

Charnwood Primary School

APRIL MAY 2025 - NEWSLETTER

Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)

Congratulations to the year 6 pupils on completing the KS2 SATs; you have all been absolutely amazing! All of our pupils deserve high praise for their resilience and hard work during this academic year.

Thank you to all the parents and staff for their help and support during this time. We look forward to hosting the year 6 leavers assembly soon.



Sun Safety

As we hopefully welcome the warmer weather over the next few months, it is important for us to remind ourselves and our children about keeping safe when out in the sun.

It is very important that children:

- Bring a water bottle to school everyday
- Apply sun-cream to exposed areas (at least factor 15 with UVA protection)
- Bring a sun hat with a wide brim or baseball cap to wear during break times



Systems we use for parents:

Thank you for your patience during the issues we have faced with the closing down of our payments systems and many changes over the past year.

These are the systems we use:

Weduc ReachMoreParents App – for messages, letters, calendar, forms to book clubs, swimming permission form etc.

ParentPay is our new payment system for trips, book bags and lost/damaged books. You can access this through the Weduc app under 'Payments'

School Gateway App – for paying dinner money. We will work on putting dinner money onto ParentPay in the new academic year.



School Link Project

In April, 30 Year 4 pupils from Sketchley Hill Primary School visited our school. 30 of our Year 4 children welcomed them in the school hall before everyone walked together to visit the mosque. After returning to school, the children shared lunch and enjoyed playing in the playground. The visit concluded with our Year 4 children performing their assembly on Judaism.



FS2 Twycross Zoo

F2 visited Twycross Zoo on 19.5.25 – we saw lots of different animals and learnt lots of interesting facts about them. Aliza liked the gorilla because, “...he was munching the lettuce!” Amaya liked the giraffes because, “...they were playing together!” Musa liked the tigers because, “...they were so funny walking forwards and backwards!”

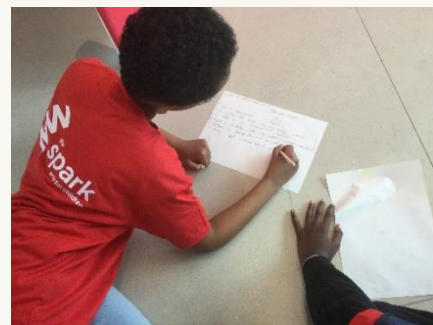


Year 5 Botanic Gardens

This term, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an enriching visit to the Leicester Botanical Gardens. The trip focused on sustainability, where the children explored ways we can help make our planet greener. They also took part in a fascinating fruit trail, learning about where our food comes from and the importance of healthy eating. A highlight of the day was making their own fruit kebabs using a variety of fresh produce. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning outdoors and developed a deeper appreciation for nature and its many wonders.



A selection of our year 5 children who have formed the Sparks Art Creativity council have been working with local artists Sam Redway, Marcus Joseph and Sarah Hailstones. The children helped plan and design creative sessions and lead an incredible day full of exciting activities open to the general public that took place on Sunday 18th May at the De Montfort University Gallery. The children had an amazing day hosting the event and showcasing their talents. After the takeover session, the Creativity Council will continue working with the artists to develop further opportunities back in school. This project is an incredible way for the children to be able to use their skills, talents and ideas and have their voice heard within school and in the wider community.



Upcoming Trips:

Monday 2nd June 2025: Year 1 Melbourne Church

Tuesday 3rd June 2025: Year 4 Spinney Hill Park

Monday 9th June 2025: FS1 Gorse Hill Farm

Thursday 12th June 2025: Year 6 Phoenix Cinema

Tuesday 17th June 2025: Year 1 Bradgate Park

Friday 20th June 2025: Year 2 Botanic Gardens

Monday 23rd June 2025: Year 3 Whetstone Pastures

Sports Days:

KS1 at School –
Friday 4th July 2025

FS1 & FS2 at School –
Monday 7th July 2025

KS2 at Abbey Park –
Tuesday 8th July 2025



Eid Ul Adha 2025

The festival of Eid-ul-Adha will be taking place on either Friday 6th June 2025 or Saturday 7th June 2025.

Eid-ul-Adha is a time of celebration for many of our pupils and their families. Pupils celebrating are entitled to take one day off to celebrate Eid, and this should be on the actual day that your family is celebrating. This day of absence will be authorised.

The school will remain open for those pupils who are not celebrating Eid.

We wish all those celebrating, a blessed Eid.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: **92.8%**

Well done to 6 Olive for having the highest attendance in April-May of 96%

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2%. We are currently below the nationally expected percentage. This is very concerning for our school. The reasons for absence will be scrutinised by Ofsted as it was raised as a concern in our last inspection which was almost a decade ago! It is unfortunate that poor attendance has continued to be a trend for our school community with term time holidays as one of the main reasons.

Please inform the office before 9.00am if your child will be absent, has an appointment or is arriving late. You may phone the school office on **0116 251 6574**. You can also report your child's absence on the **Weduc app**. Please state the reason for absence e.g. vomiting.

Late to school

Arriving at school on time is as important as attendance. The school gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Children should be in school by this time as registers are taken from 8.40am.

If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure they come through the main office and are signed in by a parent/carer. If a child has not been signed in, they will be marked as absent on the attendance register.

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Half Term Holiday:

School closes on: Thursday 22nd May 2025

School reopens on: Monday 2nd June 2025

Summer Holiday:

School closes on: Friday 11th July 2025

School reopens on: Tuesday 26th August 2025

