



Headteacher writes:

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

— John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America

Summer is almost here. It looks like next week will bring beautiful sunshine. Next term, is the final term of this academic year. The time seems to have flown by! In our final term of the year, we prepare to support our children to transition to the next year group or in some cases, the next school. Helping children prepare for the next stage of their journey, is an important part of the work we do in primary education. As I have shared before, seeing children grow in learning is really incredible to watch over time.

Most of us find change a little tricky but without it we do not grow and we do not learn to develop resilience. There are some things you can do to help your child as they begin to process any change. Speak to your child about their new class - what they are looking forward to and any worries they may have. Have good routines for morning and evening so they know exactly what to expect in their new daily schedule. Talk with them about emotions (ask open-ended questions about how they are feeling). Encourage and develop independence. Also, just spending time with them will help them. All of you will have managed many changes before so you could use examples from your own life to help.


Mike McNama,
Headteacher.

2026-2027 Term Dates & Inset Days

<u>Term Dates - 2026 to 2027</u>	<u>Inset Days</u>
Term 1: 3 September 2026 to 23 October 2026	Friday 22 nd January 2027
Term 2: 2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026	Monday 25 th January 2027
Term 3: 4 January 2027 to 12 February 2027	Monday 8 th March 2027
Term 4: 22 February 2027 to 25 March 2027	Tuesday 9 th March 2027
Term 5: 12 April 2027 to 28 May 2027	Wednesday 10 th March 2027
Term 6: 7 June 2027 23 July 2027	

Number Sense— Doubles and Near Doubles

Doubles and Near Doubles is a very useful strategy because once children know this core understanding, they can then apply it to different numbers. Initially children need to learn their doubles to ten visually, for example by using dice. Once they know this instinctively, they can work out halves and near doubles. If I know $3 + 3$ is 6 then $3 + 4$ and $3 + 2$ are easy. You can also talk about why all doubles are even numbers. Why is this?

<p>Doubles and Near Doubles</p> 	<p>Memorise doubles of numbers to 10, using a visual approach. Then use these known double facts to calculate near doubles and hidden doubles. Once we know $6 + 6 = 12$ then $6 + 7$ and $5 + 7$ is easy.</p>
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Belonging Week—1st –5th June 2026

We are very excited to begin Term 6 with our special *Belonging Week*!

Throughout the first week back, the children will be exploring what it means to belong and to be part of a community. They have all been learning a song which they are very much looking forward to sharing with you.

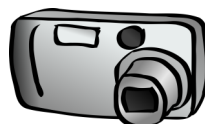
During the week, we will explore important themes such as gender stereotyping, disability, different family structures and neurodiversity. The children will engage with these ideas through stories, discussions and creative artwork, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of themselves and others.

In addition, the children will have the opportunity to learn a dance from a different culture, further strengthening their appreciation of diversity and community.

We will finish the week with a wonderful celebration on Friday, including a *Belonging Picnic* followed by our *Summer Fair Extravaganza*. We can't wait to share this special week with the children!

Class Photos

Don't forget the class photos will be taken on **Friday 5th June 2026**. Please ensure your child wears their school uniform on this day and also wears their best smile!



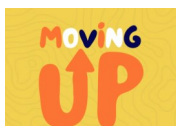
Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Meeting

We will be holding a transition meeting for current Year 2 parent/carers at the Junior school. This will be to give you information regarding the move up to the Junior school in September.

Wednesday 1st July 2026

2.30pm

We hope you can join us!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6

1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week




Friday 5th June—Class Photos at both schools

Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2.30pm—4.30pm

Wednesday 1st July—Moving Up Day—More information to follow.

Wednesday 1st July—Year 2 to Year 3 Parent/Carer Information Meeting held at the Junior School at 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd July—End of Term 6

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Subhan	Isabelle, Isaac	Pine	Jensen	Maryam, Amaani, Zaynah
Rabbit	Atreus		Willow	Muneer	Isla, Kaden, Jacson
Squirrel	Izzy	Minahil, Anastaysia	Cedar	Kairo	Merrilees, Reveal, Umaima
Bumblebee	Eric		Hazel	Saaliha	Riley, Lucas
Hedgehog	Mirha	Seb, Irha, Monty	Chestnut	Tulah	Michael, Marley
Otter	Josh		Hawthorn	Aliyah	Jaxon, Evie
Owl	Santi	Memphis, Simi, Mahreen, Nadiat	Sycamore	Ollie	Bess, Zaiyan
Fox	Dylan	Hattie, Ishaq	Maple	Tasif	Andreas, Kaua
Ducklings	Richard	Mubarak, Reuben, Ayyub	Ash	Hiba	Meena, Beth, Cora
			Whitebeam	Muhammad L	Naomi, Safwaan
			Hornbeam	Maryam	Onika, Afaan
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Jayden	Nadrin, Hassan

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	90.3%	Pine	97.9%
Rabbit	97.1%	Willow	94.2%
Squirrel	91.2%	Cedar	97.0%
Bumblebee	92.0%	Hazel	96.2%
Hedgehog	97.0%	Chestnut	96.4%
Otter	97.2%	Hawthorn	90.4%
Owl	96.6%	Sycamore	97.7%
Fox	91.7%	Maple	87.8%
		Ash	93.8%
		Whitebeam	95.7%
		Hornbeam	95.3%



CHESTER PARK JUNIOR & INFANTS

SUMMER FAIR!



2:30 PM - 4:30 PM



STALLS!
Lots to buy!

GAMES!
Play & Win!

TOMBOLA!
Try Your Luck!

TICKETS

HOOK A DUCK!
Prize Every Time!

FACE PAINTING!

ICE CREAM!
& Refreshments

RAFFLE!
Amazing Prizes!

AND MORE!

BELONGING

PICNIC!
At the Juniors Building

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!
Support Our School! ❤️

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