



EMBARK
FEDERATION

KS3 School Placements

Congratulations to our Year 6s who have recently found out which secondary schools they will be attending in September! Please let us know if you have yet to hear from the Local Authority.

Chaucer Chat Newsletter – Issue 31

Monday 9th March 2026

Hi everyone!

It's been so wonderful to be back at the Juniors for the past few weeks. I continue to enjoy working at the Infants one day a week to support Mrs Nappin and strengthen the working relationship between both schools. There are exciting times ahead as the school searches for its new headteacher!

We're approaching that time of year where the days get longer and warmer; by the end of the month, we'll be getting an hour and a half more sunshine. I can't wait!

Even though it's the shortest term of the year, there is still so much to look forward to – I have already had the pleasure of hearing Year 4's recorder rehearsals and our Topic Open Afternoon is always a termly highlight.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on the gate.

Miss Smith



HAF Easter Club

We are excited to share that Embark have successfully secured Holiday, Activities and Food funding (HAF) to deliver an Easter Holiday Club in partnership with KTCo.

If your family is in receipt of HAF vouchers, you can use the link below to apply for a place:

<https://forms.office.com/e/fDZ6qm3CCj>

Please note that places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis and parents will receive confirmation via email if their child has secured a place!



Parent/Carer Survey

As always, we are keen to hear your feedback – hearing from our families helps us to make meaningful change for our children! It tells us what's going well and where we can improve.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey below by **27th March 2026**:

[Chaucer Junior School Parent and Carer Questionnaire 2025–26](#)

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Please note: this survey is not designed to receive complaints about schools. If you wish to make a complaint, please follow the complaints process detailed on the school website or contact the school office.



Safeguarding Resources

We know that life can be challenging sometimes and it is increasingly difficult to access services, especially regarding support for children’s mental health. The following guide has been shared with us and includes services and contact details:

[Advancing Health Equalities: A CYP Masterclass Series](#)

County Lines refers to a form of criminal exploitation where urban gangs expand their operations across counties into smaller towns, suburban areas or rural locations. Ilkeston borders multiple counties so, to help protect our young people from such risks, we are sharing the following guide for families from the NSPCC:

[Protecting children from county lines and exploitation | NSPCC](#)

Key Dates

Tuesday 17 th March	SEND Coffee Morning
	Topic Open Afternoon
Friday 20 th March	Families receive assessment data
Monday 23 rd March	Core Value Reward Trip*
Thursday 26 th March	Comic Relief
Friday 27 th March	Year 4 Recorder Showcase
Easter Holidays: 30TH March – 10th April	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th – 14 th May	SATs Week
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Half term: 25th – 29th May	
Friday 26 th June	Embark Inset Day
Thursday 23 rd July	Break up for Summer!

Please note: all dates are subject to change & events with an asterisk are for only some children.

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