

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy
Class 3 Newsletter
Summer Term 2026

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are feeling rested and ready for an exciting and busy term ahead.

Class Topic

Our topic this term is ‘Romans – Invaders and Settlers.’ Though predominantly a history topic, we will make links to this topic in other curriculum areas as well e.g. exploring Roman mosaics in art, learning about Roman numerals in maths and reading fiction texts with Ancient Rome as a setting. Please see the accompanying topic web for more details of what your child will be learning across the curriculum. Please do let me know if you are able to support the class in any way this term or if you have any artefacts or experiences linked to the topics covered that would enhance the learning for the pupils.

A trip to Pizza Express in Bishops Stortford has been arranged for Wednesday 17th June. This trip supports our DT work on shell packaging as well as our PSHE work on rail safety and staying safe in the community. Parent helpers will be required, please let me know if you are able to volunteer your time to support this trip. A detailed trip letter will be sent in due course, I anticipate that the cost will be under £10 per child.

Staffing

As last term, I will be teaching Class 3 every day, except on Tuesday morning when Mrs Munday will teach the class. Mrs Robson will continue to support the class on Monday and Friday mornings. Miss Hitchings will be in Class 3 on Tuesday mornings and will support with swimming.

Homework and Planners

Children in Class 3 will have one maths task and one spelling task to complete each week, which will be set on a Friday, and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on each activity. Please encourage your child to take pride in the work that they produce at home and aim high with presentation. Children should hand in their completed homework on Fridays each week. Daily reading and practise of times tables facts remains a priority and even if your child is a fluent reader, they should still read aloud to an adult for 10 minutes every day. All reading should be recorded in their planner. Every Friday children will be encouraged to prepare their planner for the following week; they will be given notice of upcoming events and any changes to the usual routine and reminded about which times table they should focus on. Weekly spellings will be handed out for children to stick into their planners. Please promote your child’s independence by asking them about what they need for school and encouraging them to refer to their planner. **Parents must sign and date the planner each week.** Planners will be checked on a Friday but should be in school every day.

What does my child need to remember?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P.E. kit	Class 3 Library Time (lunchtime – optional)	Swimming – PE kit on, bring your swimming bag.		Weekly maths and spelling task will be set. New spellings given. Planner check day Deadline for completing / handing in homework. Times Tables test
Every day: Reading book, planner, water bottle, coat/sunhat, snack (optional)				
To be kept in school: Recorder, art shirt				

P.E.

PE will usually take place on a **Monday**. Children should come to school in their P.E. kit and trainers on Mondays. Information about uniform expectations, including P.E. kit can be found on the school website. Swimming lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings (except 17th June as we will be on a trip). Detailed information about swimming was sent to parents via email before Easter; please refer to the letter received for full information.

Class Art Book

The class art book will continue to be passed around throughout the summer term. If your child is selected, please encourage them to fill one page of the book with a piece of artwork, a study of a favourite artist or comments about some artwork they have seen. The book should be returned to class promptly in order that your child can share their work and pass the book on.

MIND

Dev, our Educational Mental Health Practitioner from MIND, will continue to work in school this term. This may involve him working with groups of children across the school and supporting parents if their child is displaying anxiety or challenging behaviour at home. Parents can approach Ms Cope (SENCO) to find out more about the parenting support.

Dates for your diary:

Our Class Collective Worship: Friday 15th May (9:10 am)

Class trip to Pizza Express: Wednesday 17th June

Music Morning: Friday 26th June

Sports Day: Friday 22nd May

Open Afternoon: Friday 10th July

End of year service: Friday 17th July

Further dates will be published on the school website and biweekly newsletters.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. If you have any queries or you are able to support the school in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Laura White