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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to host our first class assembly of the year. Class 6F confidently showcased their learning about apartheid, making thoughtful links to our wonderfully diverse school community. We were incredibly proud of how well they presented and shared their learning.

Our House Captains are now officially in post. Congratulations to the Year 6 pupils who were successfully elected to these important leadership roles. Their photographs are now proudly displayed in the KS2 hall, and Mr Bennett will be leading their training over the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make across the school this year.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.
Best wishes,

Miss Green and Miss Smith

Class/Weeks attendance

Nursery	86.8%
RM	97.1%
RS	77.3%
1M	97.5%
1P	92.3%
2C	92.9%
2F	98.1%
3D	94.4%
3H	96.9%
4A	96.2%
4W	97.8%
5C	96.0%
5R	96.4%
6F	97.6%
6H	97.7%

Important Dates to Remember

14th October

2F Class assembly

16th October

Pupil Individual photos and Siblings

20th October

Year 6 Loudmouth workshop

21st October

Year 4 - British Museum

2nd November

Inset day

Attendance Matters at Chesterton

At Chesterton, we know that every school day counts. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, develop friendships, and make the most of every learning opportunity. Arriving on time is just as important, allowing children to settle in quickly and start the day ready to learn.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support in helping children attend school regularly and punctually.

To celebrate excellent attendance and encourage us towards our school target of 96.7%, we hold our weekly Attendance Spinning Wheel during assembly.

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Amayah-Amour - Year 3

De'Zaire - Year 5

Yasin - Year 6

We are incredibly proud of your commitment to learning and outstanding attendance. Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 2

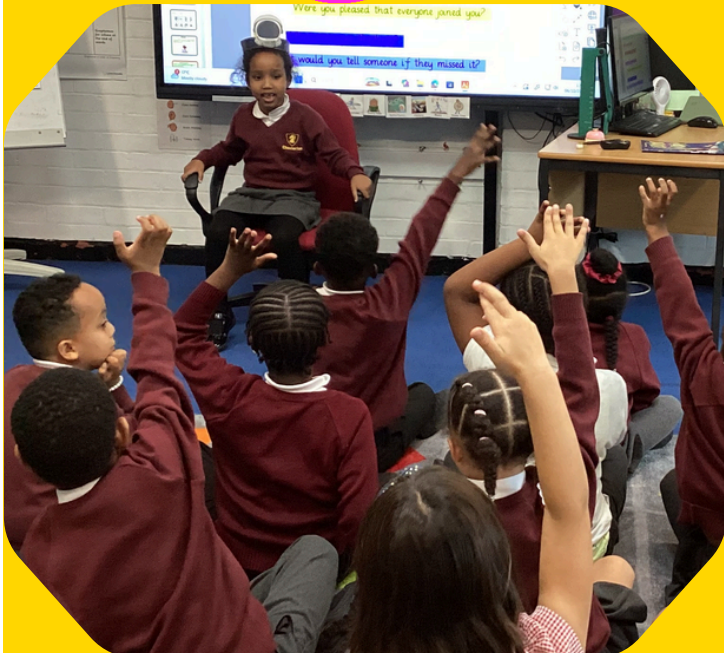
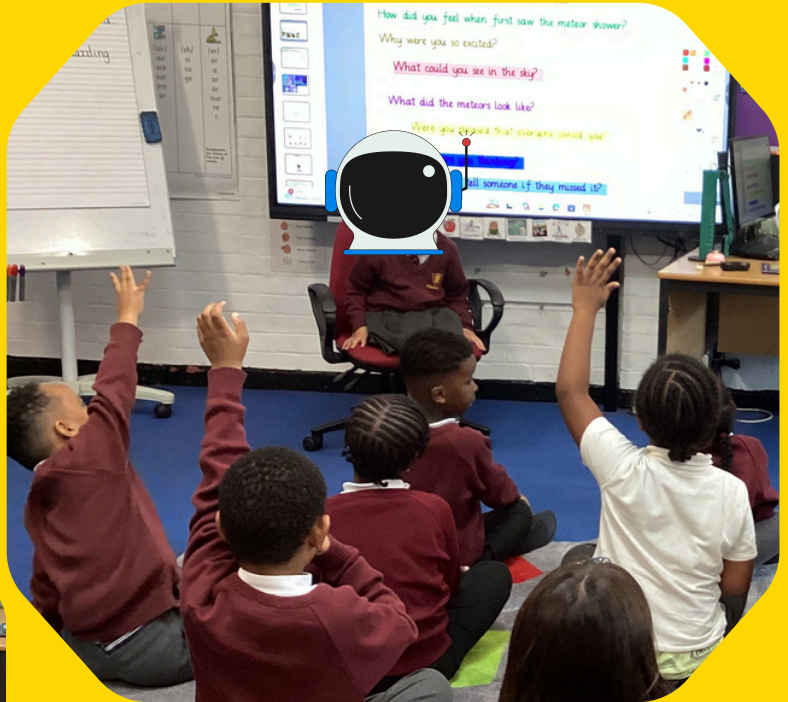


We have had so much fun!

In English, we took part in a hot-seating activity as Rocket, the main character from our class book, Look Up!. We took turns wearing an astronaut headband and answering questions from our classmates about the Phoenix Meteor Shower. This exciting activity will help us when we write diary entries later this week.

In Maths, we have been learning to add three numbers together and partition numbers into tens and ones to strengthen our understanding of place value.

Last week, we enjoyed our very own afternoon tea! After reading about afternoon tea in our English lessons, we were keen to experience it for ourselves. We sampled cucumber sandwiches, cakes and juice while listening to classical music, just like in a traditional afternoon tea setting. It was a wonderful way to bring our learning to life.





Annual House Captain elections



Last week marked an exciting time for our school as children from years 2 through 6 participated in the much-anticipated annual House Captain elections.

This year, we witnessed an impressive turnout with a record-breaking 39 applicants. The increased interest in these roles is a testament to the growing enthusiasm and leadership potential among our students. With such a diverse and talented pool of candidates, voters were certainly faced with challenging decisions. Each applicant brought unique perspectives and ideas, showcasing their commitment to fostering school spirit and collaboration. As the votes were tallied and winners announced, the excitement was palpable, setting the stage for another inspiring year under the guidance of our newly elected House Captains.





CHESTERTON RECIPES CORNER

As many of you know, we had our wonderful Chesterton Primary School Recipe Book last term. We are now excited to expand this into Chesterton Recipes Corner in both our newsletter and on Instagram!

If you or your children have any recipes you would like to share, please send them to the school office. We would love to feature as many recipes as possible, along with photos of our pupils' finished creations.

With autumn now upon us, we'd especially love to receive any seasonal dishes, bakes, or family favourites inspired by the season. Whether it's a warming soup, a delicious crumble, or a special family recipe, we'd love to see it.

To get us started, I'm sharing one of my favourite recipes from the recipe book. We hope it inspires you to get involved and share your own culinary creations!

Happy cooking!



West indian Saturday soup

1 lb. Chicken
4 tbsp lime juice
1 lb. pumpkin
2 medium potatoes
1 lb. white yam
1 carrot
1½ cups plain flour (for dumplings)
¼ tsp salt (for dumplings)
1 packet chicken soup mix
2 stalks scallion (spring onion)
1 sprig thyme
1½ tsp salt
6 whole pimento berries
1 whole scotch bonnet pepper
Water

Instructions:

- Step 1: Clean and wash chicken in a solution of lime juice and 4 cups water. Dispose of solution and rinse further under running water.
- Step 2: Cut chicken into bite size pieces and set aside.
- Step 3: Peel pumpkin, Irish potatoes, yellow yam, and cut into bite size pieces, cut each corn in three pieces, dice carrot, and set aside.
- Step 4: Combine flour, ¼ tsp salt and water, mix well and knead to make a smooth dough: Cover and set aside.
- Step 5: In an appropriately sized soup pot, place pumpkin, Irish potatoes, yellow yam, and carrot in water about 1 inch above the level of the food. Add 1½ tsp salt and allow to boil for 10 minutes.
- Step 6: Divide dough into six equal parts and make dumplings: Add to the boiling soup.
- Step 7: Add chicken, thyme, scallion, Cock Soup mix, pimento berries and Scotch bonnet pepper to boiling soup: Cook for about 35 minutes on medium to low heat.
- Step 8: Stir the soup occasionally, testing if salt suits your taste, adding water if necessary to ensure that the soup is at least at the level of the food.
- Step 9: Remove Scotch bonnet pepper before serving



World Mental Health Day

This week, our School Council met to discuss ways that classes could take part in World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th. The children shared some fantastic ideas for simple activities that could help everyone take a moment to relax, connect with others, and focus on their wellbeing.

Suggestions included enjoying some quiet reading time in the library or outdoors, taking part in Forest School activities, learning about mental health, and trying teamwork games to strengthen friendships.

The council also suggested collaborative Art and DT activities, mindfulness colouring, chair yoga, and even small stress-toy prizes to help promote positive wellbeing.

We are looking forward to seeing classes across the school take part in these short activities and celebrating the importance of looking after our mental health.



School Council

The School Council have met to sign off the school Anti-bully Commitments. We also came up with a list of ideas for after school clubs next term and ideas for World Mental Health Day this week, they included time and space to sit and read in the library or outside, Forest school, learning about mental health, teamwork games, working collaboratively Art and DT, mindfulness colouring, chair yoga.



Chesterton School has agreed to these commitments to tackle bullying.
Our School

- **Listen** – all pupils, parents and carers are listened to and influence strategies and approaches to prevent, report and respond to incidents of bullying.
- **Includes us all** – all pupils, including those with special needs or disabilities are included, valued and participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- **Respect** – all school staff and pupils are role models to others within the school in how they treat others.
- **Challenge** – all school staff and pupils challenge un-kind language towards others and staff will support pupils.
- **Celebrate difference** – difference is actively and visibly celebrated across the whole school.
- **Understand** – all school staff, pupils, parents and carers understand what bullying is and that it is not a one-off incident, but something that is continuous.
- **Believe** – all pupils, and their parents and carers are acknowledged, believed and taken seriously when reporting incidents of bullying.
- **Takes action** – we respond quickly to all incidents of bullying. Pupils are part of the decision-making process.
- **Has clear policies** – our school anti-bullying policy reflects these principles.

Signed: _____

(School Council)

We will review these principles in September 2027



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NEW DATES!

27TH - 29TH OCTOBER 2026
SUITABLE FOR 4-10 YEAR OLDS
Subject to a minimum of 10 children per session

10AM - 3PM
CHESTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODLANDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

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PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH. SNACKS PROVIDED.



Southfields Academy

Open Events 2026

"Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. The success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed."

The Rt. Hon. Bridget Phillipson MP, Secretary of State for Education
January 2026 in reference to our 2024/25 outcomes for disadvantaged students

Autumn Term 2026 Open Events	
Thursday 1 st October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 6 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 8th October	17:30-19:30
Tuesday 13 th October	08:45-10:15
Wednesday 14 th October	08:45-10:15
Thursday 15 th October	08:45-10:15
Tuesday 20 th October	08:45-10:15

At all other times, we welcome visits during the school day,
please email: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com
or phone: 020 8875 2661

Please note that the school gates open at 8:45 AM. Scooters and bikes should not be parked inside the gates before this time unless you are attending the breakfast club. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe and organized start to the school day. All scooters/ bikes are left at your own risk.

To ensure the day runs smoothly, please make sure all children arrive at school fully equipped with everything they need for the day, such as water bottles and packed lunches. This helps prevent disruptions so we can maintain an efficient and organized environment for both students and staff, allowing everyone to focus on learning and teaching. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us create a productive school day.



WE'RE SO BACK!



8 NOV, 2PM

AFC Wimbledon Women are back at the Cherry Red Records Stadium in November. And as always, we'd love for you to join us!

We are offering **FREE TICKETS** to our community to join us at both games.

All you need to do is use the comp codes below to claim your tickets.

For Lewes, 8 November: **AFCWWLEW**

For Fulham, 29 November: **AFCWWFUL**

tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk



29 NOV, 2PM

So, what can you expect at one of our games?

The gates will open at 12.30pm. When you arrive, you will find food from our kiosks and food vans. Our fantastic pub and retail unit is open too! You can buy a programme for £2, which the players will sign after the game.

Our fantastic Foundation have plenty of activities for children of all ages to keep you active before the game kicks off. And you get to meet our mascot - Haydon the Womble. What's not to love?

Follow us on social media (@afcwwomen) for all pre-match updates!

Community_page



Could you be the teacher who changes a child's future?

Teachers do far more than teach lessons. They inspire curiosity, build confidence and help young people discover what they can achieve.

If you are a parent or carer who has ever wondered whether teaching could be the right next step for you, we would love to hear from you. The skills and experience you already have could make a real difference in the classroom.

Contact South West London Future Teachers (a proud part of Wandle Teaching School Hub) for further information or request a friendly, no-obligation telephone call to explore the different routes into teaching.

Register your interest:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLSe3Ap20EgldTFu4nzoBWNobECL4vES2Dy9z-GK6st_cdAI3Gg/viewform

Get in touch: Phone: 020 4568 6718 option 2; Email:

enquiries@wandlelearningpartnership.org.uk

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar



South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

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Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.



DATE / TIME

Thursday 8th October
7.00-8.00pm



Scan the
QR code
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click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event
for free on Eventbrite
by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out
our other events by
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DATE / TIME

Wednesday 14th October
12.30-1.30pm



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