

CHILWELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Alfie in Year 11 on securing a full-time scholarship at Notts County Academy for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 seasons!

Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off – we are incredibly proud of you

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Back to School

1st June 2026

Please ensure students arrive bright and early for registration at 8:40am.

* Duke of Edinburgh, Bronze

12th June 2026

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students will take part in their final expedition at Lathkill Dale.

We wish all students the very best as they complete this important part of their award and look forward to hearing all about their achievements on their return.



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Making Communication Easier

From your feedback, we understand that families receive a large number of messages and emails from school and sometimes important messages can be overlooked.

To help make communication clearer and easier to manage, we will be trialling a new approach after the May half-term break.

Families will receive a fortnightly whole-school newsletter containing key information, updates, reminders, and celebrations from across the school in one place.

We hope this will make it easier for parents and carers to stay informed while reducing the number of separate messages sent home. Thank you for your continued support.

Message from the Head Teacher

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank all students, staff and families for their continued hard work and support. We are proud of the achievements and progress already made this term and look forward to building on this success in the weeks ahead. I hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the remainder of the Summer Term.



Things you need to know

Important Information



Warm Weather

Please ensure students come to school prepared for warmer temperatures.

We strongly encourage all students to bring:

- A water bottle
- A sun hat for break and lunchtime use

Staying hydrated throughout the school day is especially important during periods of warm weather.

Ready to Learn

Students should arrive at school each day fully equipped and ready to learn. Having the correct equipment supports organisation, independence and success in lessons. Essential equipment includes:

- Black or blue pens
- Pencils
- A ruler
- A scientific calculator
- A pencil sharpener
- An eraser
- A green pen
- Colouring pencils
- A sturdy school bag



Further information regarding equipment expectations can be found on the Chilwell School website.



Uniform Expectations

Full school uniform is still expected every day, including blazers at present. Students should continue to arrive in correct uniform unless otherwise advised by the school.

Arbor Communications

Please continue to check Arbor regularly for important school updates and communications.

If temperatures continue to rise, we may issue further guidance regarding blazers via Arbor, so please keep an eye out for updates.



Parent's Evening – Have Your Say!!

At Chilwell School, we are always looking at ways to strengthen communication and engagement with families. As part of this, we are gathering feedback regarding the format of Parents' Evenings.

We understand that some families value the convenience and flexibility of online appointments, while others prefer the opportunity to meet staff face-to-face in school. Both approaches offer important benefits and we are keen to hear the views of our parent and carer community.

Your feedback will help us review future arrangements and ensure Parents' Evenings continue to best support students, families and staff. [Complete the form](#) and have your say.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to share your views.

Governor Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our Governing Body as Co-opted Governors and Partnership Governors.

This is a valuable opportunity to support the strategic direction of the school, contribute to school improvement, and help ensure the best outcomes for our students. No previous governance experience is necessary – just enthusiasm, commitment, and a passion for education.

If you would like to make a positive difference within our school community, we would love to hear from you.

✉ Please contact pa@chilwellschool.co.uk for further information.

What's been happening

The Last Two Week in Pictures



GCSE exams are now in full swing — we are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and wish them the very best.

Year 6 transition information

It was great to meet our new Year 6 families during our online transition meeting.



Researchers from Imperial College London's Fleming Initiative visited school to deliver an interactive workshop on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) to Year 10 pupils. Students explored how antibiotic resistance spreads, created awareness posters, and tested educational games designed to help schools tackle the issue in a fun and engaging



A fantastic evening celebrating the progress and achievements of our Year 7 students.



We had a fashion show. This is a vital part of our fashion unit in MFL. Students went above and beyond to put their outfits and scripts together.



Thank you for another busy and successful half term — enjoy the break!



Supporting Sustainability at Chilwell School



Reducing Plastic, Protecting Our Future

As part of our commitment to becoming a more environmentally responsible school, we are excited to launch a new sustainability initiative from September 2026.

From the start of the new academic year, Chilwell School will introduce Gen Juice drinks and remove the sale of all single-use plastic bottles on site. This change supports our efforts to reduce plastic waste, promote sustainable choices and encourage environmental awareness across our school community.

Students will continue to have access to water refill stations throughout the school, and we encourage everyone to bring a reusable water bottle each day.

This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to responsibility, sustainability, and creating a greener future for all.



Safe, Supported & Ready to Learn



"Our safeguarding team is committed to ensuring every student feels safe, supported, listened to and able to thrive both in and out of school."

—Mr. Jay

Safeguarding & Wellbeing: Supporting Young People

At Chilwell School, the wellbeing and safety of our students remains our highest priority. As we move through a busy term and exam season, we recognise the importance of supporting young people both emotionally and academically.

We encourage students to speak to a trusted adult if they are feeling worried, overwhelmed, or need support. Whether concerns relate to friendships, online activity, mental health, or school pressures, our pastoral and safeguarding teams are always here to help.

Parents and carers can also support wellbeing by encouraging positive routines, limiting screen time before bed, and maintaining open conversations at home.

Together, we can ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to succeed.



Attendance Matters

Attendance Matters During Exam Season

As GCSE exams continue, attendance and punctuality are more important than ever. Being in school every day ensures students do not miss valuable revision sessions, exam briefings, intervention support, and important information from staff.

Exam season can be a challenging time for young people, and regular attendance also helps students maintain positive routines, access wellbeing support, and feel confident and prepared.

We encourage all students to arrive on time, attend every exam and lesson, and speak to staff if they are feeling worried or need additional support.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support during this important period.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

Vision and Values

Living Our SPARK Values

SPARK

Every day, our students continue to demonstrate our SPARK values through their actions, attitudes and achievements both inside and outside the classroom.

- Success – celebrating effort, achievement, and progress
- Perseverance – showing resilience and determination when facing challenges
- Aspiration – aiming high and embracing new opportunities
- Responsibility – making positive choices and supporting our community
- Kindness – showing respect, empathy, and care for others



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This half term we are also proud to recognise our High Performers and students receiving Special Mentions for consistently demonstrating these values and making a positive contribution to school life.



Attendance Awards

Congratulations to our highest-attending tutor groups and year groups this year so far Excellent attendance plays a key role in student success, wellbeing, and achievement – every day counts!

Year 7D – 97.9%

Year 8B – 96.3%



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Noah, who has been selected to join the Great British Wakeboard Team!

This is an incredible achievement and a reward for all of his hard work and dedication. We are very proud of him and look forward to hearing about his future successes.
Well done, Noah!

Sports Council Update

Members of our School Sports Council have voted to recognise our school's most valuable sports people. This will be done termly and there will be a prize to recognise their hard work.

Summer Term Most Valuable Sports People are:

Jason Field- **Commitment** to representing the school in a range of sports.

Ella Soulsby- Outstanding performance in athletics.

Hugo Evans- Excellent sportsmanship.

Pippa Barron - Admirable role model and outstanding sporting performance.

Sporting Feature

South Notts Cup Final

On Friday, our football team competed in the final against George Spencer in a fantastic and hard-fought match. Although we did not come away with the victory, the team should be incredibly proud of their achievement in reaching the final.

The players showed excellent determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the competition and represented Chilwell School brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved on an outstanding cup run and a memorable performance.



Chilwell Leads the Way in Allergy Safety

Chilwell School is proud to have been one of the first schools in the area to introduce emergency EpiPens on site, helping to protect students with severe allergies and anaphylaxis ahead of new national legislation.

The government has recently announced stronger protections for children with allergies in schools, including mandatory allergy awareness training, dedicated allergy policies and access to emergency adrenaline auto-injectors in all schools from September 2026.

At Chilwell, student safety has always been a priority. Staff have been trained to recognise the signs of anaphylaxis and respond quickly in an emergency, with spare EpiPens available on site for several years.

These new national measures highlight the importance of rapid treatment during severe allergic reactions and reinforce the proactive approach already taken by the school to safeguard students' health and wellbeing.



Inspiring Future Innovators

Girls Into Engineering

We are excited to share an amazing opportunity for our Year 8 and Year 9 girls this summer! The Girls into Engineering Residential Summer Course at Loughborough University offers students the chance to explore the exciting world of engineering through hands-on activities, teamwork and problem-solving challenges. Taking place from 11–13 August, this three-day residential course gives students the opportunity to stay on campus, meet like-minded young people and experience university life first-hand. The programme focuses on both Healthcare Technology and Complex System Engineering, allowing students to discover how engineering is used in medicine and technology.

Participants will:

- Explore cutting-edge medical technology
- Learn how organs work using practical models
- Discover the science behind screening and diagnosis
- Design and build a land buggy
- Develop programming, hardware and problem-solving skills

The course costs £200, including accommodation, meals and all equipment. Fully funded places may also be available for families where cost could be a barrier. This is a fantastic opportunity to inspire the next generation of female engineers and encourage students to explore careers in science, technology and innovation.

For more information and to apply, families can visit the Smallpeice Trust website.