

Chapelfield Primary School Newsletter March 2026

Welcome back — it has been lovely to see so many children returning with smiles and looking very smart. Thank you for your support with uniform. As the weather improves (but can still be unpredictable), please ensure your child has a sunhat as needed and a waterproof coat in school. We have a full and exciting term ahead and are looking forward to it.

Mrs Reed

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



My Happy Mind Gold

We are proud to announce that we are a myHappyMind Gold Accredited school!

This means that as a school, we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence and self-esteem as well as teaching them how to self-regulate in those stressful times. If your child is in Key Stage 1 or 2 they will have been given a gold badge in recognition of this. If they are in Early Years the badge and certificate are on display in their classroom



This accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappyMind to life all around our school! I would like to especially thank Mrs McHale who leads on My Happy Mind across school – we would not have got gold accreditation without her!

To learn more about the myHappyMind for Schools programme, visit their website here - <https://myhappymind.org/>

Whitefield Care Home

We had a wonderful trip with the children in choir to Whitefield House Care Home. The children sang a number of songs they had prepared and even had some actions. The children were wonderfully behaved and the residents and staff really enjoyed the performance. Choir are busy practicing for their next performance at our Summer Songs

Chapelfield loves
to sing!

event – watch out for more information. Thank you so much to Megan Rickard who volunteers leading our choir, we are very grateful for your time and hard work!

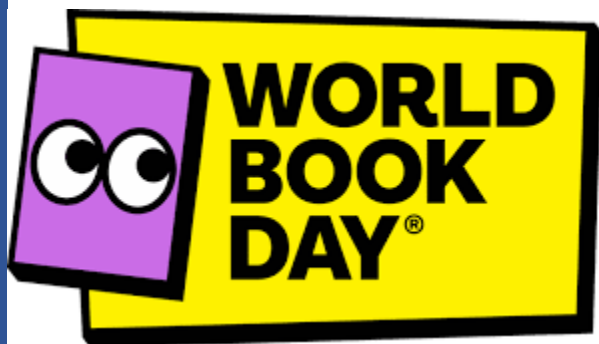
Easter Day



Easter creations – Mrs Macdonald and I had a hard time judging them all!

We finished the half term with a whole school celebration of Easter. The children had been learning about different elements of the Easter story in their classes as part of the RE curriculum. We then had a day of bonnet parades, egg decorating competitions and Easter activities, all topped off with a whole school Easter Big Sing. Thank you to the many parents who supported their children in making

World Book Day



We started March with a celebration of World Book Day. The children and staff looked fantastic dressed as a range of book characters. All classes engaged in a range of book based activities as we celebrated books and our love of reading! Mrs Hands organised a competition for the children to guess the staff's favourite books as children. Can you guess whose favourite book was Meg and Mog? The answer is at the bottom of the Newsletter.

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.



Year 6 SATS Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May

With SATS on the horizon we wanted to make sure you are informed and ready to support your child, in the next few Newsletters we will share extra information about SATs. Please do ask Mr Peet or Mrs Hands if you have any further questions.



What are SATs?

The Standard Assessment Tests (otherwise known as SATs) check your child's knowledge of the National Curriculum. The tests are compulsory for Year 6 students and they're used to assess your child against age-related expectations.

What are SATs results used for?

Year 6 SATs results are used to measure both the school and each child's progress and achievements in maths, spelling, punctuation & grammar, plus reading.

The results show the progress between the Reception Baseline Assessments, which are administered in reception class and the end of Year 6.

Many secondary schools also use Year 6 SATs results to determine what set a child will be assigned to in Year 7. Secondary schools may also do their own tests to help assess children. It is best to check with your secondary school if you are unsure. Secondary

schools may also use Year 6 english and maths SATs results to help generate targets for each child for secondary school. This is called Progress 8, and measures how a child progresses during secondary school.

If you would like to find out more please see the Government Information [here](#)

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.



Parking

Please be mindful when dropping off and collecting your child. Please do not block resident access to properties or park on the yellow lines. We appreciate your support in this.

Important Dates

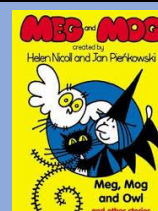
Monday 20 th April	Return to School
Thursday 7 th May	Exceptional Closure School closed for Polling Day
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	SATS Week – Year 6 Please ensure your child is in attendance and on time every day
Monday 1 st June – Friday 12 th June	Multiplication Check Weeks – Year 4 Please ensure your child is in attendance and on time every day
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week – Year 1 and Year 2 Please ensure your child is in attendance and on time every day
Friday 3 rd July	Nursery Closed – Transition Sessions for September 2026 More information to follow

TERM DATES: 2025-2026

	Summer Term 1
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 20 th April 2026
May Day – School Closed:	Monday 4 th May 2026
Re-open (for pupils):	Tuesday 5 th May 2026
Close (normal time):	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Half Term – School Closed:	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026
	Summer Term 2
Re-open (for pupils):	Monday 1 st June 2026
Close (normal time):	Friday 17 th July 2026
Staff Inset Day 4 & 5:	Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st July 2026 (school closed to pupils)
Summer Holiday – School Closed:	Wednesday 22 nd July

If you have any queries about any of the information in this newsletter or would like it provided in an alternative format, please contact Mrs Hannaby in the school office on 01615237719 or via email on chapelfield@bury.gov.uk

The staff member whose favourite book is Meg and Mog is Mrs Mcleod!



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Dates for your diary

Sunday 10 May, 10am-4pm

Claremont Centre, Trafford

Sunday 28 June, 10am-4pm

Secondary school venue TBC, Oldham

Sunday 18 October, 10am-4pm

MAPAS, Salford

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made me want
to sing more"**

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Would you like to be able to:

- ☐ Learn how to stay calm in an **emergency**?
- ☐ Perform **CPR** on an adult, child or infant?
- ☐ Gain the **confidence** to be able to deal with a variety of childhood **accidents** and **illnesses**?
- ☐ Apply a **bandage** correctly and safely?
- ☐ Respond to a **seizure** or **choking scenario**?

Come along to our **free 4-week course**
FAMILY FIRST AID FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
for parents, grandparents and carers of children under 17

Starting on Friday 24th April 10:00-12:00



Please call 0161 253 5772
to book a place on the course at
Bury Adult Education Centre
18 Haymarket Street, Bury, BL9 0AQ