



NEWSLETTER

***We aim to be a FISH and NUT free school. ***

***Please ensure your child's lunch DOES NOT contain FISH or NUTS, including prawn cocktail flavour e.g. Skips. ***

A WORD FROM MRS. DOYLE

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start to the school year it has been. From the very first day, our pupils have shown enthusiasm, kindness, and a real commitment to learning and the energy around school has been truly wonderful.

A special mention must go to our new Reception children, who have settled in brilliantly. It's been a joy to watch them grow in confidence, make new friends, and embrace school life with such curiosity and excitement. Their smiles and eagerness to learn have brought a wonderful buzz to our classrooms and playgrounds.

Across the school, children have really thrown themselves into their learning, taken part in enriching activities, and supported one another in ways that make us all proud. Whether it's been through classroom achievements, sporting events, creative projects, or community initiatives, the spirit of our school has shone brightly.

We're also pleased to welcome Mrs Orlik, our new Finance Officer. She's settled in quickly and is already making a great contribution to the team it's lovely to have her with us.

Thank you to all our staff for their dedication and care, and to our families for your continued support. We're looking forward to an equally exciting term ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break.

Mrs Doyle.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

*"Let all that you do, be done in **love**."*
Corinthians 16:14



*"Be strong and **courageous**; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:5-9



*"If we walk in the light as He himself is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another."* John 1: 1-7



Arbor Parent Portal

Please sign up to the parent portal/app. Contact the office on adminoffice@chawton.hants.sch.uk for help in signing up.



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World Mental Health Day – 2025

Chawton go yellow for World Mental Health Day 2025



This Mental Health Day, Chawton CE Primary came together in a vibrant show of support and awareness by wearing something yellow a colour that symbolizes hope, happiness, and positivity. From sunny socks to golden jumpers, the school was filled with warmth and unity as students and staff alike embraced the theme.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day meaningful and memorable!





Important Dates:

Our Inset days for the rest of the academic year are as follows:

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dates to remember –

Thursday 23rd October – Autumn Disco 6-7:15pm

Friday 24th October – INSET & Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd November – Return to School AUTUMN 2

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 26th November – Whole School Flu Immunisation

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fayre 10am-3pm

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – Christmas Nativity

Friday 19th December – Last day of term



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Making a difference:

We're incredibly proud of one of our students who recently made a truly selfless gesture by donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. A charity that provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair. Not only did she part with her lovely hair, but she also raised an impressive £550 to support the charity's mission. Her kindness and generosity are an inspiration to us all. Well done Jorja-May!





Loki Update

As many of the children will tell you, autumn is Loki's favourite time of year, he loves to chase leaves, big ones, small ones, it doesn't matter, he just loves to chase. He has settled into the new term beautifully and is thoroughly enjoying the new cohort of children and they certainly enjoy his company too.





Forest School

What a wonderful first term of Forest School we have had! We started our term with two questions from our learning quests, In Maple we asked 'How can I care for my world?' and in Chestnut 'How do good ideas change the World for the better?'

The children have certainly taken this on with gusto and we have done so many things - In Chestnut we have made our own conker soap, we've collected bugs, learnt about famous people such as David Attenborough, Jane Goodall and Greta Thunberg who all used their great ideas and love for learning to shine a light on the problems our world and the animals inside it, have been facing. We have then used these ideas to decide how we can be more sustainable as a school. We have particularly enjoyed looking at worms - Did you know that Charles Darwin was obsessed with worms? The chestnut children do and have been so inspired that they are looking to create their own wormery so we can study them some more!

In Maple we have been looking at the book 'Bothered by Bugs' alongside our book 'Tidy' that we have been looking at in class to find out how the bugs help us! We have studied the different trees and leaves in our woods and how we can tell them apart. We have made playdough and turned it green by using leaves to dye them, which we then used in class to make into numbers and we have finished the term with some new school pets - some beetles and crickets that we have been studying up close! All in all, much fun has been had.

As always I want to say thank you to all our parents and carers for always supporting our learning even if your children do get a bit mucky in the process! I am always looking for willing helpers to come and help out on our sessions on a Wednesday/Thursday 1-3, so if you would like to come along send me a message,

Mrs Blythe

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Forest School – Photos





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ATTENDANCE

Why is it important?

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

- 89% or below**
Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 96% - 90%**
Cause for Concern
- 100% - 97%**
Excellent!

Oak Class	94%
Maple Class	97%
Chestnut Class	96%
Sycamore Class	95%

Attendance matters, every day counts!



SICKNESS— Please adhere to our 48 hour rule. No child should return to school after sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours after their last episode. THANK YOU, we appreciate your support.

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Our learning this month....

Oak Class

What a fantastic start to school life our wonderful Oak Class have had! It's hard to believe that we're already at the end of our first half-term together. The children have settled into Reception so beautifully – with big smiles, curious minds, and a real eagerness to learn and explore. We are so proud of each and every one of them.



Over the past few weeks, Oak Class have embraced every opportunity that's come their way. From exploring the classroom and outdoor areas to building friendships and getting to know new routines, they've taken it all in their stride.

Our topic this half-term has been 'People Who Help Us', which sparked some brilliant role play in our Home Corner and the ever-popular Oak Class Doctor's Surgery. It's been lovely to see the children take on different roles with such imagination and teamwork.

In Literacy, we've shared a wide range of books that the children have absolutely loved. It's been wonderful to see them begin their phonics journey, learning new sounds and starting to blend words with confidence. Their enthusiasm for reading is already shining through!

To prepare for writing, we've been busy with lots of fine motor activities, helping to strengthen those important hand and finger muscles. From threading to playdough, cutting to mark making – the children have got stuck in and made fantastic progress.

In Maths, we've been developing our counting skills, working on 1:1 correspondence, and exploring subitising (recognising small groups of objects without counting). The children have shown great focus and enjoyment during our maths sessions.

We've also taken our learning outdoors, making the most of the changing seasons. Walks to the field to observe the signs of autumn have inspired some truly beautiful artwork and helped us connect with nature.

It has been an absolute joy to see how confidently and happily Oak Class have embraced school life. They've shown kindness, resilience, curiosity, and creativity – and it's only the beginning!

We're so excited for the next half-term and all the new experiences, learning, and adventures it will bring.

Wishing you all a restful and happy break.



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Maple Class



Maple Class have had a truly fantastic half term, packed full of fun, learning, and wonderful achievements!

The children have loved exploring the brilliant books *Beegu* and *Tidy*, using them as inspiration for some really creative and thoughtful writing. Everyone has been working incredibly hard to improve their handwriting too — all that focused practice has made a huge difference, and their progress is amazing to see! In maths, the class have been busy counting forwards and backwards all the way to 100, showing great confidence with numbers. Our Year 2 children have also become true TT Rockstar experts — their times tables skills are really shining! Maple Class have been super creative as well, making fantastic creatures and aliens out of playdough to help develop their fine motor skills.

They've had plenty of adventures outdoors too! During Forest School, the children explored the woods and discovered lots of interesting bugs that live around our school. In geography, they've learned about human and physical features, while in RE they explored how Sikhs show that they belong to their community. Science lessons have been full of curiosity and careful observations of the world around them. In PE, everyone has learned how to work together as a team, showing brilliant teamwork and encouragement. To finish off this busy half term, Maple Class had special visits from the local fire service and police, learning all about how these amazing people help keep our communities safe. What a busy, exciting, and happy half term it has been for Maple Class!



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Chestnut Class

What a fantastic end to a busy and rewarding term for Chestnut Class! The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity across all subjects and we are so proud of their effort and progress.



In Maths, pupils have strengthened their understanding of number and place value, practised partitioning and comparing numbers and developed confidence with addition and subtraction. They approached their assessments with a wonderful growth mindset, celebrating how far they've come. In English, the children have explored our class text 'Escape to Pompeii', using rich vocabulary, prepositional phrases and conjunctions to bring their writing to life. They have also shown great maturity when debating and sharing ideas thoughtfully.

Our History topic on the Romans has sparked plenty of excitement, with the children creating a class timeline and exploring how ancient monuments reveal details about daily life. In Science, hands-on investigations have encouraged teamwork and curiosity. The children have also enjoyed learning French greetings, colours, and numbers – très bien!

A highlight of the term was our first Forest School session with Mrs Blythe, where the children embraced outdoor learning with teamwork and enthusiasm. We also enjoyed a SCARF workshop on resilience and wellbeing and proudly wore yellow for World Mental Health Day to show our support. Creative activities such as mindful art, chestnut soap-making and Christmas card design have allowed everyone to express themselves and take pride in their work.

In PE, the children have developed balance, coordination and teamwork through fun challenges and ended the term with an energetic Tag Rugby session with Alton Rugby Club. Our Harvest Festival was another special moment and we thank everyone for their generous donations and support.

It has been a term full of learning, laughter, and growth. Well done, Chestnut Class – you should all feel very proud of your achievements. Wishing our families a happy and restful break.



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Sycamore Class



We have had a very busy half term exploring volcanoes and answering the key question 'are all volcanoes the same?' We used this information to create information texts in writing. In PE, we have been enjoying playing rugby and exploring lots of mini games to showcase our skills. We had a SCARF workshop on our aspirations for the year and prepping year 6 for secondary school. In computing we have explored computing systems and networks and we have also been unpicking rituals in RE.



Four year 6 students represented Chawton Primary School at a Primary Maths Challenge held at Amery Hill School. They were faced with many problem solving challenges and came home with a 3rd place award.





We had the exciting opportunity to watch an interactive performance of Romeo and Juliet led by The Young Shakespeare Company. Our volunteers enjoyed taking part in the production and it was great to see the iconic story come to life.



IMPORTANT:

As the weather begins to get colder, we want to remind parents / carers of children in Forest School that long sleeves and trousers—or waterproof trousers—are essential for children during forest school. This precaution helps protect against ticks, ensuring a safer experience for all.

Children will need to have their arms and legs covered to participate in these activities. Our risk assessment, along with NHS guidance, supports this advice to promote health and safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs:

We're pleased to let you know that bookings for our school clubs are now open on Arbor. After School Club (ASC) will continue as usual, and we encourage you to book your child's place as soon as possible to guarantee your slot.

Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is highly recommended.

Maths Booster - Mondays 15.15-16.00 Year 6 ONLY

SPAG Booster - Tuesdays 15.15-16.00 Year 6 ONLY

Bug Club - Thursdays 15.15-16.00 Year 1 - 6

Newspaper Club - Mondays 15.15-16.00 Year 1 – 5

(We are looking to increase the number of clubs – watch this space!)



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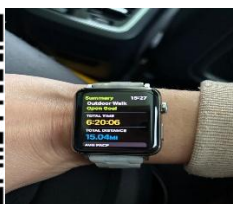


Hike

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the recent PTA hike. It was a fantastic effort all round and an incredible achievement. We've already raised approximately **£1,500**, which is brilliant.

There's still time to donate if you haven't yet — contributions can be made via the **school office** or through the **JustGiving page**.

Special mention to Lyra and to Hank and Tilly the dogs for also completing the PTA walk! Their energy and enthusiasm were a highlight of the day, and they kept everyone smiling along the way.



Donation

Chawton Primary School donated some library books to The Mud House Children's Foundation which have safely arrived at their final destination! Their Maasia children are really enjoying the donated books and were thrilled to receive such an exciting range of new texts to read. Thank you to everyone who made sure they got to their new home safely ready for a new adventure.





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Thursday 23rd October
6pm - 7.15pm
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Disco

£5 a ticket, includes drink, snack and glo foam stick

Tickets available on Classlist, the QR code on the poster or pay on the door (now accepting card payment)



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Community News

“You may or may not be aware of the Health on the High Street Event which takes place weekly at Alton Assembly Rooms. There are different agencies in attendance as you can see on the attached poster.

The School Nurses are there every 1st Wednesday of the month to meet with parents and discuss any health related matters that parent/carers may have for their child/children.

We would be very grateful if you could share the attached poster with your families in the best way you see fit, either posters up in school or via your newsletter. If this could be a permanent feature that would help ensure everyone has the opportunity to attend.

HEALTH ON THE HIGH STREET
AT ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

OUR SERVICES

- WARM HUB**
ENJOY FREE HOT DRINKS IN A RELAXED, WELCOMING SPACE.
- SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT**
TALK TO ADVISORS ABOUT YOUR WORRIES, HOUSING, FINANCES, MENTAL HEALTH, ETC.
- NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED**
THE HUB OFFERS FREE, WALK-IN ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHETHER YOU NEED GUIDANCE, SIGNPOSTING TO LOCAL RESOURCES, OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE TO TALK TO, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.

YOUR LOCAL HUB FOR SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

FREE WALK-IN ACCESS TO A RANGE OF SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVERYONE WELCOME!

Our Partners

- ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
- EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
- Alton Assembly Rooms
- Dementia Friendly Alton
- Mind Havant and East Hants
- Home Instead

LOCATION

The Hub is open every Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM at Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton GU34 1BA

If attending with small children, please make sure they are supervised by an adult at all times.

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HALF TERM

TENNIS @ALTON TENNIS CLUB



OCTOBER 27-31

SPOOKY FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED ON FRI 31ST!!

9am - 12pm	12pm - 3pm
4-10	10+
YEARS OLD	YEARS OLD

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
ALL SKILL LEVEL
 SIGN UP TODAY

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

28TH OCTOBER - HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR
 10AM TO 3PM WITH STAY AND PLAY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

BEECH VILLAGE HALL

TO BOOK -
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BEECHSCIENCEOCT25](https://tinyurl.com/BEECHSCIENCEOCT25)






SWIM COURSES
OCTOBER HALF TERM

Ewshot & Farnham pools
 27th - 30th October

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Safeguarding

Please follow the link below to our Safeguarding section on our website, where you can look at the latest **NetSupport Safeguarding Guide 2025**. It's a comprehensive guide that focuses on the roles of various stakeholders, including senior leaders, teachers, governors, and parents. This year's edition also provides comprehensive information on safeguarding children and young people as they explore and learn online.

<https://chawton-church-of-england-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/safeguarding/>

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