

Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents,

I have been delighted to see the children, staff and parents settle back into school life with great enthusiasm. It seems that all are truly embracing this new academic year, as well as the beautiful sunshine.

I held the first school assembly on Tuesday in which I outlined our core expectations of being safe, ready and responsible, alongside the key values of perseverance, resilience and empathy. It is these qualities that underpin our school ethos and nurturing environment. These skills are not only integral to academic success but also play a significant role in supporting mental health and overall agility.

With this in mind, I know that as the year progresses there will be times of anxiety and uncertainty for both parents and children and, therefore, I kindly remind you of our partnership with Tooled Up. As a member of the Tooled Up community you can have access to a whole host of evidence-based resources, which enable you to support your child in a way that makes their lives and educational journeys both easier and more enjoyable. Miss Etherington sent an email last week with details on how to sign up for Tooled Up and upcoming webinar events on offer. You will receive a reminder on how to login and the school PIN code alongside this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Chepstow House (FCH) for orchestrating a delightful first social event. It was a fantastic opportunity to welcome parents to the school, reconnect with familiar faces and introduce our main charities for the year: Stand by Me, St Mary's Children's Fund and the Chepstow House Gold Standard Charitable Trust. Additionally, we were fortunate to welcome Svetlana Kumanova back, a past parent who established Kindergifts, a charity organisation that focused on celebratory and children's party gift solutions. Your involvement in these charitable endeavours is always greatly appreciated and I thank you for your continued support.

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 for a lovely weekend.





Best wishes
Angela Barr
Head
Chepstow House School







Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Natasha Noel	For settling in to the Robin class so well, you set a wonderful example to the other Robins!
Starling 	Kiyaaan Kapoor	For settling in so quickly into Reception! You have listened beautifully to instructions and have focused so well in lessons!
Sparrow	Palma Dikencik	For being a responsible member of the Sparrow Class and taking her first week of school effortlessly in her stride
Wren 	Alice Remy	For being a wonderful role model during her first week of school. What a super star.
Pelican	Basti Dannenbaum	For his amazing recount of his summer and being an excellent role model for Pelicans when looking after the classroom
Puffin 	Noah Simonsen	For being really helpful and working hard, well done for a great first week!

Class	Name	Reason
Penguin 	Fred Khairat	For his fantastic start to the year and his excellent focus in lessons, keep up the great work Fred
Swallow 	Santiago Aguilar Amodeo	For working really hard on his summer recount writing and using some fabulous adjectives to add detail to his story.
Kingfisher 	Faiz Siddiqui	For your amazing work learning how to write cursively and joining all of your letters together – I am so impressed!
Woodpecker 	Dion Keyhan-Rad	For being thoughtful and diligent in everything that you do.
Woodlark	Mila	For being so helpful to teachers and peers on the first week back.
Shorelark	Rohan Virdee	For being incredibly courageous in his lesson swimming and giving it his best. Well done!

Class	Name	Reason
Skylark	Zohal Fazeli	For settling in with such a positive attitude and diligent work ethic
Tawny Owl	Luca Rosetti Zannoni Gimeno	for recognising potential frustrations and considering solutions for these.
Snowy Owl 	Zena Cunningham	For being a great role model to others with her attitude to work and towards others.
Barn Owl 	Rafi Jackson	For creating an impressive setting description, by diligently using a variety of adjectival phrases.
Grey Hawk 	Stella Perfetti	For staying behind to help the lunch staff tidy the hall. I'm very proud of your thoughtful and caring attitude. What a wonderful role model!

Class	Name	Reason
<p data-bbox="248 521 371 546">Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p data-bbox="730 685 847 710">Luca Srouji</p>	<p data-bbox="1066 658 1465 736">For a brilliant start to year 5. Your hard work, overall behaviour and perseverance has impressed me.</p>
<p data-bbox="248 907 371 931">Golden Eagle</p>	<p data-bbox="746 1077 815 1102">Filippo</p>	<p data-bbox="1054 1039 1474 1144">For being a wonderful example to others by showing initiative when tidying the playground.</p>
<p data-bbox="248 1310 371 1335">Imperial Eagle</p>	<p data-bbox="746 1462 815 1487">Isabella</p>	<p data-bbox="1062 1435 1466 1514">For her excellent attitude, helpfulness and work ethic.</p>

SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Rebecka Barzilai	For starting the year with a great French joke : '1,2,3,4,5'!
Music	Isla Kong	For being focussed and singing so beautifully in Singing Assembly
Sport	Rohan Virdee	For impressing the sports department with his skills in football and bravery in swimming
Drama		
Art	Harry Baird	For reminding everyone how to be safe, ready and responsible in the art room
Science		



Art Department



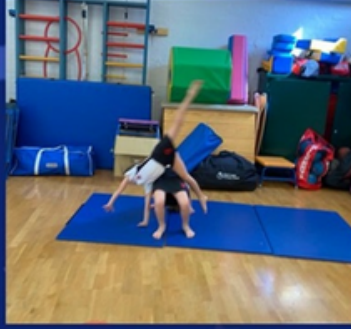
Art

We have all started this term exploring the world of colours and reminding ourselves about colour theory! We've learned all about colour mixing and, using oil pastels had a go at creating our own colour wheels for our sketchbooks. We started with the primary colours: red, blue, and yellow. When we mix them, we create new colours like purple, orange, and green. It's like a colourful adventure where we can make our very own colours! Learning about colour mixing is so important in art, and it helps us create beautiful paintings and colourful designs. Plus, it helps us understand more about the colourful world around us!

Don't forget to also check out our Instagram page: [@chepstowhouseschool](#) keep up to date with all the art from all the



Sports Department



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Sports Department

W/C 18 th September	Fixture Information
Monday	<p>Y6 Games Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 1:30pm Lesson: 2pm – 3pm Return to School: 3:15pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Y4 Games Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 1:30pm Lesson: 2pm – 3pm Return to School: 3:15pm</p>
Wednesday	<p>No Fixtures</p> <p>Y5&6 Swim Squad Trials (*Only for those who have signed up and been given consent on Evolve*) Venue: Kensington Leisure Centre Leave school: 3pm Session: 3.30-4pm Optional parent/nanny pick up from venue: 4.15pm Return to school: 4.30pm</p>
Thursday	<p>Year 3 and 5 swimming</p>
Friday	<p>Y5 Games Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 10.45am Lesson: 11am – 12pm Return to School: 12:15pm</p> <p>Y3 Games Venue: Linford Christie Leave School: 1:30pm Lesson: 2pm – 3pm Return to School: 3:15pm</p>

French Department



Welcome back to a new French journey at Chepstow!



Congratulations to all those who started the year on a high note and passed their belts this week; here are just a few: Ruby and Leo (Yr 2), Ayan (Yr 3), Ava and Rafi (Yr 4).

You can see what every belt means on the French Sharepoint page / French belts.

If you check the French board in the corridor next to the main school reception you will find out what the children are learning each term and see a sample of the language used to start a short conversation.



Music Department

Welcome back! It has been an incredibly busy start to the term in Music this Year. Our clubs and instrumental lessons are all underway and it is lovely to hear the children's music making around the halls of Chepstow. This year we have 2 fabulous music captains: Uliana and Louis.

Uliana Solovyeva



Hi, my name is Uliana, and I am very passionate about music. I love playing the piano because it makes me feel happy and when I play it helps me express my emotions. Music at Chepstow is always fun, and we learn lots of interesting new things. My favourite musician is Ed Sheeran. I am really excited about being music captain - come and ask me anything about music at Chepstow!

Louis Bonaverro



Hi, my name is Louis, I love drumming and am working on my grade 7. My favourite piece to play is 'Sweet Child of Mine' by Guns n Roses. I think Dave Grohl is a fantastic musician. I am really looking forward to performing at school this year because I love sharing music with the school community.

Year 5 were delighted to receive a big shiny red envelope addressed to their classes from the English National Opera, asking them to step in as composers to complete their latest work, Blue, Red, Yellow



Science Department

Celebrating the weed and wonderful!



Year 6 got going with their Classification topic by sorting aliens and liquorice allsorts into categories of their choosing. They're currently creating dichotomous keys for Mr Men which Mr Buckley can't wait to see!

The Year 3 Shorelarks learnt all about weeds in this week's science lesson, before they put their knowledge into practice by weeding the vegetable patches in the school garden. They were Mr Buckley's stars of the week!



Year 4 are already loving their States of Matter topic. Although this looks like a huge group hug, they're acting out how the particles behave in a solid.

They discovered that some substances can have properties of both solids and liquids. This mix of cornflour and water that you can make at home is a great example, and is actually a type of non-Newtonian fluid.



Drama Department

Mr B

Hi All! I'm so excited to be joining the team here at Chepstow house. For those who have not met me yet I am Mr Boer (or Mr B for short) the new Drama teacher. I am a trained actor and have been working in the film and TV industry for 8 years in South Africa before becoming a drama teacher which I have been doing for the past 5 years.



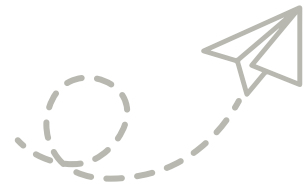
Drama Lama

Drama Achievement Award

This award will be awarded every week to a child who makes an impression in the lessons



Little Chepstow



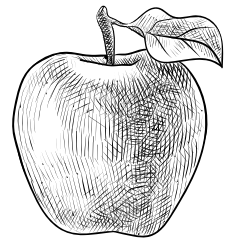
This week is whizzing by at Little Chepstow and the settling in sessions for the new Dormice continue. We are delighted to say that they are doing so well. Many are breezing in happily, almost without a backward glance.

We are looking forward to next week when they are all coming to school and will finally get to meet each other. This is when the term really starts for us.

The Field Mice have taken moving to their new class and teachers in their stride and have enjoyed a week of art and craft, and much outside play. They have painted some wonderful self portraits and we are excited about putting these on display for all to see.



Reception



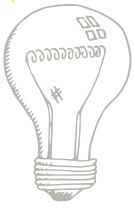
We can't believe we have completed our first full week in reception.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their specialist lessons and our first trip the library.

Our phonics lessons have got off to a flying start and the children are already impressing us with their mark making and letter recognition.

In maths we had fun in the wild area using natural resources that we found to create repeating patterns

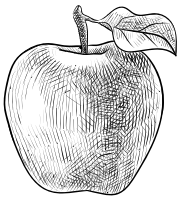




Year 3



We have had a great second week in Year 3 and have enjoyed getting into the routine of our full timetable. In English we have been brushing up on our grammar, in preparation for all the fantastic writing that we are going to be doing. In Maths, we have focused on our place value and numbers in relation to one another. In Geography we have been looking at compass points and how we can use these to navigate our way around the local area. We also really enjoyed our history lessons this week, as we created our own timelines and got imaginative with how these could be presented. We're looking forward to next week and all the exciting learning that we're going to do!



Year 4

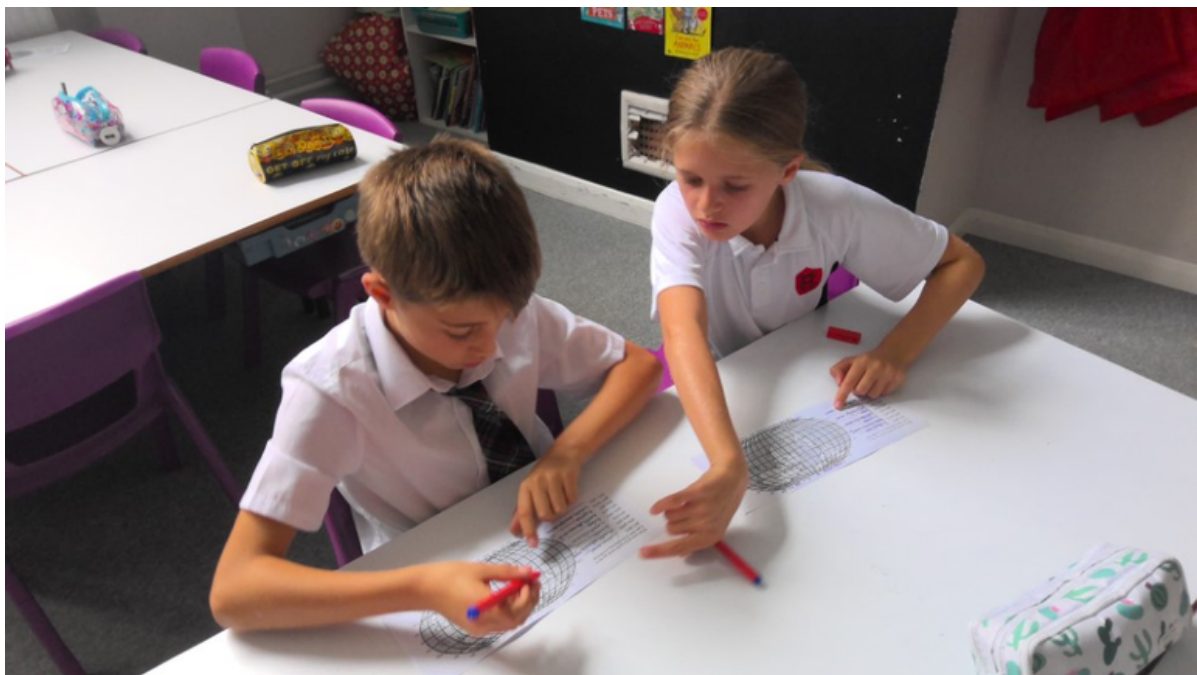
This week in Year 4, we have been settling into the routine of our new timetables.

In English, we have been sinking our teeth into juicy grammatical rules, including how to use possessive apostrophes correctly. We have enjoyed practising using a variety of writing tools, such as fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We were then able to showcase these skills in our Big Write.

Maths this week has been all about place value – understanding the value of each digit in a number and rounding. It's always such fun when we reach the challenging questions and activities!

History has been exciting, as we have started to learn about the Roman Empire. We can't wait to find out more!

In and amongst all of our exciting learning, we got to enjoy a moment of peace as we visited the library and read lots of books with our friends.



Year 5

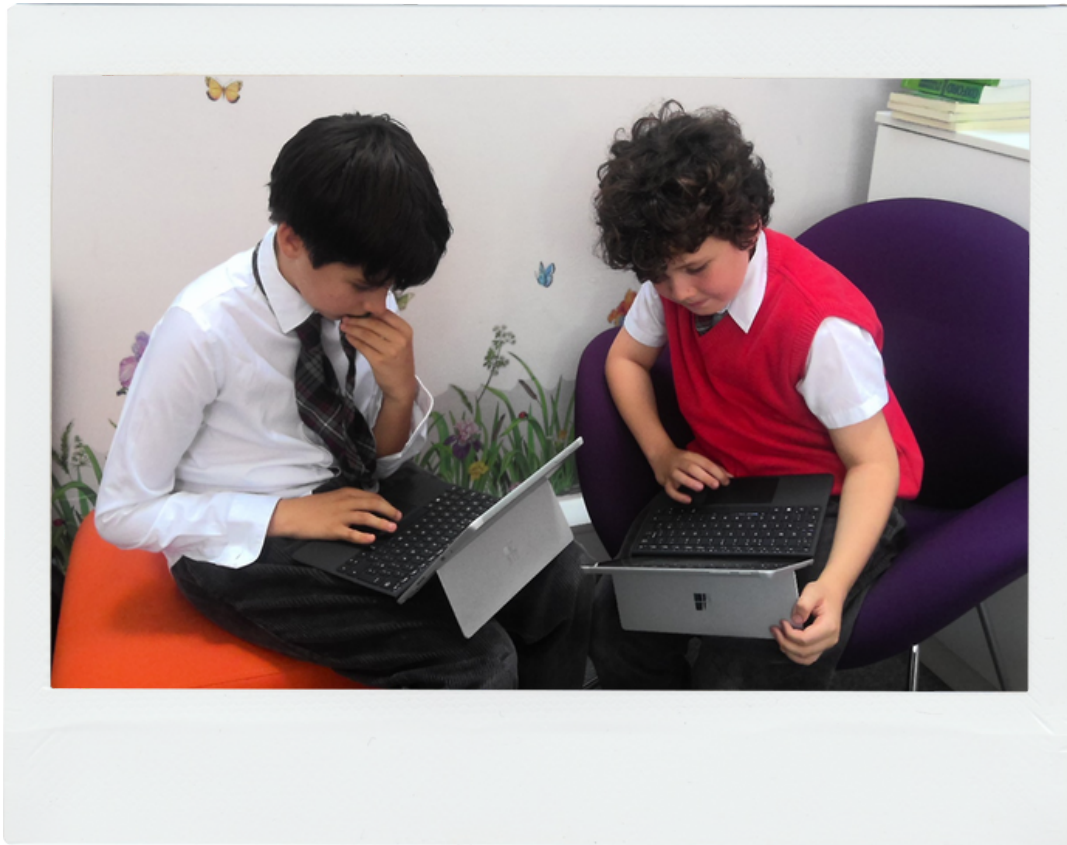
What a busy week in Year 5. We started new topics in History, Geography and RE. In History, we looked at possible reasons why the Anglo-Saxons might have invaded the UK; drawing on our knowledge of the Romans and other topics we've studied at Chepstow. We're excited to find out more about them this term.

In R.E. we brainstormed everything we remembered about Christianity and Judaism and considered what they have in common – there were more similarities than we initially thought!

In Geography, we became travel agents and organised fun trips for visitors to the UK. Visit our SharePoint pages to see more of what we have been up to and watch the Word Class raps we made in English!



Year 6



Some year 6 children enjoying a well-earned golden time after a hard week of 11+ work. Well done, year 6!

Friends of Chepstow

We kicked off the year with a very busy Second Hand Uniform Sale - our most successful one ever! Thank you to all who came through and purchased much needed items while also embracing our efforts to be more sustainable and reduce landfill.

At our Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee was voted in for a second year with Tara Curtis-Fields and Tara Sullivan returning as Co-Chairs, Evgenia Bukhantsova as Treasurer, and Veronica Stewart as Secretary. Three new committee members were also confirmed: Urvi Chandaria (Events Coordinator), Kathi Leon (Charity Coordinator), and Laura Townsend (Culture and Sport Coordinator), as well as our Class Reps.

The AGM was followed by our Back to School Night, which provided a fun atmosphere for parents to catch up with each other and welcome our new families into the mix. We had the opportunity to hear from our three charities: Stand By Me, The Gold Standard Charitable Trust and St Mary's Children's Fund including an emotional presentation by our Year 5 pupil Oscar Leon.

On a more somber note, in light of the devastating disasters that have happened in Libya and Morocco, we will be hosting a Charity Bake Sale on Monday 18th September from 3pm to 4.15pm. Full details on Classlist.

Next up on our FCH social calendar will be Mrs Barr's Famous Quiz Night on Thursday 2nd November. Tickets will go on sale week of 11th October.

We are very happy to be back and getting to see so many of you at the school gates or up and down Lancaster Road! And speaking of, shout out to our favourite local, Pastella & Butler, who catered the delicious nibbles for our event! If you haven't yet realised it's THE place to be after drop off, so why not pop up the street for your morning coffee fix!

Have a lovely weekend!

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