

Chapelfield Primary School Newsletter June/July 2026

What a lovely term it has been. Culminating in a week of goodbyes as we have said a fond farewell to Mrs Vannorsdall, Mr Barlow and of course our wonderful Year 6. We really do wish you all the best in your new jobs and schools. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us to give our Year 6 children a good send off. Here are some of our June and July highlights.

Mrs Reed



My Happy Mind Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our My Happy Mind Coffee morning. Especial thanks to Mrs McHale for organising and to the kitchen for their catering.



RSE and PSHE Consultation

Thank you so much to the parents who responded to our PSHE and RSE consultation and for your overwhelming support of our policy and curriculum. The policy has now been finalised and will be available on our website from September.

Nursery Places Still Available



Chapelfield Primary School
Respect, Honesty, Caring and Commitment

'Pupils respect each other and adults. They care about others. Pupils are attentive in lessons.'
Ofsted March 2023

'They enjoy active playtimes. Children in early years play together sociably.'

Nursery Provision

Following the successful expansion of our Nursery last year, we have a few remaining spaces available for new pupils to join us in Nursery in September.

If you have a child who is three years old, or who will be turning three, they are able to start in our school Nursery in the term following their birthday. We offer both full-time and part-time places, speak to Mrs Hannaby for more information and to arrange a visit to school.

You can reach us on 0161 723 5519 or email chapelfield@bury.gov.uk.



The Book Nook

We were really excited to open our Book Nook this term. This is an area in the Forest School on the school grounds. The whole school attended the grand opening and the children have been enjoying reading and drawing in the shade. We are hoping to keep it open for a few weeks in the Autumn term assuming it is dry enough.

Studybugs 

StudyBugs

Are you using Study Bugs? We use Study Bugs for absence reporting and to support you in understanding your child's attendance. If you have not signed up please do so using the QR code or speak to Mrs McLoughlin.



Communications to and from School

If you have worries or concerns please speak to staff on the doors at the beginning and end of the day. We are keen to promote partnership working as this is always in the best interest of your child.

If you require a form or document to be completed please note our response time is 5 working days. For some more complex forms, such as DLA this extends to 10 working days. If you are requesting documentation through other process then the school follows the timescales set out by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)



Parent Hub Reminder

All school communications are now via Parent Hub or email. If you have any difficulty accessing ParentHub for your child please speak to Mrs Hannaby in the school office.



Uniform for September

We work hard to maintain our uniform standards at Chapelfield. Ahead of the new term please refer to our uniform guidance to ensure your child is in the correct uniform every day. Full uniform guidance is on our website. Please remember all shoes for school should be **completely black, not grey**.

School Uniform Reminder

With the start of the new term please make sure your child is in **uniform and school shoes every day**.

Children should be in **completely black** school shoes or trainers with no white or coloured soles or branding.

If you need any support in providing uniform please speak to Mrs McLoughlin.

Our full range of uniform is available from <https://myclothing.com/> If you need any support accessing the website please ask Mrs Hannaby in the school office.



School starts back on the 3rd September. Full term dates are available below and on the website. We look forward to welcoming you back then. Have a lovely summer

Chapelfield Primary School Term and Holiday Dates 2026-2027
(All dates are inclusive)

Autumn Term 1

Staff Inset Day 1 & 2:

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026
(school closed to pupils)

Re-open (for pupils):

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Close (normal time):

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Staff Inset Day 3 (disaggregated):

Friday 23rd October 2026 (school closed to pupils)

Half Term – School Closed:

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Autumn Term 2

Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Close (normal time):	Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas Holiday:	Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2027
	Spring Term 1
Staff Inset Day 4:	Monday 4 th January 2027 (school closed to pupils)
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Close (normal time):	Friday 12 th February 2027
Half Term – School Closed:	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
	Spring Term 2
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 22 nd February 2027
Close (normal time):	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Easter Holiday:	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027
	Summer Term 1
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 12 th April 2027
May Day – School Closed:	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 4 th May 2027
Exceptional Closure (Polling Day):	Thursday 6 th May 2027
Re-open (for pupils):	Friday 7 th May 2027
Close (normal time):	Friday 28 th May 2027
Half Term – School Closed:	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027
	Summer Term 2
Staff Inset Day 5:	Monday 7 th June 2027 (school closed to pupils)
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 8 th June 2027
Close (normal time):	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

Below are some information flyers from outside agencies which we have been asked to share with you. The easiest way is for us to share this electronically.

If you see someone in difficulty in the water remember 'call, tell, throw':

- Call 999 and ask for fire if inland or the coastguard if by the sea. Explain your location clearly and describe any landmarks.
- Tell the struggling person to try to float on their back.
- Throw them something that floats.

For further information on water safety visit:

- Our website (manchesterfire.gov.uk)
- Royal Life Saving Society UK (rsls.org.uk)
- Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (rospa.com)
- Royal National Lifeline Institution (rnl.org)
- National Water Safety Forum (nationalwatersafety.org.uk)

#RespectTheWater



Dying for a dip?

Every year people drown in open water around Greater Manchester.

It's not worth the risk,
be safe around water.



Reference: 1505814

Follow @manchesterfire



manchesterfire.gov.uk

Water safety advice

As temperatures rise, it's tempting to cool off with a swim in a river, canal, lake or reservoir. However, we are regularly called to rescue people who have got into trouble in the water.

What are the dangers of swimming in open water?

- There is no supervision.
- The cold water temperature can claim your life in minutes – even if you are a strong swimmer.
- It's difficult to estimate the depth of the water. It may be much deeper than you think, or shallower than expected.
- There are often no suitable places to get out of the water due to steep, slippy banks or sides.
- There is no way of knowing what lies beneath – there could be weeds, pipes, shopping trolleys, sharp metal or broken bottles.
- Swimming in open water can lead to a variety of serious illnesses.
- There may be hidden currents – flowing water or swimming in the sea can be especially dangerous.
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix – perception and capability are both affected by drinking.

What should you do if you get into difficulty?

However you end up in the water, if you end up in difficulty, **float to live**:

- Tilt your head back, with ears submerged.
- Relax and try to breathe normally.
- Move your hands to help you stay afloat.
- It's okay if your legs sink, we'll float differently.
- Spread your arms and legs to improve stability.

If the effects of cold water shock pass and you regain your calm, take the next step to safety. This could be swimming to a safe place, calling for help or holding onto something to help you float.

Make sure you know what to do if you get into difficulty too. Use them to learn how to float.



Respect the water

- Swim somewhere safe – the swimming baths.
- Obey the warning signs around reservoirs, lakes, canals, rivers and at the beach.
- Value your own safety first – jumping into the water for fun, or to rescue pets or belongings, can be highly dangerous.
- Know what to do if you see someone in difficulty in the water – if there's a lifeguard on duty you should alert them or dial 999 and ask for the fire service if inland or the coastguard if by the sea. Remember 'call, tell, throw' (see back page for more details).
- Enjoy organised water sports in a safe environment – with the correct equipment and a qualified instructor.

We use our five senses to help us enjoy the things around us and to live in the here and now.

Not only do our senses help us to understand the world and react to our surroundings, they can also help us to understand and control what is happening inside us.

Our senses send messages through receptor cells to our brain, using our nervous system to deliver that message. Our senses are very closely connected to our emotions; what we hear, see, taste, smell and touch provides us with information about how we feel.

We can use our senses and nervous system to help us to calm down and 'ground' us when our emotions become overwhelming. Our senses can also help to relieve stress and improve our wellbeing and happiness.

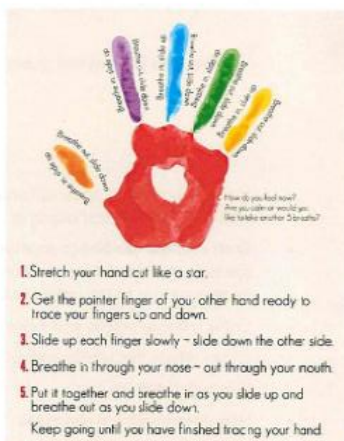
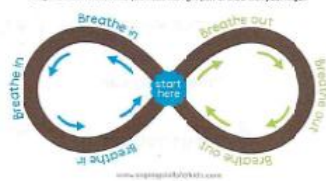


Did you know...

The fastest way to calm down your nervous system, your senses and your mind is by slow breathing. Here are two great examples of techniques you can try:

Lazy 8 Breathing

Start with an 8 on its side. Starting in the middle, go up to the left and trace the left part of the 8 with your finger while you breathe in. When you get to the middle of the 8 again, breathe out while you trace the right part of the 8 with your finger.



Stay Calm



Stay Safe



Stay Present

Using your senses to create a calmer you



Feeling stressed?

Try engaging with one or more of your senses to help you feel calmer...



- Read a good book
- Watch your favourite film or TV program
- Engage your visual senses in painting, crafting, gaming or photography etc
- Consider using a sleeping mask
- Sit in an environment with low warm, calm lighting, like fairy lights.
- Stir up good memories by looking at happy old photos
- Journal or doodle / colour in



- Exercise (any that makes you happy!)
- Squeeze a stress ball or use a fidget toy
- Stroke a pet—particularly cats, dogs or rabbits!
- Wear soft, warm, comfortable clothes
- Bake—enjoy the soothing repetitive movements.
- Wrap up in blankets (normal, weighted or heated) or wear layers
- Have a cuddle with someone
- Have a massage
- Have a hot or cold shower

Feeling disconnected?

Try using your senses in a grounding exercise...

6★5★4★3★2★1

- 6 deep breaths
- 5 things you can see
- 4 things you can touch
- 3 things you can hear
- 2 things you can smell
- 1 thing you love about yourself



- Have a comforting smell to hand which makes you feel happy or safe
- Burn scented candles or aromatherapy oil (be safe and ask for supervision if necessary due to the naked flames)
- Enjoy outdoors smells and flowers on walks
- Bake—enjoy the smells and aromas
- Use a scented diffuser
- Use deep breathing exercises

Feeling anxious?

Try using your senses in a way that will help you feel safer...



- Try ASMR sound videos
- Sit outside and enjoy nature sounds
- Listen to an audio book or motivational recording
- Listen to your favourite music or playlist
- Try a guided meditation or binaural beats
- Enjoy quiet if that is what you need



- Have a chat with someone who will listen
- Spend time with friends and laugh
- Sing, either in a group or loud & proud!
- Chew a piece of sugarless gum
- Set affirmations and repeat them out loud
- Choose strong flavours and warm drinks
- Eat your favourite happy foods and nostalgic flavours

For more activities and information on how to practice good self-care, try the Anna Freud website.

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/self-care/>



READY FOR AN AMAZING SUMMER?

Our Summer Adventure Camp is a 4-day residential packed with fun activities, new friends and memories that last a lifetime!

-  Make new friends
-  Try new activities
-  Build confidence and have fun!



KEY DETAILS



DATES

3rd – 6th August 2026



LOCATION

Wellspring House, Radcliffe
Manchester area



AGES

9 – 13 years



ACCOMMODATION

Residential stay in
shared dorms



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Activities, trips, meals
and all programme costs

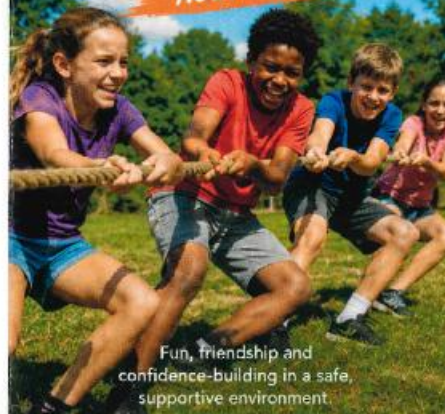


Financial support may be
available – please ask for details.



SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

AGES 9-13



Fun, friendship and
confidence-building in a safe,
supportive environment.



3RD – 6TH
AUGUST 2026



MANCHESTER
AREA



AGES
9 – 13

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP



MORNING

Fun, interactive sessions
based on Harry Potter.
Exploring faith, friendship
and courage.



AFTERNOON

Trips out and outdoor activities,
including local parks like
Heaton Park.



EVENING

Games, group activities
and time with friends.



PLUS

A special full-day trip during the
camp (past trips have included
activity centres and adventure
parks).

A GREAT PLACE TO GROW AND BELONG

Our camps help children build confidence,
make new friends and try new things in
a welcoming and inclusive environment.



MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Build lasting friendships in a fun,
inclusive community.



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Try new activities, take on challenges
and feel proud of achievements.



LEARN AND GROW

Develop new skills through play,
creativity and teamwork.



ACTIVE AND OUTDOORS

Enjoy fresh air, adventure and
unforgettable experiences.



UNPLUG AND RELAX

A break from screens in a safe,
supportive environment.

A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our top priority.
Our camps are carefully run by an experienced team.



All leaders are DBS-checked



Experienced team of adults and youth leaders



Clear safeguarding procedures



Appropriate supervision and care



First aid and medical support available



Inclusive, friendly and supportive environment

“ The treasure hunt was lots of fun!
I loved the sessions and activities.
I liked sharing a dorm with my friends.”
– Summer Adventurers



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