their effort and the positive attitude they displayed—well done to everyone who took part! I would like to thank all of those involved in planning and attending the residential.

A particular highlight of the half term has been our residential visits. Children embraced these opportunities with excitement and maturity, showing independence, courage and a real sense of adventure. Whether tackling outdoor challenges, exploring new environments or developing friendships, these experiences have created lasting memories and helped our children grow in confidence.

Across the school, we also enjoyed celebrating World Art Day, which brought out the creativity in all our children.

We would also like to congratulate our Year 6 children, who approached their SATs with great maturity, determination and focus. They worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to these tests and showed resilience throughout the week. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves — well done, Year 6!

SAVE THE DATE: THIS YEAR, OUR SUMMER FAMILY FAYRE WILL BE ON **SATURDAY 11th JULY 10am to 11.30am**. We will be sending some communication out about stalls but please let us know if you want to support us.

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support. We wish everyone a restful half term break and look forward to an equally exciting final half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Budd

Interim Head of School and Lead Learner

REMINDERS

Pupils break up for half-term - Friday 22nd May 2026

Start of Summer Term (2) – Monday 1st June 2026

SUMMER FAYRE – Saturday 11th July 2026 (10.00am-11.30am for families- all welcome!)



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REMINDERS

Attendance and Punctuality

This remains a huge issue and some days we have had over 30 children late. This is unacceptable and we need to find a way to work together to combat the challenges. When children walk into classrooms late, it is very unnerving for them, impacts their own anxiety and also disrupts the learning of others. Attending school regularly helps children build strong routines that prepare them for future education, work, and life and we understand genuine sickness happens and take this into account.

Attendance at CHS

Make Everyday Count at CHS! 📅 ✨

Regular school attendance is key to your child's success. Every day in school builds knowledge, confidence, communication, and friendships while every day missed is a missed opportunity.

At CHS, we champion great attendance and celebrate it too! 🇬🇧

- Weekly shout-outs in assembly
- Cash rewards for top attending classes
- End-of-year treat chosen by the winning classes themselves!

Let's work together to keep attendance high and help every child thrive. ✅

Just below, you'll see how quickly a few missed days can add up and the real impact it can have on your child's learning. 🇬🇧



Every school day counts!

There are 175 **NON** school days every year!

Perfect for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments!



Best chance for success!

Will significantly impact your child's learning

Will definitely impact your child's learning, relationships and progress.



Reporting Absences 📞

If your child is absent, please let us know **before 9:15am daily**. As a parent or carer, it's your responsibility to inform the school any absence without a reason will be marked as **unauthorised**.

📞 Call: 0121 779 8070

✉ Email: office@chs.solihull.sch.uk

Leave of Absence:

Requests for time off during term time are only authorised in **exceptional circumstances**. A request form must be completed these are available from the school office.



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Mobile Phone Reminder – an early communication

From September we **will not** be allowing children to have mobile phones on site. If they do, the phone will be confiscated and parents called to collect the item. We are expecting your support with this as the growing evidence on the damage of smartphones is becoming more and more alarming – all Solihull Schools have signed up to <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> Please check this out as it has a great deal of information for parents.

REPORTING BACK

SATs

Well done to those children who completed their SATs during May. We are incredibly proud of your hard work. You have all been fantastic and have answered every question to the best of your ability

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Parent Governor

We would like to thank Zoe Smyth, one of our parent governors, for her time and commitment as a governor at CHS. Zoe has decided to step-down after her four-year term came to an end.

World Art Day

On 15th April, we celebrated World Art Day — a special day that encourages creativity, celebrates different cultures and recognises the important role artists play in our world. This year's theme was 'A Garden of Expression'.

At Coleshill Heath, the children worked together to create a beautiful Whole School Unity Tree. Each year group explored a different culture and designed decorative leaves inspired by traditional art styles. All of the leaves were then combined to create one large collaborative tree display, symbolising unity, diversity and belonging within our school community.



The children celebrated a wide range of cultures through their artwork, including Navajo sand art, Mexican folk art and traditional Islamic geometric patterns.

Year 5 Residential - Whitemoor Lakes

The children greatly enjoyed their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes because it gave them the chance to try exciting outdoor activities, build confidence and spend time with their friends away from school. They especially loved activities such as climbing, canoeing and team challenges, which encouraged them to work together and support one another. The residential also helped the children become more independent and create lasting memories through fun experiences, laughter and adventure in the countryside.

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Earth Day – 22nd April



Harlee in Year 2 was on 'This Morning' on Earth Day in recognition of his litter picking in the community. Well done Harlee, great achievement.

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Earth Day is an annual global event celebrated on 22nd April to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Year 3 - Sleepover

Year 3 had a great time at the sleepover at school! They played lots of games, had a mini disco and then snuggled up for a film. They really enjoyed it – especially the smores treats!

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Year 4 Residential – Willersley Castle



Year 4 children recently went to Willersley Castle in the Peak District for a few days of fun-filled activities!

They demonstrated independence and resilience, camping in tents and trying out new activities such as archery, zip-lining, grass sledging, a 'blind trail' through the woods and rock climbing!

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Years 5 and 6 - Archery

Children from Years 5 and 6 have qualified for the District finals in Archery. Well done!

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Years 5 and 6 - Bowling

Years 5 and 6 children qualified for the District finals in Bowling. Great achievement!

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KS2 Panathlon

Years 4, 5 and 6 children participated in a Panathlon competition where they had to compete in several games and came second, qualifying for the District finals. We are very proud of you well done!

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MP's visit to CHS



Our local MP, Saqib Bhatti, visited us and Ordinary Magic in school on the morning of Friday 15th May and worked with some of our children in the nurture group. He was very impressed with what he saw!

PARENT INFORMATION

Entry to Year 7 in September 2027 - The Grammar Schools in Birmingham/West Midlands

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2027).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 26th June 2026.

The test will take place on 12th September 2026.

2 Year and 3-4 Year Provisions



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SPACES AVAILABLE
IN OUR EXCEPTIONAL
EARLY YEARS NURSERY

15 and 30 hour places for
2 and 3 year olds

An experienced, nurturing team of
Early Years practitioners

A bespoke building
designed for
3 year olds

Wide range of
natural, open-
ended resources

Large, newly
developed outdoor
playroom

For more information or to apply, contact
Colehill Heath School or scan the QR code

0121-779-8070 admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk

Nursery Places Available September 2026

2 Year Provision

Children who are 2 years old before 31st August 2026 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 Childcare Funding Scheme for Working Families

To apply for this childcare funding for working families please apply to the National Childcare Service online or call 0300 123 4097.

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 August, you can apply for a place to start in September 2026.

Please email on 15admissions@chs.solihull.sch.uk for further information or to apply for a place.

Parent Voice



"Parents are a massive part of their children's learning journey, 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 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, 5th June 2026



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Correct School Uniform and Jewellery

Please could we remind you to send your child to school with the correct uniform. If your child has pierced ears, only stud earrings are allowed. Lots of children are wearing hooped earrings, necklaces and bracelets which are a health and safety issue at school. Nail varnish, false nails, false eyelashes or make-up should NOT be worn. Long hair needs to be tied back. **Don't forget to apply sun cream and bring in hats during the hot weather.** Thank you for your co-operation.

RECEPTION – YEAR 5	
Girls	Boys
White polo shirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Navy blue sweatshirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Navy blue cardigan (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Black or grey skirt, trousers or pinafore White or grey socks (<i>ankle or knee length</i>) Grey tights (<i>colder months</i>) Blue check gingham dress (<i>warmer months</i>) Black school shoes (<i>no trainers or open toe sandals</i>)	White polo shirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Navy blue sweatshirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Black or grey trousers Black or grey shorts (<i>warmer months</i>) Black or grey socks Black school shoes (<i>no trainers</i>)
YEAR 6 (<i>Secondary School Ready</i>)	
Girls	Boys
White polo shirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Or white blouse and school tie School blazer (<i>with school logo</i>) Navy blue sweatshirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Navy blue cardigan (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Black or grey skirt, trousers or pinafore White or grey socks (<i>ankle or knee length</i>) Grey tights (<i>colder months</i>) Blue check gingham dress (<i>warmer months</i>) Black school shoes (<i>no trainers or open toe sandals</i>)	White polo shirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Or white shirt and school tie School blazer (<i>with school logo</i>) Navy blue sweatshirt (<i>School logo or plain</i>) Black or grey trousers Black or grey shorts (<i>warmer months</i>) Grey or black socks Black school shoes (<i>no trainers</i>)

The wearing of our school blazer, school tie and a button up white shirt is optional for all year groups.

Wear the school uniform and promote the school badge proudly because "... wearing a school uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student."

CHS do not insist on any branded uniform other than thoses indicated with a logo.

Dinners/Trip Payments



Please could we remind you that dinners should be paid for in advance. Any outstanding debts should be paid as soon as possible. Any debts move through the school with the child, thank you. Please discuss if you are in need.





CONCERNS – SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION OF PARKING/ENTRANCE ACCESS

How would you feel if you knocked over a child and put them in hospital?

Actions you need to take:

- **Reduce your speed** in and around the school site. The speed limit is 5mph on school property. Be observant when reversing and when driving through the walkway at each entrance.
- **Park legally, and with consideration to residents and others** leaving access to the school and residents' driveways free. Do not park over the public pathway on Berwicks Lane going into Beech Avenue. There are elderly/disabled persons who live in the area and this stops them gaining access to drop kerbs. Please think what would happen if an emergency vehicle cannot reach a person in need.
- **Keep music and noise down** as some residents work shifts so may be trying to sleep. No not drop litter.
- Do not park under the barrier or on the curved part of the front entrance, delivery vehicles need to have access and this causes a safety hazard. If you park in this way and your vehicle is damaged the school is not responsible.
- Ideally, park away from the school site and walk in, this will ease congestion.
- Situations have occurred where parents, staff and residents have been verbally abused and threatened. This will not be tolerated and will be reported to the police and CCTV footage handed over. **Please be respectful.**



We all have a responsibility, and nothing comes before the safety and well-being of the children and school community. Please help us to be a safe and happy community, give a bit of thought and show respect and kindness to others, but more importantly **think of the lives and safety of young innocent children.**

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 now using Arbor. 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 Arbor, we also use ParentPay for trips, dinner money etc and Class Dojo for communicating with parents. More information on this will follow.

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.

MAT

For information about the Collaborative Education Trust, please go to our website and follow the link under the heading MAT.





Dates for your Diary: Summer Term(2) – June to July 2026

May 2026	
22.05.2026	Year 4 – TTRS Party
22.05.2026	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026	
June 2026	
01.06.2026	Start of Summer Term (2)
	Musician of the Month – UB40
02.06.2026	Years 5&6 - Netball League Night 1 (3.45pm-5.30pm) Location TBC
03.06.2026	Year 6 – Warner Brothers Studio
04.06.2026	Years 2&3 (10 children) – Disney Shooting Stars Festival (9.00am-11.30am)
05.06.2026	Parent Voice
08.06.2026	Years 5&6 – Spelling Bee at Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.00pm)
09.06.2026	Years 5&6 - Netball League Night 2 (3.45pm-5.30pm) Location TBC
11.06.2026	Years 3&4 – Girls Football (10 children) at John Henry Newman (3.45pm-5.30pm)
15.06.2026	My Money Week (15.06.2026 – 19.06.2026)
15.06.2026	CHS Careers Week (15.06.2026 – 19.06.2026)
15.06.2026	Years 3&4 – Spelling Bee at Fordbridge (3.45pm-5.00pm)
15.06.2026	Year 5 – Talk Consent Class Workshops : Active Bystander
15.06.2026	Year 6 – Talk Consent Class Workshops : Consent
16.06.2026	World Music Day Assembly
16.06.2026	Years 5&6 – Netball League Night 3 (3.45pm-5.30pm) Location TBC
18.06.2026	Reception – Play Village in School Hall
19.06.2026	Reception – Year 3 -Father's Day Workshop
22.06.2026	Reception Induction Evening (4.00pm)
23.06.2026	KS2 Borough Athletics (9.00am-3.30pm)
23.06.2026	(Phase 1&2) World Music Day Assembly with Langley (10.00am)
25.06.2026	Year 2 – Weston-Super-Mare
26.06.2026	Parent Voice
29.06.2026	Nursery/Year 1 – Farm Visit in School
July 2026	
	Musician of the Month – George Benson
02.07.2026	Transition Day - CHS
02.07.2026	Year 6 - Transition Day – Grace Academy
02.07.2026	Transition – Meet the Teacher (3.30pm-4.00pm)
06.07.2026	Sports Week (06.07.2026-10.07.2026)
06.07.2026	Girls Football – World Cup (squads of 10) at Bodymoor Heath (10.00am-2.30pm)
06.07.2026	Sports Day: Nursery (am) and Reception (9.00am-10.30am)
06.07.2026	Year 1 (10.30am-12.00pm)
06.07.2026	Nursery (pm) & FT Nursery (1.30pm-2.00pm)
06.07.2026	Year 2 (2.00pm-3.00pm)
07.07.2026	Year 4 (10.00am-11.30am)
07.07.2026	Year 3 (2.00pm-3.00pm)
08.07.2026	Sports Day: Year 6 (10.00am-11.30am)
08.07.2026	Year 5 (2.00pm-3.00pm)
09.07.2026	Trust Celebration 2026
11.07.2026	Summer Fayre - Saturday 11th July (10.00am-11.30am)





July 2026	
13.07.2026	Reading Festival Week (13.07.2026-17.07.2026)
14.07.2026	Year 6 – Leavers Party
16.07.2026	Attendance Assembly
16.07.2026	Year 6 – Leavers Assembly
17.07.2026	Champion Learners Assembly
17.07.2026	Reading Picnic (2.30pm)
17.07.2026	Reports out to Parents
20.07.2026	INSET Day
20.07.2026	End of Summer Term

Dates correct at time of print (19.05.2026)

Information to follow regarding the above events

If children are receiving an award, parents will be sent a text

TERM DATES - Academic School Year 2025/2026

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2026 (INSET Day)

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

TERM DATES – SMBC Academic School Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027

Term Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

(May Day: Monday 3rd May 2027)

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027

5 INSET Days are still to be decided

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