

Childwall CE Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 6th February 2026

NEW CHESS CLUB



We have been approached by a company that runs after-school chess clubs, who are interested in offering a club here for pupils aged 6 and over who would like to learn and develop their chess skills. The club would run from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and cost £9 per session. Places will be limited to 18 pupils to ensure high-quality teaching and support for all participants. Please see the poster to the left and use the following link to complete an expression of interest form. <https://checkmates.uk/schools/childwall-ceps/interest/> Sessions will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

THANK YOU!

On Thursday Year 1 had a special visitor! Kiara's Mum came in to school to talk to us all about her role as a Hydraulic Modeller. She gave us lots of explanations about how rivers flood and the ways in which this can be prevented. Best of all she carried out an investigation with us, testing out the absorbency of astro turf versus real grass. A big thank you to Kiara's Mum for a wonderful afternoon! You can find pictures on Class Dojo.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, an important time to recognise and celebrate the wellbeing of our pupils. This year's theme is "My Voice Matters", which focuses on empowering children to express themselves, share their thoughts and feelings, and understand that their voice is valued. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in a range of activities designed to help them reflect on their wellbeing, build confidence and develop positive ways to communicate. Please take a look at the poster to the right, which outlines all the opportunities your children will have in school to think about and support their wellbeing.

Mrs Carew and Mrs Birchall will be running sessions on:

Monday 9th February @ 2:15pm

Thursday 12th February @9:15am

MHST will be running sessions on:

Wednesday 11th February @9:15am

All taking place at school.

Further information and resources for families can be found by visiting the Place2Be website and searching for *Children's Mental Health Week*.



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SAFER INTERNET DAY

Next week we are also recognising Safer Internet Day, an important event that promotes safe, respectful and positive use of technology and the internet. This year's theme is "Respect, Reflect, and Connect", encouraging children to think about how they communicate and behave online, make positive choices, and recognise when something does not feel right. In school, pupils will take part in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help them understand online safety and know where to go for support. We will also be running a parents' online safety session on Tuesday 24th February at 5pm, delivered online, to share practical advice and tips for keeping children safe at home. A sign-up link will be sent out next week.

SAVE THE DATE- SPRING DISCO!



We are asking parents and carers to save the date for our upcoming PTA Spring Disco. We have taken on board your feedback and are pleased to confirm that the disco will take place over three separate evenings, and will run straight after the school day. Children will be asked to bring their disco outfits into school and will have time to get changed in school before the event begins. The PTA has kindly booked a professional party entertainer to ensure each session is fun, lively and engaging for the children. Tickets are not yet available to book, but we will let you know as soon as ticket sales open.

READING 5X A WEEK

We would like to remind parents and carers to please ensure that children are reading their school reading book at least five times a week. Regular reading at home plays a vital role in building a love of reading and helps to develop children's skills, confidence and fluency over time. This year has been recognised as the National Year of Reading, and we are excited to be planning a range of regular events and activities throughout the year to celebrate reading and inspire children to enjoy books even more. We will keep you posted with our plans! For more information about reading with your child, please visit the following link: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/find-resources/reading-together/>

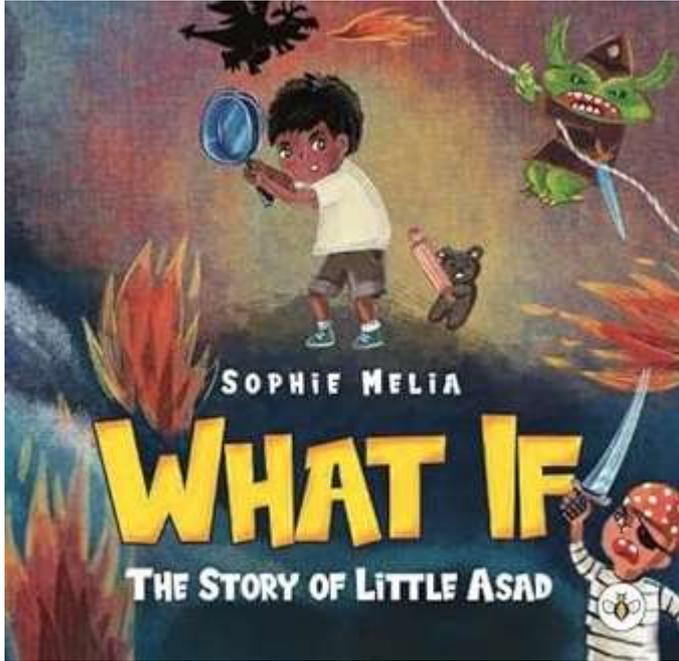


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LOCAL AUTHOR VISIT- SOPHIE MELIA



We are delighted to announce that local author Sophie Melia is coming to school on Monday 2nd March to discuss her first children's book, What If?, with the children. What If? is a wonderful story of Asad and his journey in discovering how friendship and kindness can change the course of a life.

As part of her visit, Sophie is signing copies of her book. It is available in Waterstones (as well as a certain well known online shop that shares its name with a rainforest.....). But if you would like to purchase one directly from her, and support a local author, please send in £7 cash in a clearly named envelope with 'Sophie Melia What If' written on it, and ask your child to give it straight to Mr Gillin. These will then be signed and given out on the day. If you have already purchased a copy, Sophie will be more than happy to sign it.

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Our award winners

House Point
Winners this
week are:

HOPE

Merit Achievement Award Winner

- RO** Efa - For super caption writing
- RG** Joshua - For excellent progress with his reading and writing.
- Y1B** Nico - For hard work in Maths this week!
- Y1G** Lucas - For continued outstanding progress with his reading fluency.
- Y2C** Lenny - Hard work and progress in spelling.
- Y2M** Noah - For trying his best with his letter formation and using punctuation in his sentences!
- Y3J** Emily - for improving her handwriting and punctuation
- Y3K**
- Y4F** Harley- Trying hard this week and listening carefully.
- Y4K** Lily - Always trying hard!
- Y5D** Evie - always giving her best and contributing so much to our class
- Y5K** Theo - For creating a beautiful mixed media landscape during his art lessons.
- Y6RP** Will - For exploring and explaining positive and negative impacts of natural disasters
- Y6M** Olanna - For working really hard in arithmetic this week and showing great focus and determination.

Christian Value Award

- Freddie - For spreading joy in our classroom
- Joshua - For always spreading joy to others!
- Louis - For always being a kind and supportive friend.
- Sophia - For beautifully expressing what it makes to be a good friend.
- Ella - Showing love for her class by making thoughtful creations at home.
- Joshua - For always supporting his peers and lending a helping hand when they need it.
- Henry- for showing compassion to others
- Rayan - Showing love to his peers and helping others when they need it.
- Harper - Always being kind, friendly and polite.
- Alex - For showing love, patience, kindness and compassion to others each and every day
- Amber - For always showing kindness, compassion and patience to others.
- Darcy - For a week of thoughtful effort and strong engagement.
- Freya - For being a great friend and always showing kindness and respect to others.

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Below is an outline of the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group:

Year 1 Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use doubles of all numbers to 10 and corresponding halves.

Year 2 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

Year 3 Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.

Year 4 Recall multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Year 5 & 6 Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

TTRS Battle of the Bands Results

This week's Times Tables Rockstars

Year 2	2M	Y6	6M: Jonah , Thea , Eliza
			6RP: Ben, Isaac, Siena
Year 3	3K	Y5	5D: Ryan, Logan , Jacob
			5K: Theo, Courtney, Nathan
Year 4	4K	Y4	4K: Gethin, Thomas, Alexa
			4F: Alice W, Orla, James B
Year 5	5D	Y3	3J: Romy, Anya, Emily,
			3K: Harry R, Mohammed E, Rose,
Year 6	6RP	Y2	2C: Christos, Cari , Ariaah
			2M: Thomas M, George M, Elias

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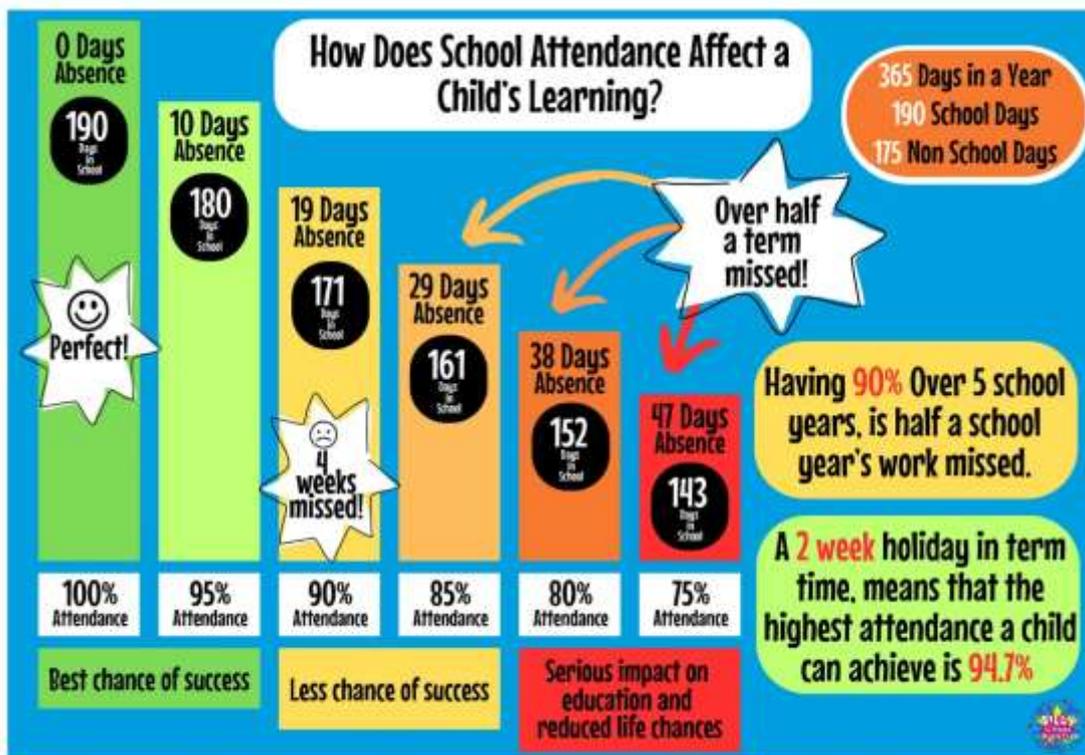
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Our attendance

We know how busy mornings can be, but we wanted to take a moment to remind everyone just how important good attendance and punctuality are for our children. Being in school every day – and arriving on time – helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn alongside their friends. Even missing the odd day here and there can really add up over time. The infographic below shows the impact of missed school and how it can affect children’s learning, friendships and confidence as they move through school. We’d really encourage you to take a look.

Of course, we completely understand that some children have genuine circumstances that prevent them from attending school, such as health or medical needs. These situations are absolutely understandable, and we always appreciate open communication so we can support families in the best way possible. Thank you, as always, for working with us to give our children the best possible start. Every day in school makes a difference!



Whole School Attendance- this week	Class Attendance			
	RO	99.3%	RG	99.9%
97.2%	Y1B	95.7%	Y1G	98.7%
Whole School Attendance- to date (this academic year)	Y2C	99%	Y2M	95.7%
96.4%	Y3J	94%	Y3K	97.4%
Class Attendance Winners	Y4F	98%	Y4K	97.3%
RG	Y5D	95.3%	Y5K	97.9%
	Y6M	98.3%	Y6RP	98.1%

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Achievements beyond the school gates



Rebecca attended an assessment day at Emirates Old Trafford to try out for an opportunity to be part of the Lancashire u10's cricket pathway.

The session was run by ex Lancashire ladies player Phoebe Graham. We are really proud of Rebecca for how far she's come on her cricket journey and the enjoyment she gets from it.

Seven of our wonderful Childwall cofe girls were chosen to represent Liverpool primary schools in the Merseyside county cross country championships on Saturday!

Absolutely brilliant running by all girls. So proud of them, they all did amazing

Some have made it through to the Nationals in Coventry!!



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Our family of faith

Our Christian
Value this term
is:

LOVE

A reflection of love from Mr Gillin

Love is at the heart of everything we do as a school community. Around Valentine's Day, we see love expressed in cards, kind words and small acts of friendship, reminding us that love is not just about romance, but about care, patience and understanding. I was at a friend's wedding recently, and their recessional song – The Beatles' classic 'Love Is All You Need' - captures this beautifully in its simple message: that love is essential, foundational, and something everyone can share. In our classrooms and playgrounds, love shows itself when children help one another, include someone who feels left out, or take the time to listen and be kind.

I remember singing a hymn in primary school which started 'I may speak with the tongues of angels.' It wasn't until I read the Bible fully when I learned it was inspired by Corinthians 13:13, where we are told "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." As a Church of England school, this verse guides us to place love at the centre of our relationships and learning. Love helps our children grow not only academically, but spiritually and emotionally too, shaping them into thoughtful, compassionate individuals who reflect God's love in the world around them.



Services at All Saints Church, Childwall during February

Sunday services – 9.15am, 11am and 5pm, with Ignite Youth Service taking place at 6pm in the Church Hall.

The 9.15 service is available on YouTube each Sunday shortly after the service. The Vicar will share it via email if you request to have your name added to the email list.

Tea and coffee are served in the Childwall Abbey Hall between the two morning services. There are also refreshments served after the evening service.

Thursday services: 10.45 am: Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer in Church followed by tea and coffee.



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ELSA Support

As you all know, next week is Children's Mental Health week and I thought this week I would give you all a brief outline of what **ELSA** stands for, what it is and the areas of support **ELSA** sessions can give to children.

ELSA stands for - **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant.**

I have been in this role now for nearly 4 years. ELSA's are trained by Educational Psychologists and I attend ELSA supervision every half term, with ELSA's from other schools, where we receive further training and support.

I am also involved in the training of ELSA's around Liverpool, alongside the EP's.

ELSA session's run for approx 6-12 weeks and each session is around 45 minutes. ELSA's support social, emotional and behavioural development of children, helping children, for example, with anxiety, friendships, anger, self-esteem and bereavement.

ELSA's give children the strategies, techniques and skills to support the child's individual emotional literacy targets.

We are running two sessions for parents/carers on developing strategies to support your child next week. Please sign up if you are interested in coming along. The information for these sessions are on Class Dojo.

Have a lovely weekend x



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Reminders



We are delighted to invite you to a **parent/carer workshop** with Claire McGuffie, Lead Specialist Practitioner for **Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN)**, SENISS, on **Monday 2nd March** from **9.15-10.15am**. Claire will be delivering training to staff members during the previous week and this workshop will give an overview of SLCN that are common in children and ideas for how they can be supported. If you are able to attend, even if just for part of the session, please email Mrs. Rice using the following email address: senco@childwallce.com

Super League Basketball Cup Finals, Sunday 22 March 2026 | AO Arena Manchester

We're pleased to share access to **specially discounted tickets (over 50% off)** for the upcoming **Super League Basketball Cup Finals**.

Held at the AO Arena Manchester on **Sunday 22nd March 2026**, this is the finale of one of British basketball's premier knockout competitions and features some of the most thrilling on court action from both the men's and women's professional leagues in the UK.

Enjoy fast-paced action, elite players, and first-class entertainment — all in front of a roaring **9,000**-strong crowd!

You can find out more on the event, including our promotional video and event schedule, by visiting <https://www.superleaguebasketballm.co.uk/2026cup/>

Ticket Offer & Booking

Our school has secured tickets for just **£10 per person** — a saving of over 50% (normal prices: £26 Adult/£22 Child).

Book your tickets here: <https://www.britishbasketballshop.com/products/2026cupprimary>

Simply click **“Add to Cart”** and adjust the quantity as needed. Tickets will be dispatched directly by Super League Basketball.

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ASD Training Team

The ASD Training Team is providing a series of virtual drop-in sessions via Zoom, for parents/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about questions or concerns they may have about their child. A diagnosis of ASD is not a requirement.

Dates: February 2026 - 9th, 12th, 13th, 23rd

9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm,

(afternoon sessions 1pm and 2pm)

11th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th

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Next week's menu

Here is a reminder of our lunchtime options:

1. Packed Lunch for Junior Children
2. Packed Lunch with Fishy Friday for Junior Children
3. School Dinner

Once you have selected an option, this will need to remain the option for the remainder of the half term. This ensures that our kitchen staff are able to order and prepare the correct number of school meals. The cost of a school dinner is £2.40 per day and must be paid for weekly in advance. All infant children receive a Universal Free School Meal.

		<h2>Lunch Menu Week 6</h2>				
w/c 9 th Feb		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
SOUP	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	Chef Choice	
HOT MAINS	Tomato & Basil Pasta 	Homemade Scouse with Crusty Bread & Pickled Beetroot	Sausage & Homemade Mash Potato with Gravy & Peas	Chicken Curry with Wholemeal Rice & Homemade Onion Bhajis	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips & Beans	
	Cheese & Red Onion Quiche with Salad 	Cheese & Tomato Panini with Salad 	Vegetable & Lentil Stew 	Vegetable Biryani 	Sri Lankan Sweet potato & Coconut Curry with Rice 	
CHEF SPECIAL	Ask Chef about today's special!					
DESSERT	Apple & Oat Crumble with Pouring Cream	Homemade Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam	Iced Sponge Cake with Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Cheese & Crackers	
	Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt					
	Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.			 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily fish		

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