Spring Term 2

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Heads of Phase Message

Dear all,

This term always feels fast paced within the secondary phase. Year 11 completed their second, and final round of mock exams. The GCSE exams last for approximately six weeks, with pupils often sitting two exams in a day, some will sit close to 30 exams over this time. To support the pupils, we are running Easter revision sessions and continue with our after-school clinics for various subjects. We of course wish all the Year 11 pupils the best of luck ahead of these exams.

Away from the exam world, we hosted an amazing Science Olympics event this term. It was great to see a mix of CFS staff, local people and a range of Secondary and Primary pupils participating. The highlight of the evening is always the science experiments held in our science labs. Thank you to those who came to support this event.

Within our co-curricular offer our Young Chefs continue to do themselves proud. Once again, Ava M and Fergus M represented CFS at the regional finals. We continue with a range of sporting fixtures, as well, offering our pupils a range of opportunities.

A strength at CFS is our character education. Our Year 9 pupils this term have benefited from the 'Dare-2-Dream' project. Previous Heart radio DJ, 'Jak the Lad', has been working with other mentors, for example Adam Virgo (previously a Brighton Football Club player), to help support our Year 9 pupils with themes of identity, character, self-belief, employability, resilience, and happiness. Similarly our Year 10 pupils have had the opportunity to engage in 'Hard to Human'. The focus is on mental health, where the project's vision "is to inspire everyone to have more self-acceptance and self-compassion in an ever-changing society where it really is Hard to be Human" .To read more about this programme visit https://hardtohuman.co.uk/

Our personal development programme was further enhanced with a visit from an inspirational guest speaker, James Ketchell. He is an adventurer of the highest regard being the only person to ever have climbed Everest, rowed the Atlantic and cycled 18,000 miles around the world... and has also flown a gyrocopter around the world. When he is home, he delivers inspirational talks to businesses and schools across the world. We are incredibly fortunate to have had him speak to our pupils. https://jamesketchell.net/

Not to be outdone but their Secondary counterparts, the Primary phase has been a hive of activity too this term. It is frightening to think that we are closer to the next academic year than we are to the beginning of this one!

In terms of school trips, highlights included a journey to Amberley Museum for Year 1 pupils (on the train I might add!) and a Year 5 day out at Paulton's Park – although, I am still not sure how the Year 5 teachers managed to trick me into that one. Thank you to all of our parent helpers who support us during these days out.

Back at school, the primary curriculum has been further enhanced through enrichment activities such as Busy Street, Science week, World Book week and a wide range of visitors, including David and Helen who shared their challenge of riding a tandem bike across Africa – truly inspiring.

Our CFS community has also grown in size this term. We were delighted to celebrate the wonderful news that both Mrs Hayes and Mrs Prior have welcomed two beautiful baby girls into the world – I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both.

Finally, it is with a great deal of sadness that we will be saying farewell to Miss Lewis (Beech class) who will be leaving CFS at the end of this term. We wish Kate every success in the next chapter of her career. However, we are excited to welcome Mrs Dowers into the Key Stage 1 team for the remainder of the academic year.

Thank you to all of our wonderful families who have helped to make this term such a special one. Have a lovely Easter holiday, eat too much, spend time with loved ones and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer term!



Mr Phillips
Head of Secondary



Mr Garner
Head of Primary

EYFS

Apple and Cherry Classes have had a fantastic half term full of exciting activities!

At Forest School we made delicious toast over the fire and enjoyed it with jam or honey. We also got creative, making beautiful necklaces and our very own log pets!

In Phonics we have been learning about cvcc and ccvc words (like p-i-n-k and s-t-o-p), as well as words with lots of syllables, helping us become even more confident readers.

In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of numbers and exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

For World Book Day we created stunning, colourful artwork using paint and chalks.

We have also been fascinated by the worms we found, keeping them in a wormery and writing fun facts about them in Drawing Club. And most exciting of all, we are looking after caterpillars and can't wait to watch them transform into butterflies before we release them into nature!

Miss Emmett, Miss Smith, Mrs Golby, Mrs DeWitt and Mrs Stanbridge







Key Stage 1

Year 1

This half term, Year 1 has been busy with exciting learning adventures! In Art, we explored the vibrant world of Henri Matisse and recreated our own masterpieces in his bold and colourful style. In Science, we discovered how ocean animals adapt to their habitats, learning about camouflage, fins and other amazing features. Our History lessons took us on a journey through time as we explored the changes in transport, including a fantastic visit to Amberley Museum, where we saw old-fashioned vehicles up close. In Computing, we discussed digital ownership and how anything posted online belongs to the person who created it. In PSHE, we thought about how to look after money and the difference between wants and needs. It has been a fun and fascinating half term!

Mr Cook and Miss Lewis







Year 2

Year 2 at CFS have had a truly terrific term, teeming with thrilling and thought-provoking activities! They danced delightfully through the Space Dance Workshop with Dance and Beyond, using their senses to explore the spectacular wonders of space. The children learned about historical space events, including the marvellous First Moon Landing. They brought the Easter story to life through dynamic drama, recreating different parts with enthusiasm. As measurement mathematicians, they mastered centimetres and metres. During World Book Week, Year 2 delved into illustrations and then wrote and performed colourful poems. They worked scientifically to explore materials and their properties, and created brilliant biographies and fascinating fact files about Amelia Earhart, enjoying songs from the musical "Fantastically Great Women." In Art, they explored artists from different cultures, creating beautiful patterns and lines in their style. It's been a term full of creativity, discovery and fun!

Mrs Bhutta, Ms Dowers and Mrs Grace







Key Stage 2

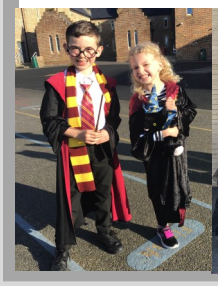
Year 3

Year 3 at CFS have had an action-packed term, brimming with diverse and dynamic activities! During World Book Week, Elm and Willow class penned heartfelt poems about their inspirational adults, celebrating mums, dads, coaches and other important people in their lives. They also collaborated to create an exciting words river, which flowed with creativity. World Book Day was a highlight, filled with creative fun and some excellent costumes!

The classes have delved into environmental studies, focusing on the impact of single-use plastics and engaging in lively persuasive debates. We have also explored the fascinating world of rivers and waterways, enhancing our understanding of natural ecosystems. Our weekly Rollama Goldrush continues to challenge Willow and Elm to battle it out, demonstrating their growing knowledge of grammar and spelling.

A special treat was the movie afternoon, where they enjoyed the adventures of Moana 2. Science Week was a whirlwind of experiments and discoveries, including a flushable experiment, putty making, animal adaptations and learning about germs. The term also saw us preparing for the upcoming Years 3 and 4 performance, with lots of practise and singing, promising a spectacular show.

Miss Beadle and Miss Rowlands



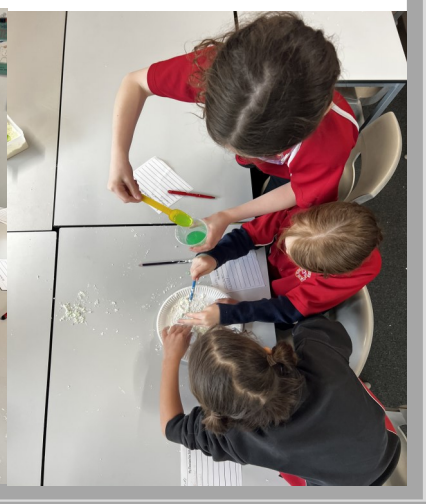


Year 4

Year 4 at CFS have had an exciting and enriching half term! They kicked off with a visit from the dentist, which tied in perfectly with their "Eggcellent Eggsperiment" in Science, where they learned all about teeth. The pupils were also inspired by an environmental talk from Solitaire Townsend, sparking their interest in sustainability. They've been busy practising for their upcoming performance, splashing around in swimming lessons and diving into fractions in Maths. In English, they crafted persuasive letters with flair and delved into the intriguing history of healthcare, making connections between the past and present. It's been a half term brimming with fun, discovery and growth!

Miss Priestley and Mr White



Key Stage 2

Year 5

This term, Year 5 has had a busy and exciting time! They have been diving into decimals and percentages, building their Math skills with fun and engaging activities. In English, they've been working on creating detailed missing person reports and balanced arguments inspired by the book 'The London Eye Mystery', improving their ability to express ideas clearly and think critically.

During World Book Week, Year 5 embraced their creativity by writing their own poems and celebrating the joy of reading. Science Week was another highlight, with hands-on experiments that sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of forces.

Halfway through the term, the children had an amazing trip to Paultons Park, where they enjoyed the workshops, rides and attractions. They've also been trialling the new Emile spelling scheme, which has helped them improve their spelling through interactive lessons. Additionally, the classes explored the works of artist Steven Wiltshire, learning about his unique artistic style and how he creates detailed drawings of landscapes from memory.

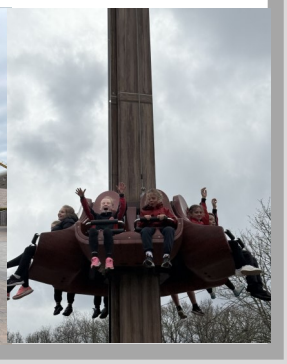
It's been a fun-filled term with lots of learning, creativity, and new experiences!

Miss Bigg and Mr Wilson









Year 6

This term, Maple and Ash classes have been busy exploring the fascinating world of blood, the circulatory system and how nutrients are transported around our bodies. But that's not all! From building dens in Forest School to creating suspense-filled stories in English, this term has been full of exciting learning and unforgettable experiences!

In Science, we've been diving into the different components of blood. Using Cheerios, raisins and marshmallows, we created our own versions of red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. It was a fun and tasty way to learn how these essential parts of blood help to keep our bodies healthy! We also looked at how the heart works and how exercise helps pump blood more effectively to transport oxygen and nutrients to every part of the body.

Forest School has also been a highlight this term. The children have worked together to create their very own doughnuts and s'mores (yum!), made dens and challenged themselves with obstacle courses. Some of them even completed the course blindfolded! While we enjoyed beautiful sunny days, the weather wasn't always perfect. But, as true adventurers, our waterproof jackets and wellies came to the rescue, allowing us to continue our outdoor fun, rain or shine.

In English, the classes have been crafting their very own Beowulf-inspired suspense narratives. Using different writing techniques, they have worked hard to leave their readers on the edge of their seats. Whether it's through mysterious settings, unexpected twists, or intriguing characters, their stories have been filled with tension and excitement.

Art has also been a creative adventure this term. Inspired by the book *Illuminatomy*, students have explored digital art using RGB (Red, Green, Blue) layering techniques. By building up different colours, they have created stunning visuals - and when viewed through a special lens, the colours come to life in a completely new way!

This term has been packed with exciting learning, teamwork and creative exploration. We can't wait to see what the next one holds as we venture into our Crime and Punishment topic!

Miss Stapleton and Mrs Wilson







Key Stage 3

Years 7 and 8

The Year 7 and 8 assemblies continued this half term with some wonderful topics including; out of school hobbies, Moana, different characters, different cuisines from around the world and things we are passionate about. I have been really impressed with the pupils' resilience and confidence shown during these assemblies. The pupils have taken these assemblies in their stride and I know for many of the pupils, the assemblies have been a big challenge as they step out of their comfort zone. Well done to all the pupils and their tutors.

Also this term we have had internal and external speakers to share their experiences and careers; West Sussex Growers Association, James Ketchell - Adventurer and Mr Tilling on Careers. Huge well done to all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils for all your hard work. Together over 30,000 House points!

Looking forward to the next term and what we can achieve in Years 7 and 8.

Miss Oxley & Miss Ireland





Year 9

Another term of great opportunities for Year 9 and their future plans. They've been lucky enough to be involved in Dare 2 Dream including the mentoring from Rolls-Royce Motor Cars as well as several trips and in school events such as Rocket League and Science Olympics.

Young Reporters was another highlight this term and I thoroughly enjoyed being interviewed by several groups. Our Celebration Assembly is packed with items and we've set ourselves a high bar for the next term. Guided Choices are almost completed and it's important to see good effort by all pupils in all subjects for next term. It may be tempting to think I'm not taking this for GCSEs but that's all the more reason to make the most of the remaining time and show their best in the summer exams.



Miss Crebbin and Mrs Ashcroft

Key Stage 4

Year 10

Happy Easter when it arrives!

It's been a busy term so far with work experience closing in very quickly. If any member of the year group is struggling to find a placement then please reach out to either Mr Angell, myself or Mrs Stanley so that we can help find a suitable placement.

Year 10 Sports has been an interesting one, the Year 10 football team winning one, drew one and lost one.

A tough draw against Midhurst that we should of won. A loss against Bourne which we easily could of taken a point from and then a majestic win against Selsey. What made the Selsey victory even sweeter was the fact the team were let down last minute by some players, which meant they travelled with 10. With real determination and a point to prove to their colleagues who let them down they played some fantastic football and won 3-1.



Mr Tilling and Mrs Stanley

Year 11

The final push …….

We are now in the last few weeks before the exams start. There are revision sessions running at lunchtimes, after school and in the Easter holidays so I hope you can all take advantage of everything your teachers are offering you. It will be worth it! I am very proud of the way that Year 11 are approaching their studies. It has been a pleasure to have been their Head of Year for the last four years and I wish every single pupil the very best of luck in their GCSEs.

We still have lots to look forward to with the Prom and final Leavers' Assembly. If parents wish to help with the Prom organisation, please do get in touch with me. I'd like to thank all parents for their support as I know the GCSE season can be tough for everyone, not just the pupils! Happy Easter.

Mrs Turnbull



Maths

Primary

Tiny has been on many adventures this half-term! He has particularly been looked after by some excited Year 4s who have enjoyed showing him how to complete some tricky Maths! We have been learning a range of skills across the school including calculating decimals, percentages, area, and perimeter and measuring length, capacity, and mass. Year 6 have enjoyed practising their skills using 99Maths, a fun platform which will soon be rolled out across the Primary phase. We wish them the best of luck as they approach their SATs next half-term!

There has been lots of activity on TTRS this half-term. A big shout out to Gracie C in Year 6 who has been top of the leader board consistently for a few weeks now! Here is our current school leader board – can you get in the top ten?

10th. Freya P (0.86 seconds)
9th. Rowan E (0.85 seconds)
8th. George W (0.84 seconds)
7th. Bertie C (0.83 seconds)
6th. Wilson B (0.79 seconds)
5th. Ella K (0.68 seconds)
4th. George O (0.66 seconds)
3rd. Oliver G (0.66 seconds)
2nd. Arthur T (0.54 seconds)
1st. Vincent J (0.52 seconds)

Mrs Wilson





Maths

Secondary

Mathematics has seen a busy half term, closing in for Easter Treats. Multiple R4's have been given out for some exceptional pieces of work. Year 8 - 11 pupils have been working very hard on the areas of quadratics, linear equations and problem solving.



The Maths department sent out its elite pupils to compete in the annual Interschools Maths Championships. Mr Green's mathematic machines secured 1st place in last week's Team Maths Challenge (TMC) regional final held at Portsmouth Grammar School.

TMC promotes mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. Competing against schools from both the state and private sector, Teddy V, Freddie A, Gerard S and Rupert G triumphed and now head to London in June for the National Finals. Huge congratulations to them!

The Year 11's are now fine tuning their revision after another set of mock exams. The final push is now on with them drilling down to find the fine margins that will take them to their challenge grade.

Year 7 have settled well and are looking at shapes with nets being a popular area. The main challenge for them will be seeing how many House points they can receive from now until May half-term.
All pupils conducted themselves well in their recent assessments with a clear focus on how to improve being shown.

Easter questions

1 There are 32 mini eggs in a packet. Lucy buys 15 packs, how many mini eggs does she have in total?
2 Here is a machine that puts Easter eggs into boxes. It does the following:

Input- Add 15- divide by 6- output

A) Work out the output when the input is 27 eggs
B) Work out the output when the input is -6

Mr Tilling

English

Primary

This term, our Primary pupils have been on an exciting journey through storytelling, poetry and persuasive writing, with each year group exploring a different text to inspire their creativity.

In Reception, our youngest learners have been enjoying Drawing Club, using their imaginations to tell stories through pictures. Year 1 have been diving into Julia Donaldson's Tiddler, learning to compose and write their own sentences based on the tale of the little fish with big stories. Over in Year 2, pupils have been inspired by Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, writing postcards as if they had visited space while paying special attention to their use of adverbs.

Year 3 have explored poetry and engaged in thought provoking debates about plastic pollution, inspired by articles from children's magazines. Year 4 have been studying inspirational speeches from notable figures and have used them as a springboard to craft their own persuasive speeches. In Year 5, pupils have enjoyed writing persuasive speeches debating whether a new theme park should be built in the South Downs. They have also read The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd, which led them to write missing person reports. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been mastering the art of suspense writing, drawing inspiration from Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo to create thrilling narratives.

A highlight of the term was World Book Week, where Primary pupils explored My Beautiful Voice by Joseph Coelho. They wrote their own heartfelt poems and came together at the end of the week to share and celebrate their work. World Book Day was another wonderful occasion, with pupils dressing up as their favourite book characters and prizes awarded for the most creative costumes.

The celebration of literature extended beyond the Primary phase, as Secondary pupils worked alongside younger pupils to support their oracy skills. They also collaborated on a stunning art mural near the MUGA with the help of Mrs Grace and Mr Lean, inspired by the book's illustrations by Allison Colpoys.

It has been an inspiring term of creativity and expression, with our pupils demonstrating a real passion for reading, writing and sharing stories!

Mr Wilson
Primary English Lead



English

World Book Day!

What an amazing opportunity to bring our Primary and Secondary pupils together in a collaboration of literacy excellence.





Led by the amazing Ms Elmes, our Head of English, the focus of the day was Oracy; specifically, the Year 10 Spoken Language unit as we introduced Primary pupils to our planning and preparation process.

Year 5 paired up with Year 10 and worked together in groups to plan a speech - the aim was to craft writing for a particular audience and understand paralinguistic features. Year 6 then participated in delivering the speech alongside the Year 10 pupils.

The Year 6 pupils had a great time, proved their ability, gained some Key Stage 4 classroom experience and gave our Year 10s a run for their money!

Year 7 celebrated the joy of reading by visiting Reception to read with small groups. Their enthusiasm and kindness shone through as they engaged the children with exciting stories, fostering a love for books across different age groups.









Science

Exciting Science Adventures This Half Term!

This half term has been a whirlwind of scientific discovery, teamwork, and inspiration as pupils participated in a variety of exciting science activities. From thrilling competitions to hands-on experiments, our school has been buzzing with scientific curiosity!

One of the standout events was the **Science Olympics**, where pupils took part in a series of challenges designed to test their problem-solving skills, creativity, and scientific knowledge. Adding to the excitement, we were fortunate to welcome external providers from **the University of Chichester, Tangmere Airfield Nurseries, The Rotary Club, Kontron, and the NHS**, who brought fascinating insights and expertise to our young scientists.

The Science Olympics saw pupils engage in a variety of STEM-based tasks, fostering teamwork and innovative thinking. Whether it was tackling engineering challenges, exploring medical sciences, or learning about aerodynamics, pupils demonstrated incredible enthusiasm and ingenuity.

Another highlight of the half term was the opportunity for **keen young scientists from Primary** to step into our Secondary school labs during British Science Week. Invited Primary pupils had the unique chance to work alongside our **Secondary STEM Ambassadors**, conducting hands-on experiments that expanded their understanding of chemistry. This experience not only ignited their passion for Science but also provided a glimpse into the exciting opportunities that await them in Secondary education.

We look forward to even more scientific adventures in the future—who knows what exciting discoveries await us next term?

The Science Team



Creative Arts

DT

This term Year 9 completed their light box project and we are really pleased with the results! This project involved pupils developing knowledge of different timbers and polymer, and also about constructing dowel joints.

They used these skills to develop a home decor item which they have personalised with images relating to their own interests.



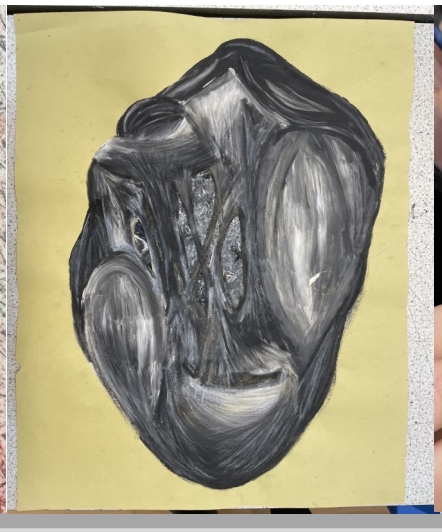




Art

Year 10 Art pupils have been working on their *skin deep* theme by studying and sketching real lambs hearts before recreating the tones and structures using pastels/charcoal and ceramics with various finishes.





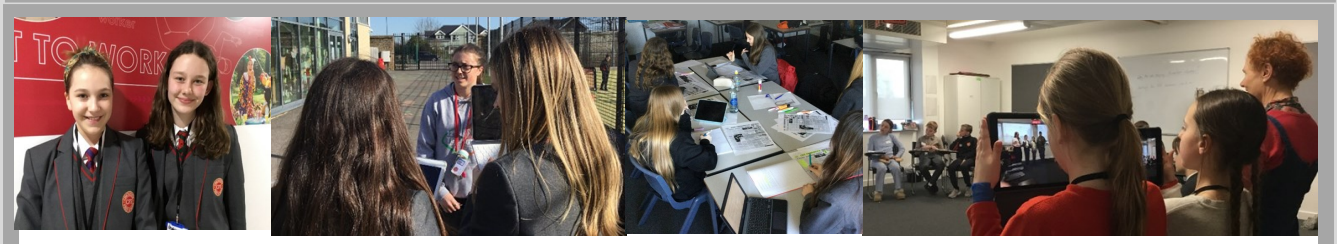


Media Studies

This year's Young Reporters event was open to pupils from Year 6 to Year 9 and offered the opportunity to report on a story that they felt was important to them.

Given the opportunity to research, storyboard, interview, film, edit and screen their finished news reports the pupils excelled in an industry experience, led by Miss Edmans.





Working closely with the English department our Young Reporters were able to report on World Book Day in a cross-curriculum opportunity that raised Primary awareness of Secondary practice.

Thank you to all participants on the day. We could not have made this happen without your support.

Reporting on issues of equality, misogyny, Ukraine war, American politics and inflation, our Young Reporters went straight to the heart of the matter, demonstrating their ability to investigate and report on topical subjects of the day.



As the GCSE exams draw closer, the pressure is on for Year 11 Media Studies pupils as they begin their revision in preparation for their exams. From Miss Edmans "Good luck, work hard and own it!"

Guided Choices Taster Day

Many of our Year 9s chose to experience the opportunities the Media Studies GCSE has to offer by signing up for the taster day. The day was filled with creative excellence as the expectations were set to produce a film trailer. From planning to production to screening, the day showcased what talent is yet to come at CFS in Media Studies!



Sport

Girls Football & Netball Steal the Spotlight at CFS!

This half term has been an incredible one for girls sport at CFS, with football and netball taking centre stage and our pupils making history on and off the pitch and court.

Girls Football on the Rise
Girls football has been the key focus in Year 7 - 9 PE lessons, and the progress has been outstanding. The highlight of the term was our #LetGirlsPlay event, a national FA initiative designed to promote girls football. Led by Coach Luke and supported by our brilliant Year 7 & 8 Sports Leaders, the event saw over 60 enthusiastic Primary pupils from Years 1 to 6 taking part. The energy, passion and commitment from both the young players and our Leaders made for an unforgettable day, proving that the future of girls football is brighter than ever!

Meanwhile, our girls football teams have been making headlines in competitive fixtures under the management of Miss Oxley. The Year 7/8 squad made a statement in their debut match, storming to a 6-1 victory over Bourne—an incredible way to kick off their season! The Year 9 team has also competed fiercely, showing brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship throughout their league campaign.

Coach Nicholson's Year 7 Netball Team climbing the league
While the football teams have been making history, Coach Nicholson's Year 7 netball team has been delivering a season to remember. Currently undefeated, they have dominated the league with impressive wins against Chichester High School and Midhurst.

With just one league game remaining against Bishop Luffa, everything is still to play for. The team is sitting in second place with a game in hand, meaning a victory in their final fixture could see them clinch the title! The determination, skill and teamwork shown by the team has been outstanding and we can't wait to see them give it their all in the final match.

With girls sport at an all-time high at CFS—football and netball leading the charge—there's plenty more to come! As we look ahead to the summer term, we are excited for the launch of girls cricket. If you're interested in joining, please speak to Miss Oxley, Miss Willmoth, or myself.

Best of luck to the team—one more win to go!

Mr Dean, Head of PE





Personal Development

Outside Speakers – Secondary focus

We have had quite some activity on the visiting speakers front this term. Engaging our pupils in the world of work, with them listening to stories about how others have made their journey into adulthood, is so important. We aim that all pupils across the school have at least one meaningful encounter with a visiting speaker; in Secondary, we hope for at least two.

James Ketchell, an adventurer of the highest esteem came to speak to Secondary this term. James has rowed the Atlantic alone, climbed Everest, cycled 16,000 miles across the world, been the first human to gyrocopter around it too; is about to set off to sail the planet in July as well… all this after a motorbike accident that nearly meant he would not be able to walk! James's talk about being resilient and saying yes to opportunities hit home, alongside the need to try something hard for three days is about enough time to realise it isn't that hard. When James is not doing something super exciting, he talks in schools and businesses across the world. Thank you, James, for giving up your time, and a big thank you to Barratt homes who have sponsored the talk for us- we all look forward to video calling you in a few months' time as you sail around the globe.

In addition to James, we have also welcomed Terence Carvalho, COO of Delivered Social, a Social Media, Marketing and Website design company in Portsmouth. Terence spoke to over 100 pupils, made up of those yet to hear a speaker, and also those studying (or about to study) Business Studies. A huge thank you to Terence for entertaining the masses; he is quite a celeb in the Portsmouth area!







Hannah Mulligan has visited, speaking to our artistic and dance pupils. Hannah has been a professional dancer and a photographer, currently closely linked with Chichester University whilst also running her own company 'Hannah Mulligan Creates'. Thank you so much for inspiring our pupils to consider your 'colourful' industry to be part of.

During morning assemblies, West Sussex Growers Association have spoken with all pupils in Year 7 and 8 about local produce and the careers within the industry too. A busy term it has been!



PC Pack Police sessions – KS3 and KS4

PC Pack is currently visiting Secondary and will speak to every pupil in the school. This will be the third year in a row that Sarah has visited the school to complete these workshops- each year amassing over 25 visits. It is a safe place that children can ask questions about the law and issues that may affect them as they grow into young adults. The themes are relevant to the ages of the pupil - please do speak with your child about what they have learnt; there are a few further workshops after Easter as well.

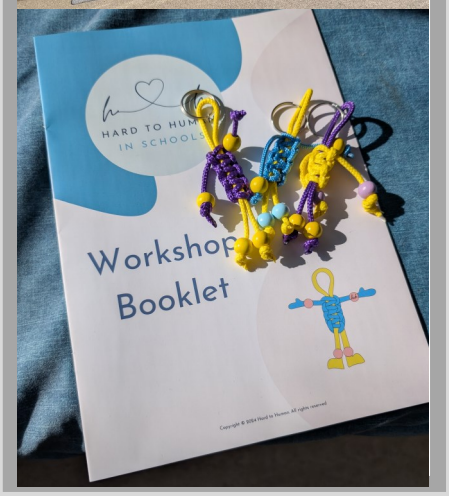
Personal Development

Hard to Human – Year 10

This term has seen Year 10 engaged in the local 'Hard to Human' project, a fantastic group in Chichester that have a vision to 'inspire everyone to have more self-acceptance and self-compassion in an everchanging society where it is really Hard to be Human'. All pupils in Year 10 have had a two-hour workshop on the 'Flow Rider' bus, which they bring to school, where they talk about themes around anxiety, confidence, resilience, self-belief and happiness (amongst many other things).

The workshops have been designed for schools in and around West Sussex, this being the third year we have had them in. Pupils don't just take away excellent self- care and acceptance strategies for their journey to adulthood, but also a fantastic printed booklet as a reminder of their time. The mental health of young people in our school is of the utmost importance, and to bring such a brilliant group in, as a proactive approach rather than a reactive response, is key to our PSHE programme here at school. A huge thank you from us all here at CFS to the 'Hard to Human' team.





House Assemblies – All through

It was lovely to pull together pupils from Primary and Secondary and have them in their Houses. The purpose of this term's assembly was very much to have fun and celebrate the House points won so far, and the competitions that pupils have entered. Well done and thank you for all those that have participated in the sport, creative and design related House activities this term! Phoenix currently lead the way in House Points but it is a close fought event each week; plenty of time for Noctua to catch them up! In addition to all the celebrations, a number of pupils dressed up for the Sumo 'wellington boot and hula-hoop' challenge… won by Aquila in the end for being the fastest team!

Thank you To Mrs Bodington-Howard and Mr Dean for leading the Houses this year- so much to look forward to next term, including; MarioKart e-sports, Design your House banner, Keepy Uppy & Shoot The Hoop, Adapt and Change Animal competition, Bake Off, House Cross-Country, a Charity Walk and of course, Sports Day! Lots to get involved in ahead.







Personal Development

Dare to Dream – Year 9 focus

'Jack the Lad' and the 'Dare to Dream' team (LoveLocalJobs.com) have been back in school this last term, delivering their inspirational and careers related workshops to the whole of the Year 9 cohort. We are very fortunate to be one of 30 Secondary schools across West Sussex that have once again had this opportunity; partly funded by Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. The Year 9 cohort were exceptional this year. Every assembly that was delivered was very well received and the engagement between Jack (the speaker) and the audience was electric.

The 'Dare to Dream' team see many schools and many Year 9 cohorts across the year- ours have come out shining high in their opinion. Well done to all that have taken away important messages - the future is bright for you and as this group start their GCSEs in a few months, the ethic of working hard to achieve your goals really does begin to kick in. Huge thanks to Rolls-Royce who have helped fund part of this, once again, for the pupils of CFS.





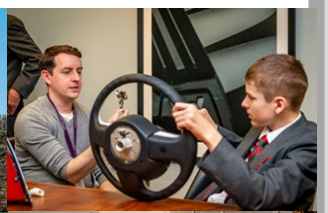


Rolls-Royce Mentoring and Workplace visit– Year 9 focus

15 lucky Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to be mentored by current Rolls-Royce employees this term. This was alongside the Dare to Dream workshops that took place. Those selected pupils gained much from the experience; thinking about their key skills, what employers are looking for, honing ideas about their future and how to celebrate the success but bounce back from adversity were all themes that they looked at together. The mentoring included a trip to Rolls Royce and what an experience these lucky 15 had, one that will sit with them for many years to come! If you look closely in the pictures below, you may see an ex-pupil of ours that took an apprenticeship position at Rolls-Royce nearly two years ago, and is flourishing!








School Houses

House Points Total from pupil reward points:

House points have been awarded depending on each events criteria. Below are the current House points awarded and congratulations to all the pupils who have taken part! From all of us, The House Champions, Presidents, Ambassadors and Heroes, have a wonderful break, rest, relax and come back after the holidays ready to go!

Aquila 57393 **Noctua 55757** **Pegasus 55770** **Phoenix 58506**

This term has been packed with exciting House events, bringing out the best in teamwork, skill, and school spirit! From competitive esports to thrilling sports matches, every House has put up a fantastic performance.

We currently have competitions on our Google Classrooms with lots of House points up for grabs, so please check in to enter!

Rocket League eSports Tournament

The highly anticipated Rocket League tournament saw intense matchups and impressive teamwork. After a series of gripping games, **Noctua** emerged victorious, claiming first place! **Aquila** followed closely in second, while **Phoenix** and **Pegasus** shared third place in a hard-fought tie.

Inter-house Sporting Competitions – Roundnet

Hadley and Raffie led Noctua to victory with their unmatched teamwork and strategy, earning the top spot in the overall tournament!

Final House Standings:

1st: Noctua (NO)
2nd: Aquila (AQ)
3rd: Phoenix (PH)
4th: Pegasus (PE)

Special mentions to **Ethan, Vivian, Rizwan, and Emir**, who displayed exceptional talent and potential in Roundnet. Due to popular demand, the **Roundnet Inter-house Tournament will return in the summer term**—so get ready for another thrilling competition!

With each House giving their all, the leaderboard remains tight, making the upcoming events even more exciting. Well done to everyone who took part—your dedication and sportsmanship made these competitions unforgettable!

Coming up: MarioKart™ Sign ups (Secondary), Sporting and Charity Walks





Principal's Award

This term, the following pupils have received the Principal's Award. They have received five House Points and enjoyed a celebratory tea party. Well done to everyone!

Austin Norris	Reception	for excellent progress in handwriting and phonics as well as a fantastic attitude to learning
Apollo Vernette	Reception	for consistent effort in Phonics and always trying his best
Lexie Bayley	Year 1	for having such a positive attitude to school and being proud of CFS
Aarya Sanmukhani	Year 2	for incredible fluency fact speed and recall
Willow Wootton	Year 2	for some fantastic writing of a biography about David Attenborough
Erin Ashford	Year 3	for brilliant progress
Winston Pannell	Year 3	for shining in class and working hard to achieve the best he can
Evan Viney	Year 3	for a fantastic attitude to learning and SHINEing in the classroom
Eleanor Sebastian	Year 4	for achieving 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Dance competitions
Betty Baker	Year 5	for consistently showing the elements of SHINE and showing an eagerness for learning new things
Chelsea-Leigh Dockerill	Year 5	for her Brownies certificates
Alanna Griffiths	Year 5	for showing great resilience and taking care when publishing her World Book Week poem
Tiggy Skinner	Year 5	for always demonstrating the elements of SHINE and never giving up when faced with challenges
Sophie Trevethan	Year 5	for having a quiet determination in lessons and being selfless by helping others when they need it

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Leo Beresford	Year 7	for creating a beautiful and informative model castle for History homework
Scarlett Isles	Year 7	for amazing effort, listening and writing in English achieving all the tasks to the very best of her ability
Jasper Mowling Sene	Year 7	for creating a beautiful and informative model castle for History homework
Elsie Streeter	Year 7	for working extremely hard in Maths and English this term
Harrison Austin	Year 8	for excellent mathematical work
Thomas Laye	Year 8	for all the support and hard work into the performance of "A Christmas Carol"
Jack Lloyd	Year 8	for being extremely helpful at the hockey tournament
Freddie Wiggett	Year 8	for being a great contestant on 'Who Wants to be a Chemistry Millionaire'
Lilyrose Fry	Year 9	for performing a well-rehearsed and informative speech in front of the class and for having the most House Points in the tutor group and fifth highest in Year 9!
Max Holly	Year 9	for some fantastic work, efforts and contributions in English
Flynn Norris	Year 9	for making a prototype noughts and crosses board and counters in his own time, showing excellent commitment
Chloe Pancheri	Year 9	for consistently achieving top scores in listening, reading, and translating in MFL
Lois Berry	Year 10	for really impressive progress in recent History mock
Amber Mauger	Year 10	for amazing PE revision resources created in her own time
Fergus Miller	Year 10	for competing in the Rotary Young Chef Regional final
Mae Hughes	Year 11	for being in Dictionary Corner and defining words for the class

April/May

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Date and Time	Event	Year Groups
Tuesday 22 – Friday 25 April	House event: House community events	All
Wednesday 23 April 1715	Bronze and Silver D of E information event	9 & 10
Thursday 24 April 1300	TTL careers speaker	Secondary
Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 April	Skill at Arms training	CCF
Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May	House event: House community events	All
Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May	English speaking and listening exams	10
Monday 28 April	GCSE Spanish Oral exams	11
Monday 28 April	Goodwood Farm trip	EYFS Cherry class
Tuesday 9 April	Teen booster vaccinations	9
Wednesday 30 April	GCSE French Oral exams	11
Wednesday 30 April	Goodwood Farm trip	EYFS Apple
Wednesday 30 April	Winchester Science Centre trip	4
Thursday 1 – Friday 2 May	GCSE Art exam	11
Thursday 1 May	UKMT Junior Maths challenge in school	7 & 8
Friday 2 May 1400 - 1445	ELG parent workshop	EYFS & parents
Monday 5 May - BANK HOLIDAY		
Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 May	House event – Charity fortnight planning	3
Tuesday 6 May	Portals to the Past visit in school	3
Tuesday 6 May	Bilsham Solar Farm trip	4
Wednesday 7 May	Arundel Castle Trip	2
Thursday 8 May 1700 – 2000	Pupil Progress Consultation event (virtual)	8
Thursday 8 May	GCSE exams begin	11
Thursday 8 May	VE Day 80th Anniversary	All
Monday 12 – Friday 16 May	House event: Charity fortnight planning	All
Monday 12 – Friday 16 May	End of year exams	KS3
Monday 12 – Friday 16 May	GCSE exams	11
Monday 12 – Friday 16 May	SATS week	6
Monday 12 – Friday 16 May	Chichester College talks – Post 16 courses	8
Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 May	Residential to Cobnor	5
Tuesday 13 – Wednesday 14 May	All Rise mock court event in school	7
Wednesday 14 May	Staunton Farm Trip	1
Thursday 15 May	Medieval dress up day	2
Thursday 15 – Friday 16 May	Off-site activities	5
Friday 16 May	Post SATS celebration	6
Monday 19—Friday 23 May	GCSE Exams	11
Monday 19—Friday 23 May	End of year exams	KS3
Monday 19—Friday 23 May	House event: Charity fortnight event	All
Tuesday 20 May	Bilsham Science workshop in school	4
Tuesday 20 May	Sports Day at Chichester University	Secondary
Wednesday 21 May 1700	Parent residential meeting	6 & parents

May/June

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Thursday 22 May 1800 – 2030	Give for Good charity dinner	Secondary
Friday 23 May	Sleepover in school	3
Friday 23 May	Lunchtime concert in school	All
Friday 23 May 1100 – 1200	Prizegiving and Leavers assembly	11 & parents
Monday 26 May – Friday 30 Half Term		
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June	House event: Inter house competition	All
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June	GCSE exams – pupils on exam leave/non uniform	11
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June	Mock exams	10
Tuesday 3 June	HPV vaccinations	8
Tuesday 3 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Beech class
Wednesday 4 June	Bag2School collection	All
Wednesday 4 June 1430 – 1630	Second hand uniform sale	All
Wednesday 4 June 1800 – 1930	Parent Ambassador meeting	Parents
Thursday 5 June 1300 – 1430	Workshop delivered by Thoughtful	6 & parents
Thursday 5 June 1600 – 1700	Year 5 STEM Challenge event (CFS and non-CFS pupils)	5
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 June	Ex: Excalibur ceremony	CCF
Monday 9 – Friday 13 June	House event – inter house competition	All
Monday 9 – Friday 13 June	GCSE exams – pupils on exam leave/non uniform	11
Monday 9 – Friday 13 June	Mock exams	10
Monday 9 June	Pirate dress up day	2
Monday 9 June	Mixed cricket tournament	3 & 4
Tuesday 10 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Oak class
Tuesday 10 June	Height and weight screening	EYFS
Wednesday 11 June	Summer concert	All
Wednesday 11 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Birch class
Thursday 12 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Elm class
Thursday 12 June 1300	TTL careers speaker	Secondary
Thursday 12 June 1300 – 1430	Workshop delivered by Thoughtful	6 & parents
Thursday 12 June 1600 – 1700	Year 5 STEM Challenge event (CFS and non-CFS pupils)	5
Friday 13 June	Height and weight screening	EYFS
Friday 13 June	Greek dress up day	5
Monday 16 – Friday 20 June	House event: inter house competition	All
Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 June	GCSE exams	11
Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 June	Fieldwork (Coastal management)	10
Monday 16 June	Chichester College talks in school	9
Monday 16 June	Girls cricket tournament	5 & 6
Tuesday 17 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Sycamore class
Wednesday 18 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Chestnut class
Wednesday 18 June 1700	Summer production	5 & 6

June/July

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Thursday 19 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Ash class
Thursday 19 June 1300 – 1430	Workshop delivered by Thoughtful	6 & parents
Thursday 19 June	Historic Dockyard trip	2
Thursday 19 June 1600 – 1700	Year 5 STEM Challenge event (CFS and non-CFS pupils)	5
Thursday 19 June	PROM, Chichester Golf Club	11
Friday 20 June – INSET DAY		
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	House event: celebrations, mini activities	All
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	Culture of Kindness fortnight	All
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	Residential to Fairthorn Manor	6
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	Donations week for the Summer Fair	All
Monday 23 June	Media photoshoot in school	10
Monday 23 June 1400	Open afternoon	EYFS & parents
Tuesday 24 June	Anglo Saxons workshop, New Park Cinema	4
Tuesday 24 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Hazel class
Tuesday 24 June 1400	Open afternoon	EYFS & parents
Wednesday 25 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Cedar class
Wednesday 25 June 1400	Open afternoon	EYFS & parents
Wednesday 25 June	Inspiring STEM event (invite only)	KS3
Wednesday 25 – Thursday 26 June	Height and weight screening	EYFS
Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 June	Sexual health and relationships workshop	9 & 10
Thursday 26 June 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Willow class
Thursday 26 June 1300 – 1430	Workshop delivered by Thoughtful	6 & parents
Friday 27 June	Non uniform day – Summer Fair fundraiser	All
Saturday 28 June 1200 – 1500 SUMMER FAIR		
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	House event: celebrations, mini activities	All
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	Culture of Kindness fortnight	All
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	Experience of Work week	10
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	Transition week	6
Monday 30 June – Tuesday 1 July	2025 EYFS Cohort Play & Stay sessions	
Monday 30 June	Work experience ready workshops in school	10
Monday 30 June	Year 6 Transition subject event led by pupil leadership	Secondary
Monday 30 June 0900 – 1425	STEAM Day (CFS and non-CFS pupils)	5
Tuesday 1 July 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Rowan class
Tuesday 1 – Friday 4 July	French/History residential	Secondary
Tuesday 1 July	Brinsbury College taster day (invite only)	10
Wednesday 2 July	Transition Day	EYFS – 6
Wednesday 2 July 0900 – 1415	New Year 7 Transition Day	
Wednesday 2 July 1300 – 1415	New Year 7 Transition day parent meeting	parents
Wednesday 2 July	Day of work/virtual work experience	9
Thursday 3 – Friday 4 July	2025 EYFS Cohort Play & Stay sessions	

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Thursday 3 July 1330	Forest School Open Afternoon for parents	Maple class
Thursday 3 July	College taster day	10
Friday 4 July	Mock interview day in school	10
Monday 7 July	Sports Day	Primary
Monday 7 July 1730	Art exhibition of final pieces	11 & parents
Wednesday 9 July	Courage Term reports home to parents	All
Wednesday 9 July 1645 – 2000	Prize Giving evening (invite only)	All & parents
Thursday 10 July	STEM trip to Goodwood (invite only)	10
Thursday 10 July	End of Year activity day	Primary
Thursday 10 July	Celebration trips	Secondary
Friday 11 July	Lunchtime concert	All
Friday 11 July – END OF COURAGE TERM – PUPILS HOME 1345 – 1430 **CCF Camp: TBC** **21 August: GCSE Results Day**		