

CHILWELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Student Spotlight

After years of dedication, Ethan will have his hair cut following his final exam on 15th June, with his hair being used to help create wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through medical treatment.

A [JustGiving page](#) has also been set up to raise funds for this fantastic cause.

We are incredibly proud of Ethan's generosity and commitment to helping others. Well done, Ethan!



Chilwell Spotlight

Biodiversity Club Sees Blooming Success

Last November, members of Dr Li's Biodiversity Club planted hundreds of wildflower seeds across the school grounds as part of their ongoing commitment to supporting local wildlife and enhancing biodiversity.

The project involved a great deal of hard work and dedication. Students spent hours preparing the area, raking the ground and carrying watering cans from the Sixth Form kitchen to ensure the seeds had the best possible chance to thrive.

Their efforts have certainly paid off. The wildflower area is now bursting with colour and has become a haven for local wildlife, attracting bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

This fantastic result is a testament to the enthusiasm and perseverance of the students involved. Well done to everyone in the Biodiversity Club for helping to make Chilwell School a greener and more wildlife-friendly environment.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Year 8 Reports**
17th June 2026
- * **Year 7 and 9 Reports**
24th June 2026
Reports will be available via Arbor and provide an overview of your child's progress, effort and achievement across all subjects.
- * **Year 11 Leavers Assembly**
29th June 2026 at 11am

Message from Mrs York

We are now two weeks into the final half term of the academic year.

This is always one of the busiest and most rewarding times of the school year. Across the school, students are engaging in examinations, enrichment opportunities, sporting events and celebrations of success. I continue to be impressed by the commitment, resilience and positive attitude our students demonstrate each day as they embrace these opportunities and challenges.



Things you need to know

Important Information



Free School Meals Update

Families currently receiving Free School Meals (FSM) do not need to reapply at this time.

Existing entitlements will remain in place while new eligibility arrangements for September 2026 are finalised.

Further information will be shared with families once the updated process has been confirmed.

Activities Week is Fast Approaching!

Excitement is building as we look ahead to Activities Week, one of the highlights of the school year. With a wide range of trips, visits and experiences planned, we are looking forward to seeing students make the most of the opportunities on offer.



To help ensure that all activities run smoothly, we kindly ask parents and carers to keep an eye out for any consent forms, waivers and communications that may be sent via Arbor.

It is essential that all required documentation is completed and submitted by the stated deadlines.

Thank you for your support.

National Thank a Teacher Day - Wednesday 17 June 2026

Wednesday 17 June is National Thank a Teacher Day. Join us in celebrating the incredible difference our staff make to young people every day.

If you can spare a minute, please send a free thank-you message: <https://thankateacher.co.uk/parents/>



A Reminder About Parking

We kindly ask all parents and visitors using the school car park to park considerately and be mindful of others. In particular, please help us ensure that disabled parking spaces and access routes remain clear and available for those who need them. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and accessible environment for all members of our school community. Thank you for your support.



Your Voice Matters: Parent's Evening Feedback

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our Parents' Evening survey. We have received a fantastic response from parents and carers, and we appreciate the thoughtful feedback that has been shared.

Your views are helping us better understand the benefits of both online and face-to-face Parents' Evenings and will play an important role in shaping future arrangements.

If you have not yet completed the survey, there is still time to have your say. [The online survey](#) will close on 15th June.

We encourage all parents and carers to share their views before the deadline. Keep an eye out for the next edition of the newsletter, where we will share the results and key themes from the feedback received.

Thank you once again for your continued support and engagement with the school community.

PE Department Football Boot Swap Scheme

The PE Department is offering a free Football Boot Swap Scheme. Students who have outgrown their boots can exchange them for the next size up by seeing Mr Lodge before school or at break time. Donations of unwanted football boots or trainers are also greatly appreciated and will help support other students.



What's been happening

Life at Chilwell School



Next week marks the end of the GCSE and A-Level examination season for our Year 11 and Sixth Form students.

Over recent weeks, students have demonstrated resilience, determination and maturity as they have

worked through a demanding examination schedule.

We are incredibly proud of the effort and commitment shown by all students throughout this important period and would like to thank them, alongside our staff and families, for their support. We wish all students the very best as they complete their final examinations and look forward to celebrating their achievements later in the year.



Year 9 French students enjoyed their Fashion Show last week, showcasing their language skills, creativity and confidence on the catwalk. Following last month's German Fashion Show, it was another fantastic opportunity for students to bring their classroom learning to life.



Year 11 Leavers



We will hold our Year 11 Leavers Assembly on Monday 29th June 2026. Students should arrive at 10.40am in non uniform for an 11am start. Leavers hoodies and yearbooks will be given out to those who ordered them.

We are also collecting blazers, ties, PE kit and sports gear for our Uniform Swap Shop. Donations can be dropped at the front of school before the assembly or at main reception from next week. Each blazer donated earns five raffle entries, and each tie earns one, for a chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the assembly.



Faculty Updates

Chilwell English Faculty Homework: Sparx Reader

The English Faculty has successfully launched Sparx Reader as our main homework platform to support reading and literacy across the school.

Students are expected to complete 450 Sparx Reader Points (SRP) each week, equating to around 40–45 minutes of focused reading. We encourage pupils to spread this across the week in shorter sessions.

Sparx Reader provides students with reading-age appropriate e-books and comprehension check-ins, allowing teachers to monitor both reading habits and understanding.

Consistent use of the platform supports improvements in reading age, confidence and GCSE-style reading skills across all subjects.

If students need support accessing the platform or choosing a book, they should speak to their English teacher. Achievement points will also be awarded through Arbor to celebrate success and consistency.

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

Water Safety This Summer

As temperatures rise, we would like to remind students and families about the dangers of entering unsupervised open water.



Sadly, during the recent half-term break, several young people across England lost their lives after getting into difficulty in open water. What may seem like a fun way to cool down can quickly become life-threatening.

Please remind children that they should never enter open water unless it is part of a supervised activity with qualified lifeguards present. Local areas include:

- Attenborough Nature Reserve lakes
- The River Trent
- Beeston Marina and canals
- Highfields Lake
- Local ponds and reservoirs

Even on warm days, lakes, rivers and reservoirs remain extremely cold. Entering open water can cause cold water shock, affecting breathing and making it difficult to swim or stay afloat. According to the Royal Life Saving Society, 90% of drownings occur in open water.

Parents and carers can help by discussing water safety with their children and knowing where they are spending their time during evenings, weekends and holidays.

Together, we can help keep our community safe this summer.

Further information: [RNLI Water Safety](#), the [RLSS Water Safety](#) and [Open Water Education Network](#) websites.



Attendance Matters

As we move towards the final weeks of the academic year, every school day continues to count.

Excellent attendance helps students make the most of learning opportunities, maintain positive routines, and stay connected with their teachers and friends. Even a few missed days can result in gaps in learning and make it harder for students to keep up with new topics and important information.

The summer term is particularly important as students complete assessments, take part in enrichment activities, and begin preparing for the next stage of their education.

We encourage all students to attend school every day, arrive on time, and make the most of the support available to them.

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in helping students develop positive attendance habits. Working together, we can ensure every young person has the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential.

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

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



Chilwell School

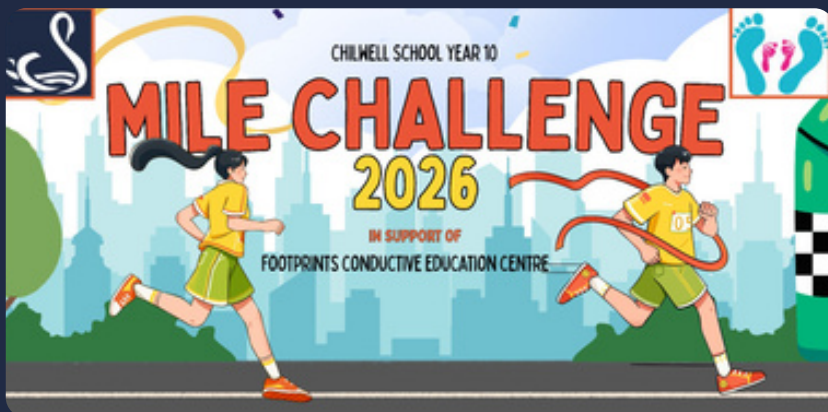
Year 10 Mile Challenge Supports Local Charity

This year, Year 10 has chosen to support Footprints Conductive Education Centre, a local charity that provides life-changing support for children and families.

To raise funds and awareness, students will take part in a sponsored Mile Challenge, completing miles by walking, running, skipping, dressing up, or even taking part in a three-legged race. The event will also feature music, refreshments, face decorations, and the chance to soak their Pastoral Leaders!

The challenge reflects our SPARK values of Kindness, Perseverance, and Responsibility, as students work together to support others, embrace a challenge, and make a positive contribution to their community.

Donations can be made via our [Just Giving page](#), with all proceeds supporting Footprints Conductive Education Centre.



New Stop the Bleed Kit Installed at School

We are pleased to share that our school has recently received a Stop the Bleed Kit, which has been installed alongside our community defibrillator.

The kit has been provided through a partnership between ATTFE College and the Freemasons of Nottinghamshire as part of the #InThisTogether – Stop the Bleed campaign, which has trained thousands of people across Nottinghamshire in life-saving emergency skills.

While many people are familiar with CPR and defibrillators, severe bleeding is another medical emergency where immediate action can save a life. The Stop the Bleed Kit contains specialist equipment designed to help control serious bleeding until emergency services arrive.

We are proud to support this important community safety initiative and grateful to ATTFE College and the Freemasons of Nottinghamshire for helping make life-saving equipment more accessible within our community.

Arbor Communications

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



Community News

Our Community News pages highlight opportunities, events and activities taking place beyond the school gates. From local sports clubs and holiday programmes to charity events, volunteering opportunities and family support services, these pages are designed to help keep our school community connected and informed.

We encourage families to explore the information included and take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available locally. If you are involved in a community group or organisation and would like to promote an event or opportunity through a future edition, please get in touch with the school.

TOGETHER, WE CAN CELEBRATE AND SUPPORT THE VIBRANT COMMUNITY AROUND CHILWELL SCHOOL.

Community News: Beeston & Chilwell Garden Trail

The annual Beeston & Chilwell Garden Trail returns on 13 and 14 June, offering families the opportunity to explore a variety of beautiful local gardens while supporting charities within our community.

plant sales and family-friendly activities, it promises to be a fantastic weekend for visitors of all ages.



With gardens of all shapes and sizes on display, alongside refreshments,

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

JULY 31ST

Chelseys cafe are holding their first uniform swap shop July 31st.



We are in need of good quality, nearly new uniform items like shirts, blouses, school t-shirts, trousers, shorts, skirts, blazers, ties and P.E kit.

WE ARE COLLECTING LOGO ITEMS FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS



- ✓ Sunnyside Spencer Academy
- ✓ Eskdale Junior school
- ✓ Alderman Pounder
- ✓ The Lanes
- ✓ Alderman White
- ✓ Chilwell School
- ✓ George Spencer
- ✓ Foxwood Academy

WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING

good quality backpacks, lunchboxes and school shoes, trainers and coats.



Donations can be dropped to Chelseys cafe
Fridays 9am - 12.30pm
or message to arrange a collection

AGES FROM 3YRS - 17YRS



HOLME PIERREPONT CANOE CLUB



Do you like the water?

Ever fancied having a go at paddling a kayak? canoe? paddleboard? whitewater raft?

Then come and join us for our **OPEN DAY** on **Sunday June 14th 10am-2pm.**

All equipment will be provided just bring along clothes and shoes (like old trainers) that you don't mind getting a bit wet. Can't make that date? Come and join us for our beginner sessions on a Saturday morning and see where it takes you...



At Holme Pierrepont Canoe Club you will find a warm welcome and a group of paddlers who are ready to help and inspire you.

The club believe you are never too young or too old to start. Our oldest member is 80 years old! So what are you waiting for? Take that first step and come and join us.

Contact Andrew on: chair@hppcc.uk or for more information and to book: www.hppcc.uk

