

Chapelfield Primary School Newsletter September 2026

It is always a highlight to pause and reflect on the start of a new school year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and we have enjoyed a very settled start to the school year. Thank you for preparing your children for their new classes and new experiences that each new school year brings. There is a lot of information in this newsletter which should help you make sure you are connected to school communication systems and know where to find the information you need to stay informed with what is going on in the life of school.

Mrs Reed

Illness and Absence Reporting

As we approach that time of the year when coughs and colds begin, we wanted to revisit the guidance on what to do if your child is not well enough to attend school. Illness is the largest cause of school absence. Over 50 million days were lost in 2025/26 due to illness, almost half of all absence.

It can be really hard to decide if your child is well enough for school, if you are in doubt please speak to the school staff either on the door or by calling

the office. The NHS and DfE have released guidance and advice to help you decide if your child is well enough to attend – this is on our website under both parent information and on our attendance page. Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well, staff are always willing to keep a careful eye on a child who is feeling unwell and we will contact you if we think they are not well enough to remain in school.

If your child is not well enough to attend, it's important to contact school first thing via telephone, email or StudyBugs to report your child absent and give a reason for their absence.

In the cases of vomiting or diarrhoea children must remain absent from school for 48 hours after their last episode of illness.



Studybugs

Study Bugs

Over the last year we have been introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health. (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

You can still report absence via the school telephone or via Parent Hub.

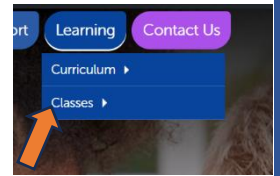
Please make sure you report your child as absent before the close of the



morning register. Any child without a reason for absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

What Will My Child Learn this Year?

As part of the 'You Said, We Did' series we wanted to highlight how you can find out what your child will cover in their learning this year. In our parent survey in Spring you told us you weren't always clear on this, we want you to be informed so you can support your child's learning. On the school website there is a top tab titled 'Learning' Under this tab you will find a link to our classes, this page links to all of our classes where you can find out more about what your child is learning and get to know their staff team. If you have completed an activity or trip linked to your child's learning I am sure the class team would love to hear about it.



Nursery Places Still Available



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.

Attending school Nursery gives your child the best start to school life as they are already familiar with our routines and rhythms. We

have an open evening on Wednesday 11th November at 4-5.30pm – join us and find out more.

Allergy Awareness



As you may be aware there is new legislation regarding supporting children with allergies and/or asthma at school. Our approach to this can be seen in our allergy policy which is published on our website. At Chapelfield Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our top priority. To ensure we can provide the best possible care and respond appropriately in an emergency, it is essential that we are fully aware of any allergies or asthma your child may have.

Please notify the school office if your child has allergies or asthma
Please can we remind all parents that no nuts should be bought into school.

Arbor

We are rolling out Arbor to parents. This will mean you can update your child's contact information and your own details ensuring your data remains updated. You will be receiving information regarding this from Mrs Hannaby. Please register for your account as we will use this to keep your child's information up to date and in future, for communications, clubs, trips and parents evening.



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. School will always respond as soon as possible and within 5 school days.

If you require a form or document to be completed please note our response time is 10 working days, for example DLA. If you are requesting documentation through other process then the school follows the timescales set out by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).



We are proud that Chapelfield is a warm, caring community built on our values of Honesty, Respect, Caring and Commitment. Please help us maintain this by communicating with staff politely and calmly — whether by email, phone or in person — so we can work together quickly and effectively to resolve any concerns. If you are unhappy, please raise the matter through the usual school office or via a request for a meeting so we can investigate and respond. Aggressive or abusive behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated and may result in restricted contact until a constructive way forward is agreed.

Parent Hub

Our school communications are all sent via parent hub. Through this app you will receive general communications, messages from the class teacher and direct messages. You can also see your child's attendance via this app. To join please download the parent hub and join our channel @chapelfield. You will then be able to follow your child's class channel as well. If you need any support please speak to a member of staff. Please note you will only be able to join with the email address you have provided to school.



Uniform

We work hard to maintain our uniform standards at Chapelfield. 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**.

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.



Mobile Phone Policy

Just a reminder that the school is mobile phone free. The policy regarding this is on our school website. The key points are

- **Pupils are not permitted to use mobile phones during school hours**
- **Mobile phones must be switched off on entry to school and handed in at their classroom.**
- **Exceptions may be granted** for specific medical or safeguarding needs, but only with prior approval from the school
- **Any mobile phone seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated (even if it is switched off)**
- **Other devices with connectivity** such as smart watches, Bluetooth headphones etc. should **not be brought into school.**
- **No recording devices should be in schools** such as meta glasses



This will ensure our school remains phone free and allows children to enjoy a safe learning environment. Thank you for your support regarding this.

Important Dates

5 th – 9 th October	Yar 6 Bikeability
21 st October	Parents Evening
22 nd October	End of Term School Closed 23 rd October – 1 st November
3 rd November	Halloween Disco
6 th November	Individual School Photos
9 th – 12 th November	Scholastic Bookfair in School
11 th November	EYFS Open Evening for September 2026 admissions
9 th December	EYFS Nativity 10.30am
11 th December	KS1 Nativity 10.00am
15 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert at All Saints Stand 2pm
16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

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

Autumn Term 1

Close (normal time):

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Staff Inset Day 3 (disaggregated):
pupils)

Friday 23rd October 2026 (school closed to

Half Term – School Closed:
2026

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

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