



Headteacher's Message

I hope you have all had an opportunity to enjoy this lovely weather, let's hope it continues next week for our half-term holiday!

We have had wonderful half term in school celebrating the many achievements of our children across the school, which we are very proud of. The children are all excited about the summer term and enjoying a wide range of activities that are planned; including trips, sports and music events and time in their new classes.

On Monday 16th July all of our children will spend time in the classes that they will be in from September 2018. We will of course be letting families know the class groups before this day at Parents Evening, which will be held on Thursday 5th July from 6.00-8.00pm. All teachers and TA4s who teach your child will be available for you to talk to on the evening and you are warmly invited you to attend.

This term we are saying goodbye to Cath Yie who has taught at Chadsgrove for the last 17 years. Cath will be missed very much at school but we wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement and thank her for the tremendous commitment to our children over the years. Congratulations to Cath!

Thank you all for your continued support to Chadsgrove, much of what we achieve is a result of the excellent partnerships that we share with our families, the community and a great team of supporters.

Wishing you all a super half term holiday!

Deb Rattley

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Cinnamon and Coco Class Guinea Pigs

We have new visitors in 2LS this term.

Meet Cinnamon and Coco our class guinea pigs.

We have been learning how to care for them and foods they like to eat.

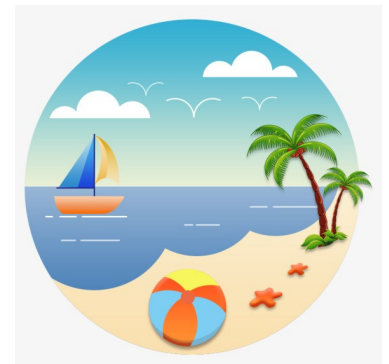
They also love cuddles too!



3LS Enjoying the Seaside

3LS have been talking about the seaside.

Here is Ethan painting the sea for our new frieze.



4LS Thinking about Friends

In 4LS we have been thinking about friends and encouraging the pupils to play together. It has been lovely to see many of them now choosing to play alongside their friends and starting to co-operate and interact nicely with only a little support.



5LS Go to Imagination Street

On the 17th of April we were lucky enough to go on a trip to Imagination Street. We had lots of fun playing in the ball pool, going down the slides and playing with our friends. This tied in well with our topic this term which is out and about.



6LS Go Sailing

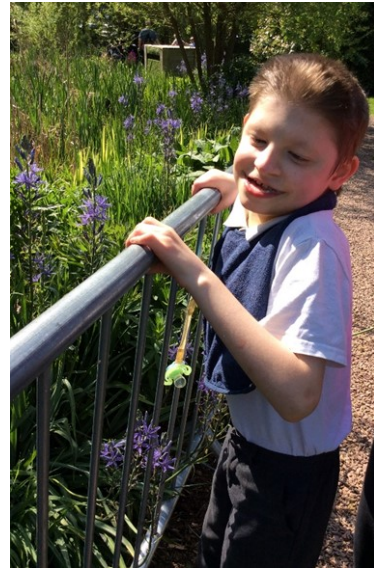
On Tuesday 15th May, 6LS enjoyed a trip to Upton Warren to go sailing. We were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed our morning in the sunshine. We all went in different boats and some of us managed to steer the boat, practicing our left and right. We also got to hold the ropes for the sail. Luckily, we managed to stay nice and quiet and didn't wake the crocodiles!



7LS at Webbs Sensory Garden

On May 8th, the pupils and staff in 7LS enjoyed a beautiful morning in the Sensory Garden at Webbs. The sun was shining but there was a refreshing breeze, which made for a very comfortable temperature as we wondered around taking in the picturesque surroundings. Some pupils enjoyed sitting near the stream and listening to the bubbling water, whilst others were able to take a walk around and explore features such as the underground 'hobbit hole'.

We finished our visit with a delicious picnic in the thatched bandstand before returning back to school, feeling that the trip had definitely been a boost to our positive mental health!



8LS Celebrating the Royal Wedding

8LS have been learning about the Royal Wedding between Harry and Meghan. We designed an American/United Kingdom flag and celebratory Royal underwear.



9US Practising their Phonics

9US have been practising their phonics skills in lots of different sensory activities. We tried big wall painting, smelly spice mark making and digging for sentences!



10US Mediterranean Culture and Environment

In 10US the Summer theme is Mediterranean culture and environment and we have been able to enjoy some lovely warm sunny days where we actually feel as though we could be there. The sensory garden areas and the woodland trail are currently top favourites with pupils.



Teamwork
Independence
Fun
Amazing
Trust
Success
Help
Succeed
Inspirational
Outstanding
Friendship
Encouragement
Secure
Chadsgrove
Happy
Special
Best
Care
Celebrate
Loyalty
Exciting
Creativity
Equal
Caring
Differences
Unique
Brilliant

11US to Launch School Song

In Music, 11US is composing a Chadsgrove School Song that they will teach to the whole school towards the end of term. They have really thought about what it means to them to be at Chadsgrove, and have created a long list of words to include in their song lyrics. In June, the class will have a visit from singer/songwriter Dan Whitehouse, who will work with our ideas so far and help us to create our final version.



Worcestershire Schools' Gotta Sing 2018

On Monday 25th June at 7.00 pm Chadsgrove School Choir is taking part in an exciting event at the Palace Theatre in Redditch. Over 10 school choirs, from across Worcestershire, will be performing over two nights. The choirs will each perform a number of songs and will also be joined by talented local singers including Youtube Sensation Sam Hollyman. For tickets go to www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk.



Open Orchestra's Open Performance

Our fantastic Chadsgrove Open Orchestra will be sharing their work with family and friends on **Wednesday 18th July at 6pm.** You are welcome to come along to hear what the nine pupils have

worked so hard at throughout this school year. We will be performing our interpretations of some well-known classical music, and the Staff Choir will be entertaining the audience with some newly prepared repertoire.

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13US at HoW College

13US went to How College for 5 weeks to use the learning flat to develop their keep safe in the home skills. Billy found the chemicals and put them safely back in a high cupboard, whilst Cayla and Steven made sure the hot pan of boiling water didn't get knocked on the floor.

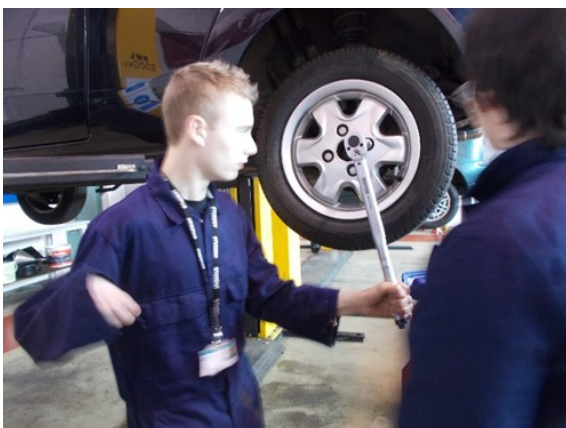
We joined forces with their gateway group and created a home with all the essential rooms and related furniture. We made new friends, practised our life skills buying snack and drinks in the café and had a fab time in a very grown up environment. Special thanks to HOW College for accommodating us and sharing their fantastic facilities for this joint project.

We are looking forward to our new joint project next year.



Car Mechanics Group at HoW College

They have followed instructions given to them by course leader Ivan and we are really pleased with their progress. They have learnt to change a tyre both up on the ramps and using a jack. They were all given the chance to balance a wheel and saw how the spark plugs work in an engine. They were even let loose on taking an engine apart and they left Ivan with a box of bits!



Painting with Alexey by Cerys Giles 13US

A charity called Gracious Hearts was looking to raise money for the Brain-



wave centre. I go to the Brainwave centre to have physiotherapy sessions; my brother also goes with me. I was asked by the Brainwave centre if I would like to work with a Russian artist called Alexey Firsov. Alexey is famous for painting abstract pictures. Our painting was to be sold to raise money for the

Brainwave centre. I felt very excited to be working with a famous artist like Alexey. On the day, we sat outside, underneath a big tree. He was very nice to me, even though he could not speak any English. He had a translator to help us understand each other. Alexey wanted



to teach me to paint with oil paints. We used his paint and some putty to do our canvas. He showed me how to use a pallet knife, a stick and a cloth to spread the paint around. I enjoyed getting messy! When we finished the painting I felt very proud of myself.

It looked amazing and I couldn't wait to see how much money we would raise for Brainwave.

Alexey was so nice he even gave me the left over paints and tools to keep practicing at

home. So far I have used them to complete 2 of my own paintings.

Our painting went into an auction at Christie's in London. It sold for £50,000. I was very pleased to have raised such a large amount of money for Brainwave. I hope one day I will sell my own paintings and raise money for other wonderful charities.



Visit from Jon Williams from Eastnor Pottery

On 18.4.18 Jon Williams from Eastnor Pottery worked with us for the day. He showed us how to use the Potter's wheel, how to build large coil pots and how to carefully attach small pieces of artwork to our pots.

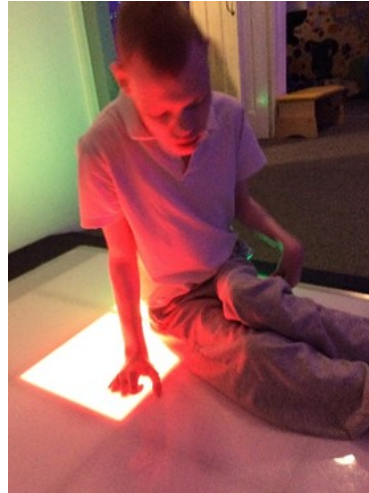
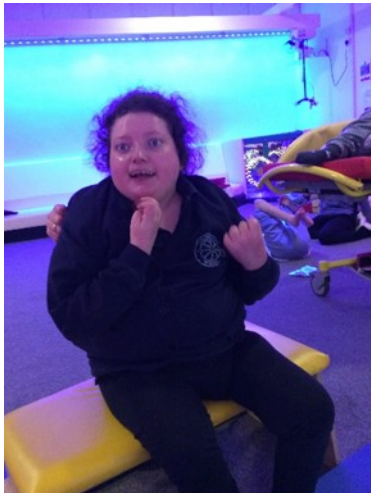
Jon worked with 15US, 13US and 8LS.

We also had two pupils from 6LS join a session so that as many people as possible could benefit from Jon's expertise. Our work can be seen in the Voices and Visions exhibition.



14US Keeping Fit and Healthy

14US have been working really hard on their physical targets this half term. We have been exploring different environments and developing motor skills to interact with the world around us.



'The Voices and Visions' Art Exhibition

This year we worked with Jon the Potter and created these 2 pots using coiling and the potter's wheel. We were exploring 'Acts of Kindness'.

We also worked on a collaborative canvas to support our message.



The exhibition will be open to the public in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral for a month. Please go and visit if you can, there will be lots of fantastic work from local schools on display.

This term lots of Chadsgrove pupils have been helping to design a giraffe calf for the **'Worcester Stands Tall'** art trail.

Here is some of our work in progress and the nearly complete sculpture.



Halesowen College Presents Mayfly at the Movies Music Festival



On Friday 18th May 2018 students from 15US attended the Halesowen College Mayfly at the Movies Themed Music Festival. The purpose of this event was to showcase the work that their students had achieved across various subjects.



Musical Theatre students perform their dance



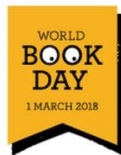
Tug of War organised by the College's Public Services and Sports students



Hair & Beauty students offered face painting



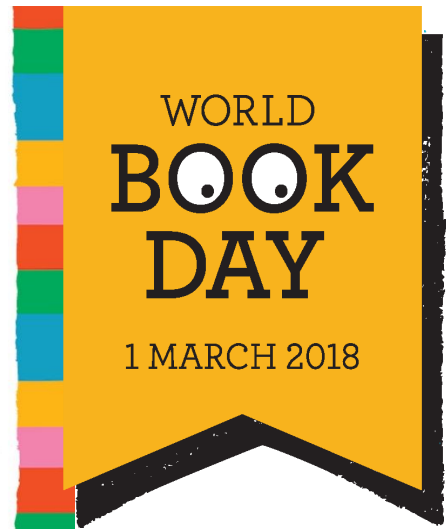
Josh joined the acoustic session where with support from the Music students he performed ACDC's Highway to Hell



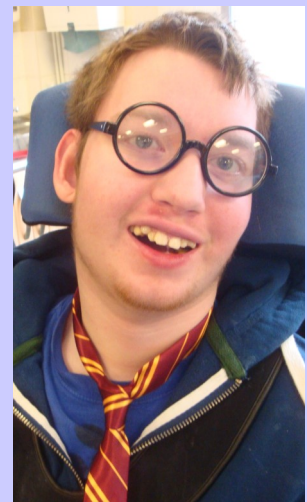
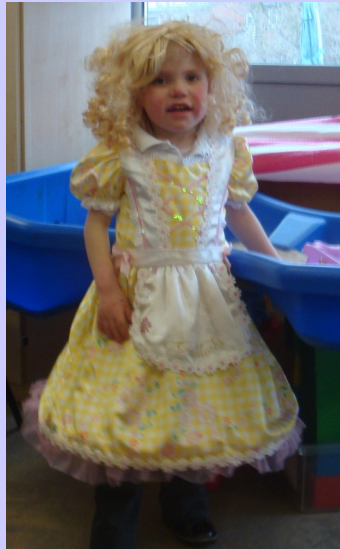
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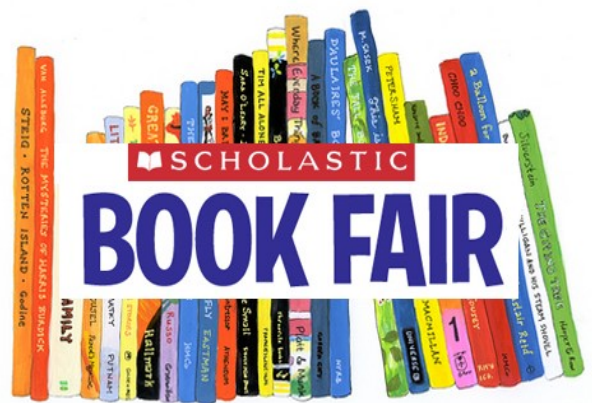
#WORLDBOOKDAY 2018
THURSDAY 1 MARCH

Celebrate stories. Love reading.



Pupils and staff celebrated
World Book Day
on Thursday 1st March by dressing up
as their favourite book characters.





I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair.

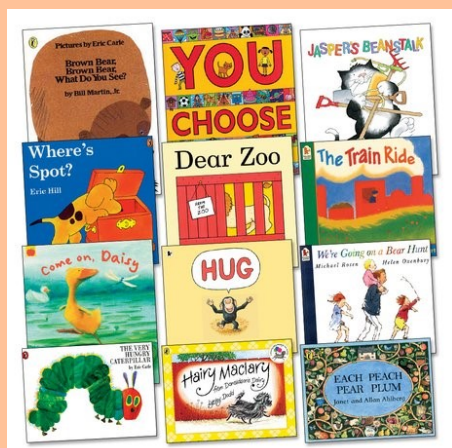
I hope you have all enjoyed your new books.

We sold nearly £430 worth of books.

This earnt the school £170 worth of commission to spend on books from the Scholastic catalogue.

We have spent our 'Rewards Vouchers' on purchasing a selection of classic children's texts, as recommended by Literacy Advisor Pie Corbett, for teachers to use with their classes.

Mr G Brown



Chadsgrove School Choir – Dates for your Diary

Chadsgrove School Choir has a busy few weeks ahead. In addition to the Worcestershire Schools' Gotta Sing event we are also performing at Worcester Cathedral as part of the Voices & Visions programme, on **Wednesday 13th June**. Also that week, the 11 pupils are singing a set at the Royal Three Counties Show in Malvern on **Friday 15th June at 1.10pm until 1.35pm**. If you are planning to go then please do come and see us and say hello.

Our Jubilee Bandstand performance in Sanders Park is on **Friday 13th July at 1pm**. This has become a firm favourite in our musical calendar. It is a free event and everyone is welcome at the park – we suggest you bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and we will be there from midday eating our picnic lunch.



Government prompted to publish VAT guidelines

As a result the definition of hardware was extended to include laptops, tablets, smartphones and e-readers, which can be sold at a zero rate, provided they are pre-loaded with assistive software. Publication followed a recent intervention by Lewes MP Maria Caulfield who contacted Mel Stride, the Treasury minister responsible for charity tax matters. He asked HMRC civil servants to publish the guidance "within a few weeks". "It is important to the Government that those with disabilities are able to benefit from the targeted VAT reliefs available. For this to happen up-to-date guidance from HM Revenue and Customs is key," Stride wrote. The section on computer and electronic devices reads as follows: Computer devices and systems are increasingly being used as aids to disability. Most are general use products which may be useful for disabled people but are designed to be used by disabled and non-disabled people alike. These include:

Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Smartphones and e-readers

Such products can only be bought VAT free when they're sold as part of an assistive technology system. Assistive technology involves the pre-installation of specialist software which is specifically required by the disabled individual. Where such a purchase is made, the complete system will be defined as designed solely for use by that disabled person, and will be eligible for the relief. Where an assistive technology system can be zero-rated, other supplies and services, including training, may also be zero-rated if they're made as part of a single supply, and support the main supply of the assistive technology system. However, electronic downloads are treated as electronically supplied services, and are always standard-rated. There is more guidance on single and multiple supplies in the [VAT guide](#). The relief does not extend to the separate purchase of other goods or services, such as training or downloaded software licenses that are not pre-installed. These will be treated as standard-rated supplies unless they attract a relief in their own right, like software (not downloads) that is designed solely for use by disabled people.

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Please ensure you telephone the school office to notify us with a reason should your child be not attending school.

Thank you.



**SPORTS DAY FRIDAY
29TH JUNE**

Dates for your Diary 2018

Thursday 24th May	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Friday 25th May	INSET Day School Closed to students
Monday 4th June	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 29th June	Sports Day
Thursday 5th July	Parents Evening
Friday 6th July	Upper School Prom
Monday 23rd July	Achievement and Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 24th July	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Wednesday 25th July - Friday 10th August	Summer Playscheme

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