

## Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year. I do hope you have had a restful summer break and are ready for our new journey ahead. Thank you to all of you who attended the year group information talks; your presence and engagement truly make a difference.

It has been a joy to witness the enthusiasm of your children as they have skipped into school, their smiles lighting up the hallways and their energizing buzz filling our corridors once again. This is a testament to the vibrant learning environment we aim to cultivate.

In staff news, we have some wonderful updates to share. Congratulations to Miss Young, who recently got engaged, embarking on a new chapter of her life. Additionally, we extend our warmest wishes to Mrs. Grunwald and Miss Burhan, both of whom are expecting their first child. We eagerly await the arrival of these new additions to our Chepstow family.

Finally, to start the year off, I would like to invite you to mark your calendars for the first social event of the year, our 'Welcome back drinks,' hosted by the fabulous Friends of Chepstow House. This event will be attended by myself, our lovely staff and representatives from our selected charities for this year. It promises to be a delightful evening of camaraderie and community-building, setting the stage for a year filled with educational achievements and memorable moments.

I look forward to the year and seeing many of you at all the events ahead of us.

Please do remember you can keep up to date on all school events and activities on our [website](#), [SharePoint](#) and social media sites: [school](#), [art](#) and [sport](#).

Best wishes  
Angela Barr  
Head  
Chepstow House School

# Art Department

## Art

I have had a wonderful start to the term welcoming everyone back to the art room and meeting all the new pupils! I am excited to have reception coming in for their first art lessons and am looking forward to getting the term's projects underway!

I have two new Year 6 art captains to introduce: Stella and Veronika who I am very happy to welcome into the role as I know both will be fantastic art ambassadors. They will be around the school helping out and getting involved with all things art-related.



Miss Luke

## Meet our new art captains



Veronika  
Art Captain

My favourite Colour: Light Yellow because it makes me feel happy!

Artwork: Rush Hour by L.S. Lowry because it is of everyday life and I think it is quite relatable.

Favourite style: I love impressionism! I really enjoyed learning about it and how thick the paint needed to be!

As an Art Captain I would like to help others become better art and to feel more confident exploring different styles.



Stella

My Favourite Colour: Light blue/turquoise because it's so refreshing.

Favourite type of art: I love still life because you can set it up yourself and draw or paint whatever you like. Also, I find drawing objects quite interesting!

As an Art Captain I am looking forward to getting involved with all different year groups and encouraging them to do more art!

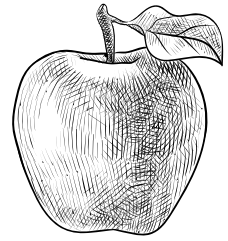
# Little Chepstow

How lovely to be back at nursery, welcoming everybody through the doors for a new year.

The past week was all about settling back into school, and meeting all the new children joining us.

The little Dormice did so well with their settling in sessions and so this week we are excited about them staying for longer so that we can get to know them as they start their journey with us at Little Chepstow.

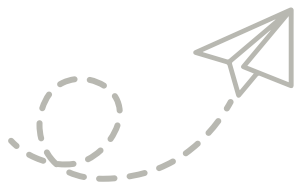
# Reception



What a week! The reception children have had such a wonderful first week at school and have impressed us with how quickly they have settled into life at Chepstow, we couldn't be happier!

Friday's fish and chips went down a treat and a trip to the wild area was a fantastic end to the week.

We can't wait to start our lessons on Monday, Let the fun and learning commence!



# Year 1

What a hot and exciting few days we have had in year 1! It has been so wonderful to see their big smiles return to school and see them back playing with their friends. In English, we have looked at the Alphabet, where we have used our upper and lower-case letters. In Maths we have been grouping different amounts, in counters and objects, as well as, converting digits into words. We have enjoyed the cool shade in the wild area and lots of painting and colouring in activities. You've made a fantastic start year 1, bring on next week!



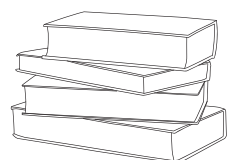


# Year 2

Year 2 have had a fabulous start to the school year! We started off the week by playing some get-to-know-you games so that the children could get used to their new classmates and make new friends. We then created time capsules for each class, where the children were asked to write down one or two goals or things that they would like to learn over the next year!

In literacy, we began by practising our letter formation, and worked on putting our upper- and lower-case letters into alphabetical order. We also looked at words starting with vowels and consonants and learnt when to use 'a' or 'an' in our writing. Lastly, we looked at compound words and worked together to build new compound nouns from things we could spot around the classroom.

We started our topic lessons for history, by learning about how and when the Great Fire of London started. Year 2 are very excited to work on sequencing the main events that unfolded during the fire, in preparation for our trip to the Tower of London later this term. We cannot wait to see what exciting things we will learn next week!

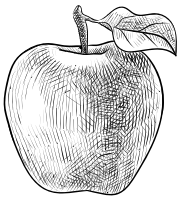




# Year 3



What a fantastic first week with year 3. This week the children returned to school full of energy and have enjoyed settling into their new classrooms and learning all their new routines. We have created our very own class charters to be used alongside our school rules, so that we can be responsible for our own learning and the children had some wonderful ideas. We have also introduced some of our new topics such as the stone age, which the children are excited to sink their teeth into. The children also jumped straight into their specialist subject lessons. They particularly enjoyed their swimming lessons during Thursday's heatwave! A brilliant start to the year and we look forward to what next week has to offer



# Year 4

Wow, what an incredible (albeit scorching hot) start to our time in Year 4! We have had such fun settling into our new classes and spending time with our friends.

As we settled into the year, we focused on revisiting key learning from Year 3, to get our brains geared up for another fulfilling year of learning.

On Friday, we put our creative hats on and enjoyed our first 'Big Write' of the year. We were given an image of two beautiful owls perched on a branch. Our teachers reminded us of some of the writing tools we developed last year, so that we could include them in this piece and show our best writing. The image really stimulated our creative juices; some of us wrote stories and setting descriptions, while others wrote poems and diary entries.



To end the week, we enjoyed some time in the Wild Area as a Year 4 team. It was such great fun because we got to spend this time building bonds with our new classmates, as well as nurturing our friendships with old ones.





# Year 6

Imperial Eagles have been chilling out in the Wild Area – a lovely way to spend very hot afternoons!



And here are the Golden Eagles in the garden!

