

# Chaucer Chat Newsletter – Issue 31

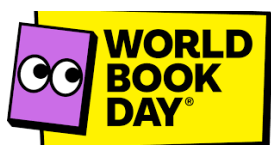
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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We hope everyone had a restful break and is feeling refreshed for an exciting start to 2026.



Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March

This is always a fun and exciting day at Chaucer Junior School. Look out for more details in the coming weeks!

This term is packed with events and activities for our pupils. As the days lengthen and the weather improves, we look forward to more learning, play, and celebrations together. Nevertheless, please ensure children come in warm clothes so they can enjoy outdoor breaktimes, even on chilly days.

We certainly began the year with a surprise snow day! ❄️ While unexpected, we hope it brought some fun and memorable moments.

We're also pleased to share that Miss Smith will return to Chaucer Junior School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Here's to a fantastic term ahead for our whole school community!

Miss Mee and Miss Stallard.



**We will miss you!**

Mr Mathers, our school caretaker, will retire in January after many years of dedicated service. He is reliable, hardworking and always willing to help! We wish him a very happy and well-deserved retirement.

Mr Mathers will be replaced by Mr Sowter, who is looking forward to starting his new job here at Chaucer.

In addition to this, we are pleased to share that we have appointed Miss Davis, Mrs Hall and Miss Cooke as Teaching Assistants, initially on an interim basis until the end of the school year.



This term our core value is **resilience**. We will be developing this by encouraging pupils to challenge themselves, keep going when things feel difficult, and support one another. Miss Oldnall is organising a local walk for each class to help build resilience through teamwork and perseverance. Look out for details and photos on our Facebook page.



## Safeguarding Resources

Child Mental Health Week (9–15 February 2026) and Safer Internet Day (10 February 2026) are important opportunities to support children’s wellbeing and online safety, and we encourage families to explore helpful resources together via Place2Be (<https://www.place2be.org.uk>) and Safer Internet Day (<https://www.saferinternetday.org>).

### Key Dates

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Upper school PCSO visit
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Miss Smith’s first day back!
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Yr 5 visit to Ormiston Academy
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Adam Thompson MP visit
<b>Half Term 16<sup>TH</sup> Feb– 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Reopens
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fayre
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents’ Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Coffee Morning
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Topic Open Afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Families receive assessment data
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Core Value Reward Trip
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief

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

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