



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**We have a new Facebook page! Please like and follow us to stay updated with the latest news and events. <https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonAcademyLAP/>** 

Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of this half term. Time seems to have flown by. This week, Mrs Norton took a small group of children to play netball at Quayside Leisure Center. She said the children played well demonstrating fantastic team skills whilst having a lot of fun.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their forest school session today and it was a nice change to have dry conditions.

Last Friday, the children enjoyed participating in the NSPCC number day to raise money for a charity. Thank you for the donations received. We raised £43.20 which has now been sent to NSPCC who are very grateful.



Next half term, we have a series of clubs running. Please book online if your children would like to attend any of them.

Club Details	Who	When
Art Club with Mrs Burwell	Open to all but limited spaces.	Tuesday 3:15- 4:30
Glow in the dark dodgeball with Sporty Stars	Open to all	Wednesday 3:15-4:15
SATS Booster with Miss Farleigh	Year 6	Thursday 3:15-4:15
Breakfast Club with Premier Sports	Open to all	Friday 8:00- 8:30
After School Fencing Club with Premier Sports	KS2 only (Year 3 to Year 6)	Friday 3:15-4:15

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ruston

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February HALF TERM**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Evening  
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 26<sup>th</sup> March- KS2 CPR training with Jays aim  
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**

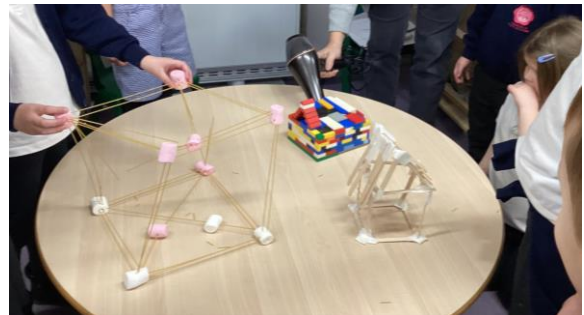
## Start Point

*In case the 'Big Bad Wolf' visited, the children compared different materials to see which one would be the best for a house that could withstand huffing and puffing! So, as scientists they set up a comparative test using marshmallows and spaghetti (Straw), lolly sticks and tape (sticks) and Lego (bricks) to see which material would be the most suitable. The wolf didn't visit so we used a hairdryer instead!*

*Lighting fire was a popular activity in forest school this week as the children practised using a fire steel and cotton wool to create a flame on which they toasted marshmallows!*

*WANTED – plastic milk bottle tops for our D&T project after half term. We will be exploring wheels and axles so please bring in any you have at home so we can use them as wheels. Thank*

You



# Croft

In Writing this week, we have produced some amazing sentences. We listened to the sounds of a storm, to collect a bank of onomatopoeic words to describe the feeling of being in a storm (bang, crash, whoosh). We also learnt how to use pathetic fallacy to give human feelings to something non-human. We used it to describe the weather with human emotions to reflect the mood of the text for example, 'the raindrops wept around him.'

As Historians this week, we learnt about how life has changed throughout the Stone Age. We thought about how life was different in the Mesolithic and Neolithic Ages and what it might be like to have lived during these times.

In French, we completed our end of unit assessment about **Habitats** and the different animals that live in each habitat. It was a great opportunity to see how much we have learnt over this last term.

## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.2%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96.3% Croft Attendance 95%

### Home Learning – Start Point

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

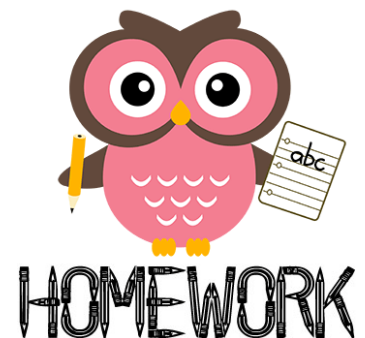
Spellings – Year 1 and Year 2 – Spelling quiz the following Friday  
Start practising 2,3,5,10 times table



### Home Learning – Croft

Complete the sheet sent home for Maths and Spellings.

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# QUAYSIDE THIS HALF TERM

Bouncy Fun



Aqua Inflatable



Soft Play



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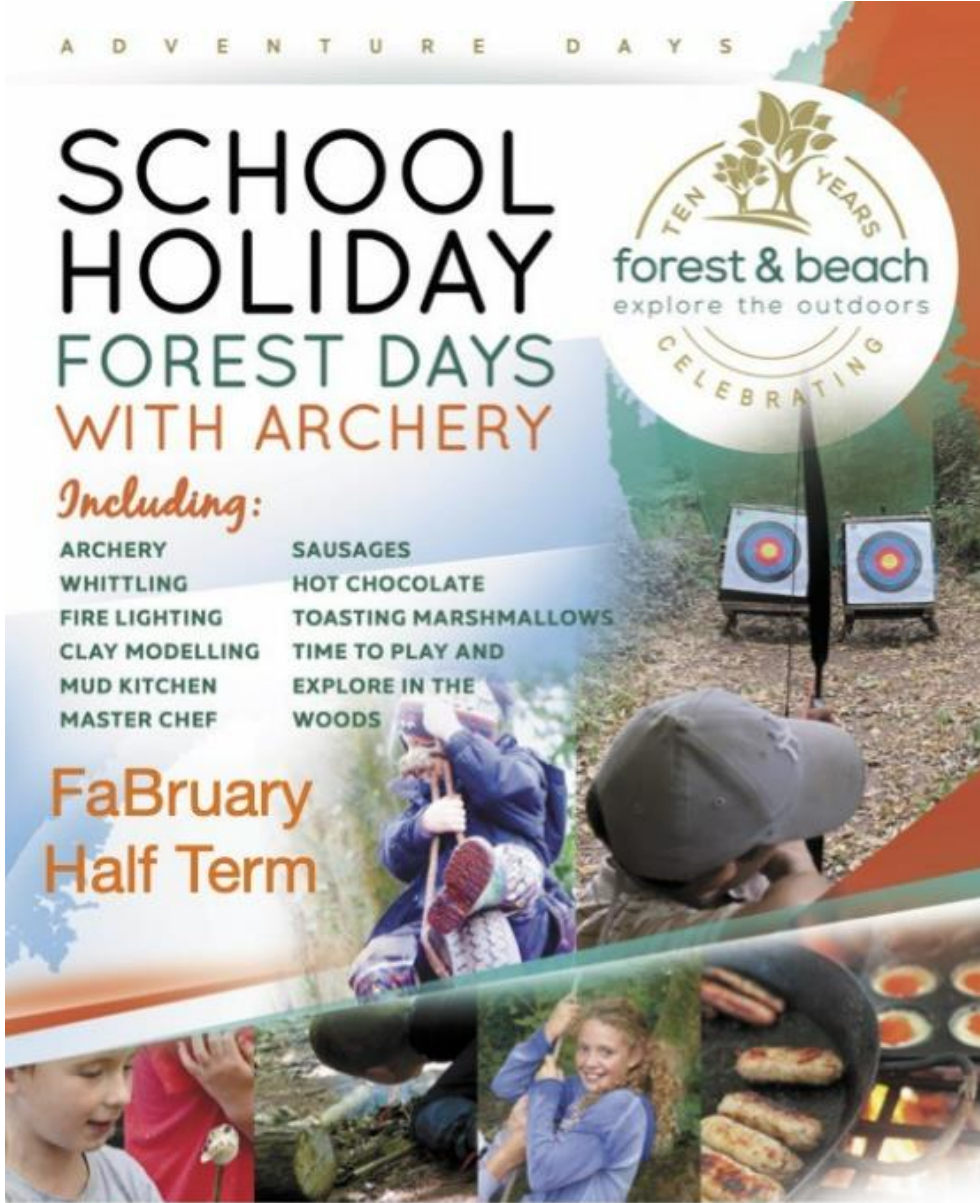
# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOREST DAYS WITH ARCHERY



## Including:

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| ARCHERY        | SAUSAGES              |
| WHITTLING      | HOT CHOCOLATE         |
| FIRE LIGHTING  | TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS |
| CLAY MODELLING | TIME TO PLAY AND      |
| MUD KITCHEN    | EXPLORE IN THE        |
| MASTER CHEF    | WOODS                 |

## Fabruary Half Term



*Book* ONLINE AT  
[www.forestandbeach.co.uk](http://www.forestandbeach.co.uk)

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY MINDS

Tuesday  
18th  
February