



Headteacher writes:

**'We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.'** Kofi Annan

This week, the children enjoyed a school lunch which celebrated Lunar New Year. Earlier this term, the children took part in Bhangra dance workshops which are linked to the Punjab region, this dance style is linked to multiple religions including Sikhism and Hinduism. Bhangra reflects the cultural diversity in the Punjab region. Next term, we look at Holi, a festival of colour and celebrating the start of Spring. Sharing and developing a deeper understanding of different faiths promotes respect and develops a greater sense of community.

In the same way that we learn about and have a focus on Christmas during December and Easter towards the end of next term, over the course of the year we celebrate and learn about many different religions and festivals. We have about 150 families within the Chester Park Community, who follow Islam. As I have shared before, Islam, Judaism and Christianity are all Abrahamic religions and all these religions have a common reverence for the figure Abraham. At the beginning of next term, we will have a Chester Park focus which will lead toward Eid in mid March.

During the school holiday, Ramadan will begin, and many of our families will observe fasting from dawn to sunset. During the period of fasting, there will be; reflection, prayer and a focus on helping others. As part of our work as a community school and linked to our priority of building a sense of Belonging, Chester Park will be holding an Iftar (this is a meal that breaks fast) on **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 from 5.30pm at the Infant School**. This will be the second time that Chester Park has held an Iftar and we would love to welcome all of our community to join us. Later in the term, we will focus on learning about Eid as we build up to our Eid Coffee Morning and we will have Eid class parties on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

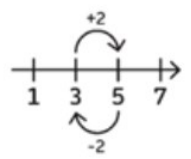
Building a sense of Belonging is at the heart of what we do here at Chester Park. If you would like to contribute to this focus, please do contact the school. You might have ideas you wish to share about how we can promote equity or how we can develop what we do to better support the community we serve. We would love to hear ideas about how we can continue to develop and deepen a sense of belonging within our community. I hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 23rd February**.

Yours in partnership,  
Mike McNama, Headteacher

**Number Sense Two more, Two Less**

This strategy helps children understand the importance of odd and even numbers. If you add an even number to an even number, the result is always an even number. Whereas if you add an even number to an odd number, the result is always an odd number. The basic principle of this concept is built into Two More, Two Less. Remember, if you have any queries about how mathematics is taught, make a link with your child's class teacher!

Two More, Two Less:  
Think Odds and Evens



If we add two to a number, we go from odd to next odd or even to next even. If we subtract two from a number, we go from odd to previous odd or even to previous even.

**Children's Mental Health Week & Safer Internet Day**



This week, we came together to recognise Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'This is my place' - a powerful reminder of the importance of belonging. At our school, this is something we feel very strongly about: being a place where everyone feels safe, valued, loved, and included.

Alongside this, we also marked Safer Internet Day, learning more about AI - how it works, when it can be helpful, and when it's not appropriate to use. Most importantly, we reminded our children to always speak to a trusted adult if they're worried about anything that's happened online.



## World Book Day – Pop Up Bookshop Event

Chester Park Federation is delighted to share that we are a *World Book Day distribution site* this year! This means we are able to provide our World Book Day vouchers a little earlier than usual, just in time for our exciting **Pop Up Bookshop** event.

**Pop Up Bookshop**  
**24th February 2026**  
**3:30pm - Junior Site**

Children can come along with their parent or carer and redeem their World Book Day token for one of the fantastic £1 books that will be available.

As 2026 marks the **Year of Reading**, we are placing a strong focus on fostering a love of reading across our school community. Giving children the opportunity to choose their own book is a powerful way to build enthusiasm for reading and supports them in accessing the wider curriculum.

We warmly invite you to join us—browse the books, sit together for a quiet read, enjoy celebrating the joy of reading with your child and then take a book home with you to keep.



World Book Day will take place in school on **Thursday 5th March**, where everyone is welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character!

**Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4**

**Tuesday 24th February—Pop Up Book Shop at Junior School—3.30pm**

**Monday 2nd March—Iftar at Infant School—5.30pm**

**Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!**

**9th –13th March—Book Fair at Infant School**

**Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day Non Uniform Day for a donation to Comic Relief**

**Thursday 19th March— Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils**

**Friday 20th March—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils**

**Monday 23rd March—Eid Coffee Morning & Class Parties—More information to follow.**

**Thursday 26th March—Friends of CPIS Easter Cake Sale after school at both schools**

**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**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | <b>Dojo Hero</b><br> | <b>Pot of Gold</b><br> |  | <b>Dojo Hero</b><br> | <b>Gold Card</b><br> |
| <b>Class</b>  | <b>Infant School</b>  |   | <b>Class</b>  | <b>Junior School</b>  |   |
| <b>Badger</b>   | Naqeebat  |   | <b>Pine</b>   | Jasmine   | Theo, Emile   |
| <b>Rabbit</b>   | Kron  | Rozita, Teddy   | <b>Willow</b>   | Gracie  | Jacson, Usman   |
| <b>Squirrel</b>   | Rhaniyah  |   | <b>Cedar</b>  | Adam  | Hussein, Bonnie   |
| <b>Bumblebee</b>  | Nadia   |   | <b>Hazel</b>  | Subhan  | Riley, Ayse, El Tejani  |
| <b>Hedgehog</b>   | Danico  |   | <b>Chestnut</b>   | Austin  | Evan, Aliyah  |
| <b>Otter</b>  | Oliver  |   | <b>Hawthorn</b>   | Oluwaseun   | Roman, Ayeza, Zayan   |
| <b>Owl</b>  | Bodhi   | Sami  | <b>Sycamore</b>   | Daoud   | Ollie, Ella   |
| <b>Fox</b>  | Josh  |   | <b>Maple</b>  | Kaua  | Livvy, Evan   |
| <b>Ducklings</b>  |   |   | <b>Ash</b>  | Elaina  | Aleena, Yaseen  |
|   |   |   | <b>Whitebeam</b>  | Jasvinder   | Theo, Gabriel   |
|   |   |   | <b>Hornbeam</b>   | Kumba   | Simeon, Afaan   |
| <b>Congratulations to this weeks winners!</b>                                     |   |   | <b>Oak</b>  | Dilawar   | Amelia, Jude  |

| <b>Class</b>     | <b>Weekly Attendance</b> | <b>Class</b>     | <b>Weekly Attendance</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Badger</b>    | 90.0%                    | <b>Pine</b>      | 93.9%                    |
| <b>Rabbit</b>    | 89.3%                    | <b>Willow</b>    | 93.6%                    |
| <b>Squirrel</b>  | 88.5%                    | <b>Cedar</b>     | 88.0%                    |
| <b>Bumblebee</b> | 96.3%                    | <b>Hazel</b>     | 94.1%                    |
| <b>Hedgehog</b>  | 94.8%                    | <b>Chestnut</b>  | 93.6%                    |
| <b>Otter</b>     | 97.7%                    | <b>Hawthorn</b>  | 92.1%                    |
| <b>Owl</b>       | 91.7%                    | <b>Sycamore</b>  | 97.3%                    |
| <b>Fox</b>       | 89.3%                    | <b>Maple</b>     | 89.1%                    |
|                  |                          | <b>Ash</b>       | 94.6%                    |
|                  |                          | <b>Whitebeam</b> | 96.8%                    |
|                  |                          | <b>Hornbeam</b>  | 93.1%                    |



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# CHESTER PARK

# IFTAR

JOIN US IN OPENING OUR FAST TOGETHER

MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH

(5:30PM @ THE INFANT SCHOOL)

PLEASE BRING A  
VEGETARIAN OR HALAL  
AND NUT FREE DISH TO  
SHARE



# Eid Celebration

COMMUNITY EVENT


Join us to celebrate Eid on


**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**


**4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

Hillfields Community Centre

Organised by Jero & Maria

 Kids' Activities

 Food & Drinks

 Sweets

 Henna  
& More!

**Rent a Stall: £5 Each**

**Sell Clothes, Maxi Dresses,  
Food & More!**

Bring Your Family & Friends – Lets Celebrate Together!

  
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WHITEHALL VALKYRIES

# LAUNCH DAY



Join us in celebrating two exciting milestones:  
The launch of our Women & Girls team & the grand opening of our  
female changing rooms

**SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH · 11AM ONWARDS**

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Grand opening of women's changing rooms
- Try out rugby sessions for women & girls
- Women & girls rugby games, touch & contact.
- Special guests
- Food & drink available to purchase
- Tanias treat hut
- Launch of the Whitehall Valkyries team



## WHERE IS IT?

Whitehall RFC  
Foundry lane, Speedwell,  
Bristol, BS15 3PW



## WHEN IS IT?

11 am onwards  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

**#notjustarugbyclub**



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