



ST JAMES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEBBURN

6th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Chess Club

Chess Club will be starting this term for pupils in KS2. The club is a chance for your child to learn the game of chess in a safe, happy and structured setting. Chess has been proven to improve cognitive skills, thinking skills, problem solving skills and can support social and relationship building amongst peers.

The club will take place on a Thursday evening from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. The first session will begin on **Thursday 15th January** and then every Thursday after that until **Thursday 26th March**. The club will be taken by a member of staff from the school. The children can bring a healthy snack and a water bottle.

There will be a small charge of £2.50 per session to cover the costs. As mentioned in previous correspondence, this is a skilled club therefore, once signed up children will be members for the whole academic year, however we will ask for payments on a termly basis. For the remainder of this term up until Easter we are asking for £27.50 to be paid in full before the club commences on **Thursday 15th January**. This can be paid via Arbor.

We only have 12 spaces at this club throughout KS2. If your child would like to take part but you are worried about payment, don't let this deter you, just please get in touch with the school office, where we will be happy to discuss.

If your child no longer wishes to attend, please state below so the space can be offered to another child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heslop
Headteacher

Chess Club

Childs Name: _____

would like to continue to attend Chess Club on Thursday after school. ☐

Would NO LONGER like to attend Chess Club on Thursday after school. ☐

Please provide the name of the person who will be collecting them and a contact telephone number:

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

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