

Chapelfield Primary School Newsletter October 2025

What a lovely feeling of Autumn there is around school with our beautiful trees filling the grounds with an array of Autumn colours. We have had a great half term at Chapelfield, and it was lovely to see so many of you at both parents evening and our Geography showcase. I hope you have a wonderful half term, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Reed

Food Bank Support

We understand that some families in our school community may be facing financial challenges, and we want to ensure everyone knows about the support available through local foodbanks.

What is a foodbank?

Foodbanks provide emergency food and support to people in crisis. They offer three days' nutritionally balanced food to people who have been referred to them in crisis.

How to access support

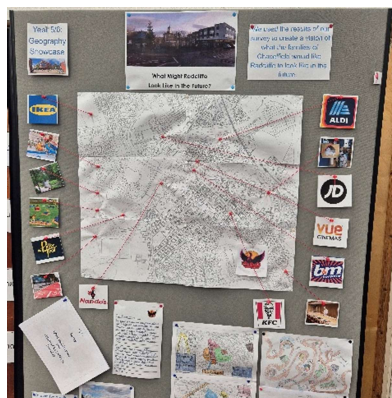
If you or someone you know needs support, you can find your nearest foodbank by visiting the Trussell Trust website: <https://www.trussell.org.uk/emergency-food/find-a-foodbank>
Simply enter your postcode to locate your nearest foodbank and find out their opening times.

If you need further information on accessing a foodbank or would like a referral to a local foodbank please speak to Mrs McLoughlin



Geography Showcase

Thank you so much to the many parents who came to celebrate the children's work in the Geography showcase. As a whole school we have all been participating in fieldwork, learning about our local area and all about Radcliffe. The children have used Ordnance Survey maps, learnt about different housing types and reviewed the amenities of Radcliffe. It



has been lovely to see how enthusiastic the children have been about their learning.

Uniform

Thank you so much for how smart the children have looked throughout this half term. Just a reminder school shoes should be entirely black



Clubs at Chapelfield

This term we have had a number of clubs running across school for different year groups. Children have been participating in Happiness Heroes, Choir, Gymnastics, Yoga and Mindfulness and Mrs Fisher's high energy aerobics (which she has enjoyed just as much as the children). The new club offer has been sent out and I am delighted to see so many children signing up, from Mindfulness to Japanese I am sure they will be great fun.

Please make sure you are on ParentHub so you are receiving school communications about clubs and opportunities.

PE Kit

Your child should have brought their PE kit home for washing in the holidays. Please ensure it returns to school on the first day of term and is left in school for the half term. Some classes will have changed PE day after the half term so please ensure your child's kit is in school from the Monday.

We have had an increasing number of children without kit toward the end of term. Although we can, and do, lend children kits to ensure they can participate their preference is to wear their own.

Year 5 will need a swimming kit on Friday for the rest of the Autumn term.

Attendance

Our attendance is currently not only above the average for Bury but is above the National Average. A huge thank you for supporting your child to have regular attendance at school. Every school day really does count and we really appreciate you working with us to achieve good attendance for every child.

You can view your child's attendance on our StudyBugs app, we are aiming for above 95% for every child.



Apply for Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium (PP) is government funding for schools to help improve pupil's educational outcomes. If your application is successful your child will receive free school meals, you will receive food vouchers for a local supermarket during holidays and school can receive funding to provide additional support for children in school. To apply, simply complete the online form for Free School Meals (link below).

STEP 1

Check your eligibility criteria

Review the qualifications for Pupil Premium funding to ensure your child can benefit from additional educational support.

Children may be eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding if their parents receive:

- Universal Credit – with an employment income of less than £7,400 p/a
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit • Income-related Employment Support Allowance
 - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

STEP 2

Complete the online form



Fill out the Free School Meals application form to initiate the process for receiving Pupil Premium funding for your child.

STEP 3

Await confirmation

Check your email for confirmation of your application status regarding Pupil Premium funding and Free School Meals eligibility.

Even if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives Free School Meals, we ask that if you think you may be eligible, you scan the QR code and complete the form. With the additional funds school can offer targeted reading, writing, or maths interventions to your child as well as support them with additional enrichment and social opportunities.



The Mayor at Chapelfield

Last Friday we welcomed the Mayor and two Governors, Mr Binks and Mrs Simpson to our celebration of Black History month.

All classes had researched a black musician and performed one of their songs to the rest of school. From Ella Fitzgerald to Stevie Wonder and beyond we had a wonderful assembly celebrating the contribution of black musicians to the music we enjoy today.

There was toe tapping from the Governors and the Mayor thoroughly enjoyed the tune choice and the children's musicality. I am sure some of you will have heard your child singing their songs through this term. They were amazing and we were incredibly proud of them!

Proud to be a WOW School

You may have seen some of our children wearing wonderful colourful badges. This is because we are a school that celebrates walking and active travel. We record how your child travels to school and if they have $\frac{3}{4}$ of their journeys as active they earn a badge. This can include walking, cycling, and park and stride (parking a distance from work and walking in). This is part of our Climate Action Plan which outlines the efforts we make to reduce our environmental impact and educate our pupils about sustainability.

We would love your support in ensuring as many children as possible earn their active travel badge for November.



Important Dates

3 rd November	Halloween Disco
6 th November	Flu Vaccinations
6 th November 4.00-5.30pm	New to EYFS Open Evening for Reception/Nursery Intake 2026
7 th November	Individual School Photos
1 st – 5 th December	Christmas Raffle Tickets on sale in school hall
	Bikeability
3 rd December - pm	Choir singing at Bury Market – more information to follow
5 th December	School Fair
8 th December am	EYFS Nativity
11 th December am	KS1 Nativity
15 th – 18 th December	Elfridges at Chapelfield
15 th December 6pm	KS2 Christmas Concert at All Saints Stand
19 th December	Class Party Day

TERM DATES: 2025-2026

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Christmas Holiday:

Staff Inset Day 3:

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Half Term – School Closed:

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Easter Holiday:

Re-open (for pupils):

May Day – School Closed:

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Half Term – School Closed:

Re-open (for pupils):

Close (normal time):

Staff Inset Day 1 & 2:

Summer Holiday – School Closed:

Autumn Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2025

Spring Term 1

Monday 5th January 2026 (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term 2

Monday 23rd February 2026

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Friday 3rd April to Friday 17th April 2026

Summer Term 1

Monday 20th April 2026

Monday 4th May 2026

Tuesday 5th May 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026 (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 22nd July