



# Chestnuts Primary School

## NEWSLETTER



Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Families,

What a joyful start to the term it has been! Over the past couple of weeks, the school has come alive once again with the energy, laughter, and enthusiasm of our children. It's been a real pleasure to see them return so eager to learn, reconnect with friends, and settle beautifully into their routines.

A particularly warm welcome to all our new families—whether you've joined us in Reception or further up the school, we hope your first few weeks have been filled with positive experiences and that you already feel part of our wonderful community.

We're excited to share that the Reception playground works are well under-way. The transformation is taking shape, and we can't wait to see our youngest learners enjoying the new space very soon.

Please also keep an eye out for the trips schedule for the year. We're incredibly proud of the educational visits we offer, which enrich our curriculum and create lasting memories for our pupils.

Wishing you all a happy and successful term ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Horwood



**Be Safe**  
**Be Engaged**  
**Be Respectful**  
**Be Ready**

# Dates for your Diary

**Friday 19th September**—Whole School Vaccinations.

**Wednesday 24th September**—Author visit KS2

**Friday 3rd October**— Y2 Trip to Highgate Woods

**Thursday 16th October**—Y6 Mandela Class Assembly

**Tuesday 21st October**—Parents Evening ( **Nursery and Reception not included**)

**Wednesday 22nd October**—Parents Evening ( **Nursery and Reception not included**)

**Thursday 23rd October**—Individual Class Photos ( All Years)

**Friday 24th October**—TAD day ( School is Closed)

**Monday 27th—Friday 31st October** - Half Term

**Monday 3rd November**—ALL Years Return back to school

**Friday 7th November**—Malala Class Assembly

## Attendance



If your child is absent please could you call/email or leave a voicemail on the school office number :

**02088002362 or email [office@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:office@chestnutsprimary.com)**

## **Nursery**

A brand new year and what a wonderful time it has been welcoming back our “old” Nursery children and welcoming in so many wonderful new little faces! We’ve been doing so much exploring the Nursery, getting really busy at new activities and best of all, making new friends!



# What we have done this week

Ahlberg

Donaldson

This week the new Reception children have been settling into new routines and exploring their new classrooms. The children are all doing so well!



Mozart

Hadid

This week, the children have been learning about the seasons. As part of their exploration, they went on a walk around Chestnuts Park to observe the trees. They noticed that while some leaves had already fallen, most of the trees were still green. The children also spotted berries and seed pods growing. It was a lovely opportunity to enjoy the fresh air and connect their learning with the natural world.

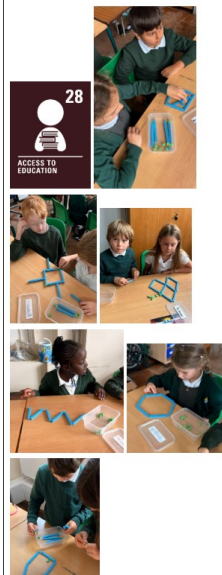




## Seacole

This week in Maths we have been building on our understanding of numbers to 100, focusing on tens, ones, and the place value of each digit. To start our lessons, we enjoyed a creative activity where we used tens and ones to build different shapes and objects. Once our creations were complete, we worked with partners to quiz each other with questions such as: How many tens and ones have you used? What is one more? What is one less? This helped us strengthen our number knowledge in a fun and practical way.

As part of our Rights Respecting Schools work, we linked this to Article 28: the right to an education, making sure we are all supported to learn and to challenge ourselves in a respectful and positive way.



## Rashford

Rashford class have been learning about their rights. We have looked at the UNCRC and the class decided on specific rights to focus on. For example Article 12, the right to be heard, Article 29, the right to an education and article 19 the right to be safe.



## Attenboough

What an inspiring start to Year 3! This week, our class has been learning all about our inspirational person, Sir David Attenborough. The children have thrown themselves into researching his incredible life and achievements, showing growing resilience and enthusiasm along the way. They have created beautifully presented fact files, sharing fascinating details about his early life and his passion for protecting the planet. Building on their research, the children then worked hard to write biographies, carefully crafting sentences, editing their work, and taking real pride in their writing.

Alongside this, we have been exploring the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The class chose Articles that were meaningful to them, explaining why it matters, and added their name to our new Year 3 Class Charter. This has helped us start the year thinking about the importance of respect, kindness, and our responsibilities to one another.

It has been a wonderful beginning to the year; the children have shown curiosity, teamwork and determination and I am excited to see where their learning takes them next!



## Benjamin

What a lovely start to our year in Benjamin Class! This week we have really enjoyed researching facts about the inspirational Baroness Floella Benjamin and we have been writing some spectacular biographies about her fascinating life. We have discussed how she was a wonderful presenter, singer, businesswoman and champion of children's rights.

We found out about the racism and challenges she faced, particularly in her early life, and read her fantastic book 'Coming to England'. Here are some superb examples of our work!

## Fibonacci

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the new school year! The children have been learning all about the famous mathematician Fibonacci, exploring how maths is all around us in nature and discovering his remarkable Fibonacci sequence. They worked hard to write their own biographies about his life and achievements, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity along the way.

The children have been amazing and it's been wonderful to see how much fun they've had while learning. Thank you to Year 4 for your hard work already – it's going to be an amazing year ahead!

## Gandhi

What a wonderful first week (and a bit) we are having in Gandhi Class. All the children have been throwing themselves into the work with enthusiasm and great spirit, no more so than their music class. This is the first year we have had drumming as an option at Chestnuts and even in week one they were able to produce some magical sounds - you could feel the beat reverberate through the building. I am already excited for the concert they will perform for you in ten weeks.



## Thompson

Welcome to Year 5!

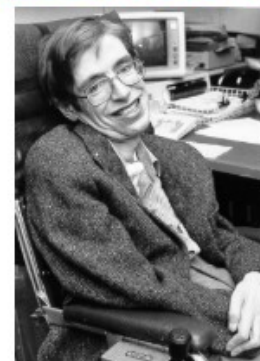
The children have spent the previous few days getting acquainted with the rigours and expectations of a new year group.

We have created our Rights Charters - which highlight our responsibilities for safety, growth and empowerment; we have researched our class namesakes: Shirley Thompson and Emmeline Pankhurst; and started our topics - The Round City of Baghdad, Stories of the Prophets, and exploring why there is a Drought in California and what we are doing to mitigate its effects.

To start our science unit on Space and the Solar System, we independently researched our STEM Hero and British Icon: Professor Stephen Hawking. All the while linking our work to our Rights Respecting Schools Articles.

**Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background**

**Article 23 (children with a disability) A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community.**



## Pankhurst

Welcome to Year 6!

We've had such a lovely start to the year and it has been a real pleasure to see the children settling back into school so positively. Already, they have shown enthusiasm, kindness, and a readiness to take on the exciting challenges that Year 6 brings.

This year is a special one, and we are really looking forward to getting to know each child even better as we learn, grow, and celebrate achievements together. Thank you for your support, we can't wait to see all that this wonderful group will accomplish in the months ahead.



On Wednesday 24th September we are lucky to be having a special Key Stage 2 assembly from an award-nominated author, Tola Okugwu, to discuss her new book, *Champions of the Galaxy*.

*Champions of the Galaxy* is a brand-new epic space adventure following the success of her *Onyeka* series. Tola takes readers onto a different planet for a battle for Earth all whilst retaining her signature themes of friendship, bravery and representation

**To secure a book for your child, please pay £7.99 using Magic Booking.**



# Music

**Calling all Chestnuts Musicians...**

**We need YOU!**

**Would you like to be involved in one of our Key Stage 1 music assemblies? We are looking for parents, carers, siblings, friends and neighbours to get involved.**

**What can I do?**

**Bring in an instrument to share with the children, explaining the different parts, how it is played, etc.**

**Perform a song or 2 for the children**

**Teach the children a song**

**Or perhaps you have an idea of your own.**

**Assemblies take place on Thursday afternoons at 2.40-3.00pm in the KS1 hall. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Ms Yong at**

## London Youth Choirs

London Youth Choirs (LYC) have a lovely offer for all children in years 3-6 at Chestnuts Primary School!

This year, LYC is offering a free chaperone service to all members of LYC North East, the junior choir which meets at 4:30pm-5:40pm every Thursday during term time at Bernie Grant Arts Centre, Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham Green, London N15 4RX.

To benefit from this offer, your child or children will need to attend rehearsal at 4:30pm-5:50pm on Thursday 18th September so that they can have a fun and friendly audition and try out the rehearsal as a free taster session.

From 25th September, we will be offering the chaperone service, leaving school at 3:45pm, led by our qualified and safeguarding trained LYC Assistant Leaders so that your child can wait at school, have a snack and then be accompanied to the rehearsal by public transport, from school.

If you want to take up this offer PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM AT THIS LINK by 5pm on Tuesday 16th September.

**If you have any questions, get in touch with the LYC team:**

**Email: [members@londonyouthchoirs.com](mailto:members@londonyouthchoirs.com)**

As Black History Month is fast approaching- Miss West would love for the parents to be able to take part- If you have an idea for an activity you could lead or feel that you could talk passionately about your career, Miss West wants you!

Email her on [Aht@chestnutsprimary.com](mailto:Aht@chestnutsprimary.com)

**HARINGEY  
MUSIC SERVICE**  
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# Junior Vox

A vocal group for ages 8-11  
All singers are welcome!

**Tuesday  
4:15 - 5:00pm**  
Chestnuts Community Centre  
280 St Ann's Road, N15 5BN

**An amazing opportunity!**  
If you are looking for a challenge and want to push yourself musically and get the chance for some exciting performance opportunities, then this choir is for you!

**No audition required!**  
This group is for singers who are looking to explore their vocal harmony and voices in a variety of ways, to eventually work alongside other musicians, vocalists and other ensembles.

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*\*This is NOT a standard choir. This is a vocal group with an edge.*