



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear families,

We are delighted to share that we have had a fantastic first full week back at school! The children have been busy diving into their new topics and are showing great enthusiasm towards their learning.

This week, we had our first forest session of 2025 with Pete. The sun shone brightly, and there was such joy as the children worked together on various activities. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.



This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming some visitors from our other Trust schools to visit our EYFS area. The enriching learning environments developed by Mrs. Carter have been recognised across the trust as strong examples and are now being used to support other staff. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.

Please be aware that due to some technical issues with Facebook, we now have a new Facebook page. We encourage you to use the link to find us and become our follower to stay updated with all our news and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonAcademyLAP>

Lastly, we would like to invite you to our **Praise Worship on Monday 20th January at 2:50pm**, where we will celebrate this week's Stars of the Week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ruston

### **Dates for the Diary**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Forest School  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January- Forest School  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Start Point weaving workshop  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Safer Internet Day  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Forest School  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February HALF TERM**  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March- Forest School  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March- Year 5 and 6 residential  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Forest School  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Forest School  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holidays**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Non-Pupil Day**

## **Start Point**

*We have had such a great start to the new year and new term. In art, we have started our learning on weaving and we are expecting some professional weavers to visit our school in a few weeks to share their skills with the children. If you have any suitable materials for weaving into fences/outdoors (plastic bags, tape, bubble wrap) or strips of fabric etc, we will gratefully receive these from you. As scientists, we have begun exploring materials and their properties. We made material muncher monsters to help sort out a mix of different objects. The weather was fantastic for forest school and the children helped to take the final pile of wood chips into the seating area. As historians, we are comparing the amazing journeys made by Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus to decide which one was the greatest explorer! In a few weeks' time, our maths focus will be on multiplication with the 2,3,5,10 times table so please begin to practise these with your children.*



# Craft

This week in Craft class we have been incredibly busy. As artists, we have been looking at different techniques used by Lowry to paint his matchstick men. We then had our first attempt at creating some of our own. In science, we have been exploring light. Year 5 and 6 made light pathways whilst Year 4 focused on their understanding of light.



## Stars of the Week

Start Point: Percy and Ivy – for their great attitude towards their learning.

Craft: Evie – for settling in so well into Craft class and showing an amazing attitude to learning.



## Values of the Week

Luella – the value of Friendship for helping others to tidy the classroom.

Maxwell – the value of Respect for helping tidy the playground in the mornings without being asked.



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%  
Our whole school attendance is currently 95.4%

Class attendance is currently:  
Start Point Attendance 95.8% Croft Attendance 95.4%

### Home Learning – Start Point

Reading – Please read regularly with your child and record in their reading diary.

Spellings – Year 1 and Year 2 – Spelling quiz the following Friday

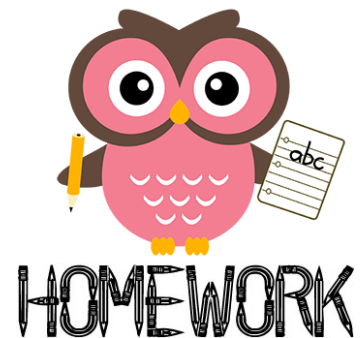
Start practising 2,3,5,10 times table



### Home Learning – Croft

Complete the sheet sent home for Maths and Spellings.

Reading – Please read regularly with your child.



## Parking

We kindly ask for your cooperation in being mindful when parking outside the school. Please note that the yellow zig-zag lines do have specific time restrictions to ensure the safety of pupils and families during drop off and pick up times. Unfortunately, this week, our taxi service was unable to pull up directly outside the school, which poses a safety risk for our pupils who use this service.

Additionally, parking further up the road has led to near collisions involving large vehicles, causing concern among our local community members. For those who may not be aware, there is ample parking available at the top of the steps opposite the school, which is a much safer option.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.