



Meg White, Deputy Headteacher writes:

“History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own.” - Michelle Obama, *Becoming*

Celebrating Black History and Cultural Learning at Chester Park

This month, our children have been deeply engaged in learning about **Black History**, with a focus on this year’s theme: *“Standing Strong in Power.”* Through assemblies and creative activities, they’ve explored the lives of inspirational figures and these stories have helped our children understand the importance of resilience, leadership, and the power of standing up for what is right. The children have thoroughly enjoyed expressing their learning through art, and they are excited to share their work with you at our **Black History Art Gallery on Friday 24th October at 2:30 PM**. We warmly invite all parents and carers to come and celebrate their creativity and learning.

At Chester Park, we believe that learning about different cultures and histories is essential. It helps our children feel seen, heard, and valued, and fosters a sense of respect and inclusion across our school community.

Next week, we will continue our cultural learning by exploring how **Sikh and Hindu families celebrate Diwali**. At the junior school, some of our older children will be leading the assembly, sharing their knowledge and experiences with the rest of the school.

This week has also included our **Share Our Learning evenings**, which have been a wonderful opportunity to connect with families. Thank you for taking the time to join us. These conversations have been incredibly valuable, offering insights into each child’s journey and strengthening the partnership between home and school. It’s a privilege to work in a school filled with such delightful and thoughtful children.

As we head into the final week of Term 1, thank you for everything you do to support our children and each other. Chester Park continues to be a place of warmth, curiosity, and community because of the care and commitment you bring every day. Wishing you a restful weekend.

Yours in partnership,

Meg White, Deputy Headteacher, Junior School

Black History Month Event

You're Invited!

We’re looking forward to welcoming parent/carers next **Friday afternoon** to view the children’s artwork celebrating **Black History Month**.

Throughout October, we’ve explored the theme **“Standing Strong in Power”** during our assemblies. The children have learned about inspiring leaders such as **Ignatius Sancho, Barack Obama, Josephine Baker, and Florence Mills**.

Please join us to celebrate their creativity and learning!

Infant School

Badger, Rabbit, Squirrel Class— 2PM
Bumblebee, Hedgehog, Owl Class—2.20pm
Fox & Otter Class—2.30pm
Junior School: 2:45 PM

We hope to see you there!



Year 6 Visit to Lifeskills

Our Year 6 children recently had a fantastic and educational trip to Lifeskills in South Bristol. Lifeskills have created a realistic, interactive village within the Create Centre that helps children learn how to deal with potentially dangerous or difficult situations in a safe and supportive environment.

During their visit, the children experienced a variety of real-life scenarios, including road and railway safety, dealing with hazards in kitchens and living rooms, and learning about electrical safety at a substation. They also practiced making emergency phone calls and were introduced to some basic first aid techniques.

This hands-on learning experience was not only informative but also engaging, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their day. A big thank you to Lifeskills for providing such an important opportunity to help prepare our pupils for the real world.

Volunteer at Lifeskills

Lifeskills welcomes over 10,000 children each year, and they are currently looking for volunteers to help guide children through their sessions. Volunteering is flexible, fun, and a brilliant way to build new skills while making a real difference.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact:

Telephone—0117 922 4511

Email—volunteer@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk

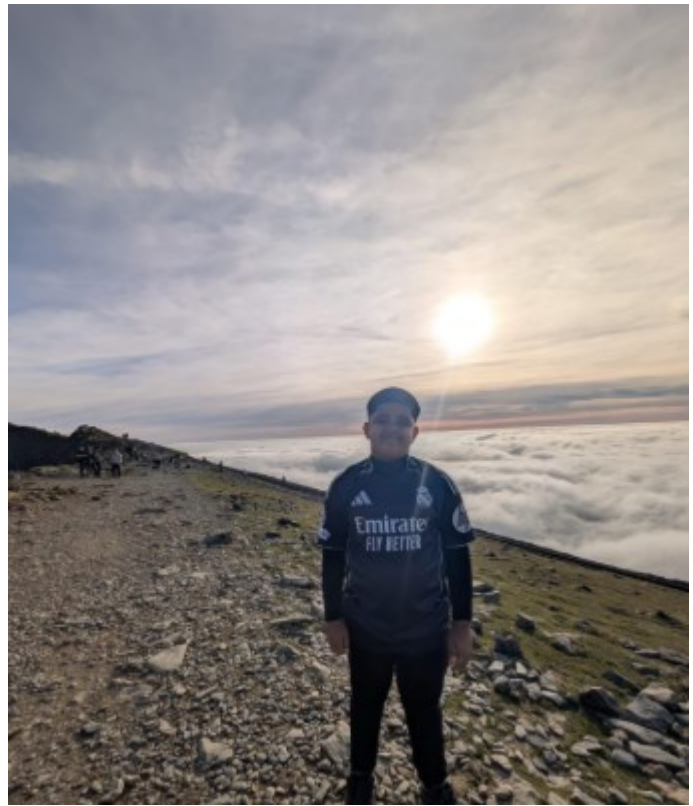


Charity Mountain Climb

Mu'adh in Year 6 has recently completed a charity challenge to climb Mount Snowdon.

Mu'adh had hoped to raise £250 to support a food bank with Chester Park Schools and a new masjid & community hub in Newport. Mu'adh exceeded this target and raised £1000.

This is a wonderful example of helping and supporting the community and we are all very proud of him. Well done Mu'adh!



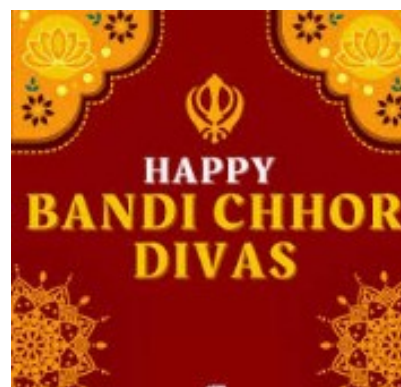
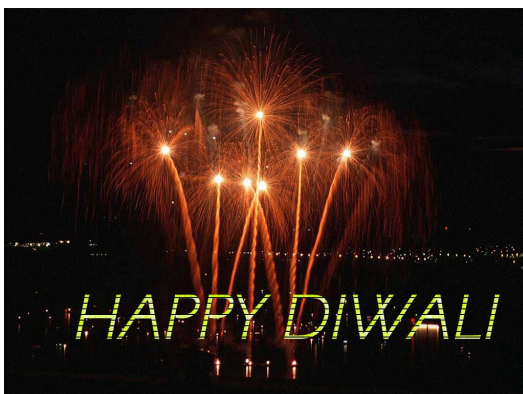
Diwali & Bandi Chhor Divas : A Celebration of Light and Learning at Chester Park

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a vibrant and meaningful celebration. It marks the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, and is celebrated by many families in our Chester Park community. Some of our Sikh families will also be celebrating Bandi Chhor Divas. Bandi Chhor Divas is a Sikh festival celebrating the release of the sixth Sikh Guru, [Guru Hargobind Singh](#).

This year, we're excited to explore Diwali together both in the classroom and in a special assembly. Children will learn about the traditions, stories, and values behind the festival, and we warmly invite families to use Class Dojo to send photos of their own Diwali celebrations. These will be shared with the classes to help bring the festival to life and celebrate the rich diversity within our school.

As part of our commitment to pupil-led learning, children will also have the opportunity to talk about their celebrations at home and help educate their peers. At Chester Park, we believe that **being a leader** is one of the Golden Threads that links our curriculum. We love seeing our children take pride in their experiences and confidently 'be the teacher'—sharing their lives, traditions, and voices with their friends.

Wishing all our families celebrating Diwali a joyful and peaceful time filled with light, love, and learning.



Term 2 After School Clubs

To book a space for a club in Term 2, you will need to book through the Arbor App. From 6pm on 17th October the clubs will be available for your child. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app in time to make a booking. If you have any issues with this please contact the school office. Thank you.

Monday 03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 01/12	Tuesday 04/11, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 02/12	Wednesday 05/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11, 03/12	Thursday 06/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 04/12
Kindness Club – Mr Wackley Infant School – Years Reception, 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 15 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Mindfulness Club – Miss Willcox Infant School – Years 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Football – Mr Lee Junior School - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 30 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Lego Club – Mr Coles Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total
			iMovie Club – Miss Davies Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 15 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total

Road Closure Next Week 20th - 24th October







Please be aware that the **road closure next week will not be staffed**. For the safety of all our children, **no cars should drive down the road** during drop-off and pick-up times.

We kindly ask that you speak to your children to remind them that the road will not be supervised. They should walk or scoot **carefully on the pavement**, staying alert and considerate of others.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

IMPORTANT

Weekly Celebrations

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Arthur		Pine	Nicholas	Arthur, Rashid
Rabbit	Martha		Willow	Fred	Jessica, Adam
Squirrel	Eddie		Cedar	Junaid	Merrilees, Zain
Bumblebee	Kelsey		Hazel	Ela	Beautia, Jermiah
Hedgehog	Wafiq		Chestnut	Yaqub	Meerab, Alara
Otter	Tyler	Rowan	Hawthorn	Zayan	Dido, Evie
Owl	Erica	Yannis	Sycamore	Lola	Nart, Ayan
Fox	Hugo	Evie, Melody	Maple	Lottie	Evie, Amelia
Ducklings	Ariya	Ayyub, Noah	Ash	Hafsah	Hassan, Elaina
			Whitebeam	Safwaan	Zoya
			Hornbeam	Finley	Sara, Maryam
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Zaiyan	Dilawar, Shayla

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	88.2%	Pine	98.5%
Rabbit	78.2%	Willow	95.2%
Squirrel	83.9%	Cedar	90.7%
Bumblebee	98.7%	Hazel	96.8%
Hedgehog	97.9%	Chestnut	94.4%
Otter	96.0%	Hawthorn	96.4%
Owl	93.8%	Sycamore	96.0%
Fox	92.2%	Maple	94.8%
		Ash	95.0%
		Whitebeam	99.1%
		Hornbeam	92.2%

Friends of Chester Park Silent Disco—Cancelled

We are sorry to inform you that this event has been cancelled. There will be lots of other events from the friends coming up throughout the year.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th October—Black History Month Event—More information to follow
Friday 24th October—End of Term 1
Monday 3rd November—Start of Term 2
10th 14th November—Anti Bullying Week—More information to follow
Tuesday 11th November—Remembrance Day
Friday 14th November—Flu Immunisation
Friday 14th November—Children in Need Day
17th—21st November—Road Safety Week
Tuesday 18th November—Year 6 NCMP
Monday 1st December—Christmas Singalong —All Welcome
Wednesday 3rd December—Friends of Chester Park Winter Fair from 2pm
Wednesday 10th December—Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am & Year 3 & 4 Performance at 2pm at Junior School
Thursday 11th December—Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am & Year 5 & 6 Performance at 2pm at Junior School
Friday 12th December—Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day
Tuesday 16th December—Year 2 Christmas Performance—2pm
Wednesday 17th December—Year 1 Christmas Performance—2pm
Thursday 18th December—Reception Year Christmas Performance—2pm
Friday 19th December—Christmas Party Day
Friday 19th December—End of Term 2
Monday 5th January—Start of Term 3
Tuesday 10th February—Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 12th February— Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm
Friday 13th February—End of Term 3
Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4
Wednesday 4th March—Friends of Chester Park Holi Colour Run—More information to follow
Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!
Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day
Thursday 19th March— Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils
Friday 20th March—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd March—Eid Party & Coffee Morning—More information to follow
Week Beginning 30th March—Easter Cake Sale—More information to follow
Thursday 2nd April—End of Term 4
Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5
Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day
Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day
Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5
Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6
1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More information to follow
Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm
Tuesday 21st July—End of Term 6