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Chaucer Chat Newsletter – Issue 34

Thursday 4th June 2026

Dear families,

We would like to warmly welcome all our families back for the final half term of the school year – how quickly this year has passed!

We hope you enjoyed the lovely sunshine over the holiday break, even though the recent return of rainy weather has reminded us that British summers can be unpredictable.

This is a particularly special and exciting time for our Year 6 pupils at Chaucer, as they begin their final term with us, filled with memorable events, celebrations, and important milestones before they move on to the next stage of their journey.

We look forward to sharing these moments with you all in the weeks ahead – especially the Year 6 play and leavers' assembly, which are always highlights of the year!

Take care,

Miss Smith



Sports' Day

We sent the following message before half term: Year 3 and 4 will now be in the morning with parents arriving at 9:05. Year 5 and 6 will now be in the afternoon with parents arriving at 13:35. This is due to swimming in Year 5.

Staff Changes

After 18 years at Chaucer, Mrs Smith in the office has decided to take her very well-deserved retirement at the end of this year! Alongside her, Mrs Levers has opted to take a step back from her role due to increasing demand in her role at the family business. This presents us with an exciting opportunity to advertise for a full-time admin assistant to work in our office! If you're interested or know the perfect candidate, the post can be found on the link below:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/147748/EDV-2026-CJS-40353>

After many years of dedicated service to the school, Mrs Starling has also decided to retire at the end of this year. I know that she has had a significant impact on many of our families over the years and that you will all join me in wishing her good luck!

Finally, we are very excited to share that we have appointed Mrs Andrews–Burrows, not only as Class Teacher, but to replace Mr Smith on our Senior Leadership team! Mrs Andrews–Burrows is already an experienced teacher and we can't wait to see what she will bring to the team! Please see next year's staffing structure below:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Miss Isherwood	Mr Higgins	Mrs Andrews–Burrows	Miss Stallard
Mrs Smith & Miss Oldnall	Miss Mee	Mrs Johnson & Miss Tyers	Mr Hine

We will be letting you know your child's new class in the next couple of weeks!



Safeguarding Resources

Following some harrowing tales in recent weeks about fatal accidents in water, and knowing there have been local stories of children swimming in the canal, we thought it could be helpful to share these [Water Safety Tips](#) for parents.

Please remember that, if you have any queries about safeguarding throughout the 6 week holidays, you are able to contact the team here at dsl@chaucer-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk.

However, if you are concerned about the welfare of a child, you should report this directly to [Starting Point](#) and, if you're concerned a child might be in immediate danger, please call 999.

Key Dates

Thursday 4 th June	Bikeability*
Tuesday 9 th June	Bikeability*
Friday 12 th June	District Sports*
Tuesday 16 th June	Meet the Author events*
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 6 Fire Safety workshops
	Year 2 Open Evening
Friday 19 th June	Boys' Football Competition*
Tuesday 23 rd June	New Sports' Day
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 6 Journalling Session
Friday 26 th June	Embark Inset Day
Tuesday 30 th June	OIEA/KHCA Transition Day
	Embark Awards Evening
Wednesday 1 st July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 6 th July	Year 5 Bosworth Trip
Wednesday 8 th July	Summer Fayre
Monday 13 th July	Year 5 Science workshop at OIEA
	Reports out to parents
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5 trip to KHCA for Buggy Malone
Thursday 16 th July	Year 5 Dood Performance
Friday 17 th July	Topic open afternoon
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 performance
Thursday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

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

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