



## Chaucer Chat Newsletter - Issue 29

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear families,

What a fabulous start to the 25/26 academic year! Not only have we had our super new Year 3s join us last week, but an unprecedented number of new pupils joining us in Years 3, 4 and 5 - 11 in total! It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new children and families to our wonderful Chaucer community. We can't wait to see how well they all continue to settle in and we are very proud to have been chosen by so many families.

Having already welcomed some of you into school to taste-test pizzas with Year 4, I look forward to seeing the rest of you at school over the coming months.

I hope you all enjoy what little sunshine may be left!



Miss Smith



This term's Core Value is **kindness** and you'll have seen some of the wonderful ways we're exploring this on our Facebook page. We would love to hear about any random acts of kindness that you witness during the coming term!



### Ilkeston Charter Fair Competition

We are pleased to share with you a very exciting opportunity from the Mayor of Erewash, who is asking the children to design a programme for the fair. Winners will be invited to attend the official opening and ring the bells!

Please see the following link for further information:

[Ilkeston Charter Fair Competition | Erewash Borough Council](#)



### How to Get in Touch!

Please remember that the school office are usually the best people to answer any day-to-day queries, especially relating to Arbor and after-school clubs. This can be done using the following details:

- Ring 0115 932 4387
- Email [info@chaucer-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@chaucer-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Teachers are easily contactable via Seesaw if you have any questions relating to learning and behaviour.

Miss Smith, Mrs Farrall and Mrs Starling are always available on the gate if you're not sure who to ask!



### Safeguarding Resources

As Autumn draws in and the nights get darker, you may want to use the following guidance to support your child in crossing roads safely:

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents](#)

With heating prices increasing and Christmas approaching, we appreciate that finances could be stretched. Action for Children have produced money saving advice for families which can be found below:

[Saving money over winter - for parents and families](#)



We ask that children **don't bring toys into school** without permission from staff, including Labubus!

Small, quiet fidgets which won't distract other children are allowed but we have plenty so please don't feel this is something you should provide.

### Key Dates

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Forest school - Penguins
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Forest school - Orcas
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Forest school - Mammoths
	SEND parents' evening*
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Egyptian day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Forest school - Wolves
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Forest School - Sharks
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 4 Roman day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Forest School - Dolphins
Half term (Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October)	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Whitehall open evening
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school flu immunisation
	Forest School - Toucans
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual school photos
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest School - Jaguars
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Whitehall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas performance
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Topic open afternoon
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Christmas showcase*
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up day!

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

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