



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear families,

What a wonderful week we've had! The lovely sunshine has been a real treat, and it's been fantastic to see so many children thinking about sun safety by applying sunscreen, drinking plenty of water, and wearing hats.

Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic first session sailing in Salcombe. They are very much looking forward to their next session.



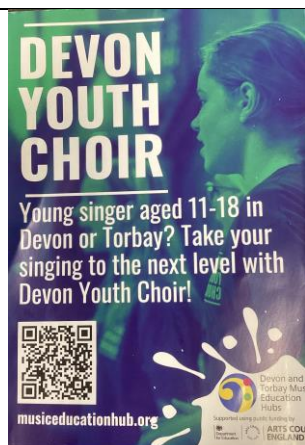
This week, we enjoyed a very sunny forest session, and some children worked hard digging in our garden, getting ready to plant some vegetables. A big thank you to our estates team for providing us with some gorgeous hanging baskets. The school is looking lovely and ready for our open morning on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** which you are all invited to join us for.

**Raffle prizes needed: As part of our open morning, we are going to be holding a raffle. We would be very grateful for any raffle donations.**

Next week, our praise worship will be held on **Tuesday afternoon at 2:50 PM**. Please join us to celebrate our stars from this week.

To mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, we would like to invite the children to wear red, blue and white to school and we will replace our normal school lunch with a celebratory picnic. We will spend some time reflecting on the importance of this event.





Finally, Devon Youth Choir are looking for new members (especially boys!) to join in September. They meet once a month in Exeter but are planning to also meet in Ivybridge. Year 6 children can sign up now ready for September. We have a lot of musical talent in this school and this could be a great opportunity.

Have a great bank holiday weekend

Mrs Ruston

If you haven't followed our new Facebook page yet, please do!



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

Keep an eye out for the Tesco Stronger Starts grant which has now started. This project will fund a polytunnel and gardening equipment to enhance our outdoor area, enabling us to grow produce and promote sustainable living within our school community. Please remember to vote for us when visiting Tesco.



#### **Dates for the Diary**

##### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May-VE Day celebrations

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 SATS Week

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Charleton CofE Academy open morning

##### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June- Year 4 Multiplication Check

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Year 4 Forest and Beach residential

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Croft class and eco club WOW (recycling) project day 1

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Canoeing

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Croft class and eco club WOW (recycling) project day 2

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June- Phonics Screening Check Week

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June- Coast to Coast water safety pool session (Year 5 and 6)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Week

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Reserve Sports Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Coast to Coast water safety Beach session (Year 5 and 6)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July- Whole School Beach Trip TBC

## Start Point

We started the term with an amazing Djembe drumming workshop led by Tasha at Deven Djembe. We were joined by children from West Alvington and together they learnt how to play bass, tone and flam notes, it was a great start to our learning about Kenya. As Historians we have started to learn about Florence Nightingale and her influence on modern nursing practice. Kandinsky style paintings are our next project in our art lessons so watch out for some more amazing art to appear! As mathematicians we are learning about money, recognising coins and understanding their value. EYFS children have been exploring capacity with water and enjoying the amazing weather.



## Croft

In Croft, we continue to work closely with the Year 6s in preparation for their SATS. Next week will be our last afterschool Thursday SATs Club. As mathematicians, Year 4 and 5 have been learning about angles and enjoyed using protractors to draw and measure angles. Year 6 have been learning about pie charts, percentages and how to work out the Mean of a set of numbers ( $\text{Mean} = \text{Total} \div \text{number of items}$ ). In Art, we have started to look at different pieces of art created by Georges Seurat. We have been exploring our new non-chronological text in English called 'On the Origin of Species.' The children loved the detailed illustrations and learning all about evolution and Charles Darwin's pioneering research. As Geographers we began our new topic about China, we learnt some key facts, labelled human and physical features and discovered the 14 countries that border China.

## Stars of the Week

Start Point: Ivy – for working independently her tasks.

Croft: Ciara – for putting a huge amount of effort into her writing.



## Values of the Week

Luella – for the value of friendship when West Alwington children visited.

Salome – for the value of honesty for sharing her thoughts during Family Groups.



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.4%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96.7% 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

Please practice telling the time with KS1 children, especially o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

### Home Learning – Croft

Year 6 please continue with your SATs booklets.

Y4&5 please complete homework sheet.

Y4s please make sure you log on to TTRS as much as

When out shopping get the children using money and recognising coins and understanding their value.



possible in preparation for your MTC.

Reading – Please read regularly with your child.

