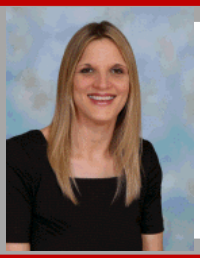
# Summer Term 2

# News Magazine

# July 2025





# Principal's Message

Dear all,

Welcome to yet another jam packed news magazine, with just a glimmer of all that has happened at CFS this term. It really has been an exceptionally busy term, with a vast array of trips, celebrations and enrichment opportunities, alongside internal and external assessments and many lessons of course! To try to sum everything up in this message would not do the term justice, but I do hope you enjoy reading about many of the exciting events and opportunities in the following pages.

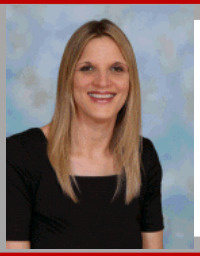
What I will do is pick out three stand out moments for me over the last few weeks…

Firstly, the Give for Good Charity meal that took place in June. This is always one of my favourite nights of the year, and this year was no exception. To sit down for a meal cooked by pupils is always a treat. But when that meal is seven courses, delicious, and expertly delivered by some of the most attentive servers I have ever had the pleasure to experience – also pupils – it results in a very special evening. As someone who lacks huge confidence in the kitchen (I am lucky enough to be married to a very culinarily talented husband who would hate me invading his space in the kitchen – that is my excuse and I am sticking to it!), the pupils who worked so hard to deliver this delicious feast genuinely inspired me. My only complaint – I was so full I couldn't try all of the petit fours!

My second highlight is technically two – both the Primary and Secondary Sports Days. It was so wonderful to have a proper Sports Day for our Secondary pupils after so long. To see healthy competition, community and celebration in full force in such an inclusive and engaging way, was wonderful. And then, only this week, it was Primary's turn. The winner of the race, the highest jump and the longest throw were all important, of course. But to me the stand out memories will always be: the ear-splitting cheers and screams as children encouraged their mums and dads in the parents' race; Year 2 excitedly showing me all of their award stickers at the end of the day; and our mature, capable and truly nurturing Secondary Sports Leaders leading their younger peers in all of the events. A special moment only truly possible in an All Through school.

Finally, I wanted to reflect on all of the Principal's Award tea parties that have taken place this term. I started these six years ago, and have worked out that there have been nearly 1200 R5 winners over the years! I am often asked by my family if I ever get tired of playing Uno. Now, don't get me wrong, it is not my first choice outside of school any more (you can have too much of a good thing!) but there is nothing more special than witnessing the kindness and excitement of children aged 4 to 16 playing alongside each other, in a respectful but also highly competitive way. And this term, paired up with one of our youngest ever award winners, I actually won for the first time! But that isn't why the tea parties have stood out to be this term – it is because so many of them have been awarded for children displaying our SHINE values (selfless, hardworking, independent, noble and empowering). SHINE was introduced at CFS last September by Mr Garner, and it is great to see those wonderful attributes being celebrated in both phases of the school. As a team, we are working to embed SHINE into everything we do at CFS – very much making it central to the 'CFS Way', which has resulted in a few updates to things like our Learning Profiles. More on that in September.

As is always the way at this time of year, we do have a few staff to say farewell to. Firstly, huge thanks to Miss Willmoth who has done a sterling job of covering for Mrs Potts' maternity leave in Secondary PE, as well as being part of our Cover Supervisor Team. In just a short amount of time, Miss Willmoth has become so embedded in the CFS team, supporting pupils both in and out of the classroom, and will be greatly missed as she moves to Australia! Happy travels, Ella.



# Principal's Message

We also say a temporary farewell to Mrs Feast (nee Priestly) who is taking a year's sabbatical. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Feast back into the Primary phase in a year's time, and wish her every happiness during the year ahead. Ms Lietz, another wonderful member of our Cover team, is also off to pastures new this summer. Ms Lietz has supported the CFS community in exams, cover and in Key Stage 3 History. Her hard work and versatility will be greatly missed. Wishing you the very best of luck, Marita.

Mr Ray, Subject Lead of Business Studies, is moving onto new opportunities outside of education. After a period of ill health, we were so pleased to welcome Mr Ray back to CFS in recent weeks so we were able to say farewell to him properly. We know that Mr Ray will be greatly missed, not least for his fashion sense that so many pupils have aspired to over the years! Wishing you every happiness in your new adventures, Matt.

And finally, to two long standing members of the team whom it will be hard to imagine CFS without. Firstly – Mrs Robyn Wickenden. Robyn had the often thankless role of Attendance Manager at CFS for many years; her patience, strength and tremendous hard work will ever inspire me. More recently Robyn has led the Cover department at CFS – making her staff's least favourite morning email! Robyn – your kindness, resilience and integrity will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you for all that you have done for CFS. And finally – Mrs Nikki Stubbington. Nikki has been at CFS for many years, throughout the site moves and leadership changes. She was originally here as a highly valued, skilled and passionate LSA in Primary, who had such a positive impact on so many pupils' (and staffs') lives. A few years ago, Nikki wanted a career change, and was seeking opportunities to move back into a more administrative role (her experience before CFS). I could not let her go, and so she soon joined the admin team here at school, very quickly turning a general administrative role into a full Recruitment Manager position, establishing all of our systems into a seamless and highly proficient process. Nikki will be missed both for her exceptional work, but also as a friend to so many at CFS. We wish her every happiness as she moves into a role for a charity, no longer constrained by the school holidays. Nikki and Robyn – thank you both, from the bottom of my heart.

I will introduce you to the new staff early in September. We actually have a few more teachers joining us as CFS grows again next year; due to our popularity the incoming Year 7 class will be another five form entry year group, and it was great to see the year group altogether for the first time last week on Transition Day.

Just a brief administrative reminder to (nearly) end this message – do please take a careful look at the 'Back to School' email that came out earlier this week, and the wealth of information it contains for next academic year.

I wanted to leave you with a link to this article, summarising some amazing success CFS pupils have had on the water. https://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/287771. Team winners!

Wishing pupils, parents and staff alike a wonderful summer. May it be restful, fulfilling and happy. See you in September, with the CFS team welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 3rd September.

With very best wishes,



**Mrs Louise New**
**Executive Principal**

# EYFS

**A Trip to the Farm**
One of the highlights of this term was our fantastic trip to the farm! The children were full of excitement as we boarded the coach and set off on our countryside adventure. At the farm, we met a variety of animals including cows, pigs and sheep - some of us even got to hold a lamb. The children had the opportunity to make butter and grind their own flour and explore the different areas of the farm which included the dairy and the orchard. It was a brilliant hands-on learning experience that sparked lots of curiosity and conversation. Thank you to all the volunteers who joined us and helped make the day so special!

**Maths Magic – Addition and Subtraction**
In our Maths lessons, we've been diving into the world of numbers with a focus on addition and subtraction. The children have been using practical resources like counters, number lines, and even their fingers to help them solve problems. We've been working on number stories, playing games and using songs to make learning fun and memorable. It's been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they begin to understand how numbers work together.

**Weekend News Writing**
Our writing sessions have taken on a personal twist with the introduction of "Weekend News." Each Monday, the children have been sharing their weekend adventures and writing about them in their own words. This has been a fantastic way to develop their sentence structure, use of phonics and storytelling skills. From birthday parties to bike rides, we've loved hearing about all the exciting things your children have been up to. Encouraging your child to talk about their weekend at home can really help them prepare for this activity each week.

**Joining the Main Playground**
A big milestone for our Reception children has been joining the older children on the main playground! This has been a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their social skills, build new friendships, and gain confidence in a larger play space. The older children have been very welcoming, and it's been heartwarming to see the Reception children exploring new games and enjoying their playtime with such enthusiasm.
As always, thank you for your continued support. We are so proud of how much the children have grown this year – both in their learning and in their confidence.

**Miss Smith, Mrs Golby, Mrs DeWitt, Mrs Stanbridge and Miss Harper**



# Key Stage 1

**Year 1** – From Plants to Punch and Judy!

What a busy term it's been in Year 1! The children have been full of curiosity and creativity and we've packed in plenty of hands-on learning and memorable experiences.

In the first half of term, we explored The Secret Life of Plants. Our budding botanists discovered the parts of plants and trees, learned the difference between evergreen and deciduous leaves, and investigated what plants need to grow. A real highlight was helping to plant up our new outdoor planting area—great teamwork and green fingers all round!

In Art, the children were inspired by famous artists. They created beautiful versions of *Van Gogh's Sunflowers* and explored printing techniques in the style of *Paul Klee*. We also travelled the world (with our imaginations!) in Geography, learning the four compass points and naming the five oceans—fantastic map reading, Year 1!

Our trip to Staunton Farm was a big hit, filled with animals, play and adventure—such a lovely day out.

This half term, we've headed to the seaside, diving into the history of seaside holidays. The children explored how holidays have changed over time, comparing Victorian seaside fun with the way we enjoy the beach today. In DT, they designed and made their very own Punch and Judy puppets, using sewing and glue to join fabric—super skills and focus on display! In RS, we've been thinking about caring for others, learning about kindness through the Christian story of The Good Samaritan.

It's been a term filled with discovery, creativity and fun!

**Mr Cook, Miss Lewis and Miss Dowers**







# Key Stage 1

**Year 2**

What a jam-packed and joyful term it's been for Year 2 – full of adventure, imagination and learning!

We blasted back in time to explore medieval castles and fearsome pirates, with exciting trips to *Arundel Castle*, a windy and wonderful *Beach School*, and a fascinating day at *Portsmouth Dockyard*. We even dressed up as medieval folk (and a few cats!) and daring pirates – although the pirates were sent home early thanks to a surprise power cut!

In English, the children became storytellers and poets, writing *new versions of Rapunzel*, *dragon poems*, *bossy pirate instructions* and even *persuasive adverts*. Meanwhile, in Maths, they cracked telling the time and tackled fractions – with so many children thriving.

Our creativity soared as we designed and made recycled plant pots, planting sunflower seeds using our science knowledge – and it's been lovely to hear how they're growing at home!

We've sailed the seas as fierce young pirates, complete with role play, singing and homemade pirate bunting to guard our classrooms. In Science, we've been working like real investigators – testing which objects float and which boat shapes work best.  In Geography, we learned all about castles and how they were defended, brushed up on our map reading, compass skills, and explored the *five oceans of the world*. To top it all off, Cedar Class wowed everyone with their end-of-year assembly, showing just how much Year 2 has achieved.

What a wonderful way to end the year – full of fun, friendship and fantastic memories!

**Mrs Bhutta and Mrs Grace**











# Key Stage 2

**Year 3**

This term's theme, *Ancient Egypt*, captured everyone's imagination. The children delved into the world of pharaohs, explored the secrets of mummification and discovered the many Gods and Goddesses worshipped in ancient times. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and full of questions. Their enthusiasm carried over into English, where they read *Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx*. After exploring the story, the children rewrote their own versions of the ending and turned them into beautifully illustrated books. Their creativity and storytelling were a joy to see.

One of the standout moments of the term was our Elm Class Has Got Talent show. As part of their PSHE learning, the children had the chance to share their talents – from dancing and singing to telling jokes and performing magic. It was a brilliant confidence-builder and a real celebration of individuality.

Another big highlight was the Year 3 Sleepover – a night the children will remember for years to come! They toasted marshmallows around the fire, searched for hidden hieroglyphs around the school, made their own sarcophagus pencil cases and of course, had the exciting experience of sleeping overnight at school.

We also brought a touch of local history into our learning with a celebration of Chichester's Sloe Fair. The children enjoyed learning about this much-loved tradition, while also embracing some fun carnival-style activities and treats.

In our English lessons, we had lots of laughs writing instructions on how to clean a lion's teeth – inspired by the book *Fizzlebert Stump*. This quirky task made instructional writing both meaningful and memorable!

In Maths, the children have been focusing on time, money, and shapes – developing their understanding through hands-on, practical learning. Their confidence and problem-solving skills have come on brilliantly. It's been a term full of fun, learning and lasting memories. We're incredibly proud of everything Year 3 have achieved this year.

**Miss Beadle and Miss Rowlands**







# Key Stage 2

**Year 4**

It's been a brilliant and busy term in Year 4, full of creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning!

The children tackled the Year Four Multiplication Check with confidence and determination, showing just how far their times tables knowledge has come.

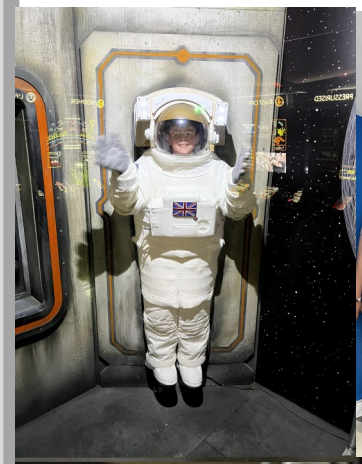
Our topic *Rise of the Robots* sparked so much excitement! Inspired by the book *The Wild Robot*, pupils created newspaper reports, partial narratives and striking artwork in the style of Peter Brown. They also became young engineers, building rubber band-powered cars and exploring robotics further by coding with our Lego WeDo kits.

In our Anglo-Saxons topic, children wrote thoughtful, contrasting reviews of Anglo-Saxon village life. We all thoroughly enjoyed bringing the topic to life even more with the Anglo-Saxon workshop at New Park Cinema. We also ventured out to the Winchester Science Museum, where the children immersed themselves in hands-on experiments and explored the wonders of the universe.

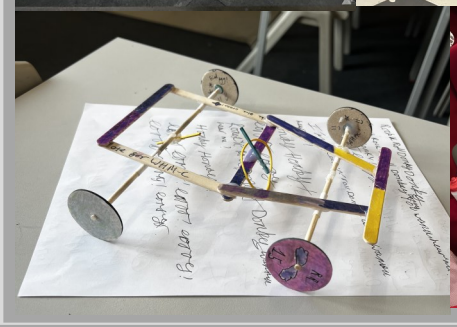
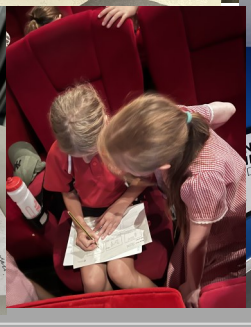
Back in school, Sycamore Class did a fantastic job sharing their learning in their class assembly, and we loved welcoming families for our Forest School Open Afternoon—a chance to showcase outdoor learning at its best.

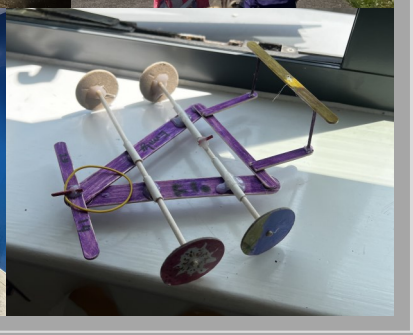
It's been a term packed with engaging topics, memorable experiences, and creative achievements. Year 4, we're so proud of you all!

**Miss Priestley and Mr White**







# Key Stage 2

**Year 5**

It's been an action-packed summer term for Year 5 at CFS, filled with challenge, creativity, and unforgettable experiences.

A real highlight was our incredible residential trip to Cobnor Activity Centre, where children embraced outdoor adventure, teamwork, and new challenges. Some pupils also had the fantastic opportunity to try water skiing – an experience they'll never forget!

Back at school, rehearsals were well underway for the Year 5 and 6 production, with pupils showing real focus and enthusiasm as they prepared to take to the stage. In English, the children have been rewriting gripping narratives inspired by *Diver's Daughter* by Patrice Lawrence, showing real depth in their storytelling and understanding of historical context.

As part of their work in Design and Technology, pupils have been designing impressive white card models of Tudor theatres, combining creativity with technical skills and a strong eye for detail.

It's been a brilliant term of growing independence, confidence and creativity – Year 5 should be very proud of all they've achieved!

**Miss Bigg and Mr Wilson**











# Key Stage 2

**Year 6**

What a busy final term in Year 6 it has been! We were so proud that everyone got involved and worked hard to pull together our production of *Alice in Wonderland.* A special well done to our Alices – *Willow and Meryl* – who had to learn so much dialogue in a short space of time! They were amazing. If that wasn't exciting enough, we went on our residential trip to Fairthorne Manor —the children made many memories and it was a wonderful way to end their time in the Primary phase.

Throughout the term, the children have worked incredibly hard on their writing, showing remarkable growth and development as writers. This term, the children have made fantastic progress in developing their editing skills, demonstrating a greater awareness of how to improve and refine their writing. They have also explored writing formal letters, understanding the importance of tone and structure, and have practiced using speech to advance action in their narratives, making their stories more engaging and dynamic. Additionally, the children enjoyed writing reviews of Camp Green Lake from the book *Holes*,

Some children even had the strength and brain power left to take on the Maths challenge with Mr Green and Mrs Wilson, displaying great enthusiasm and problem-solving skills.

Our topic on the Maya culture has been fascinating, with pupils exploring who the Maya civilisation were, how long ago this civilisation existed and how they lived. In Art, children have been exploring the style of Daniel Fenelon, imitating patterns and motifs from modern tribal artwork. The term was also packed with exciting events, including Forest School Open Days for parents, Sports Day, and our transition to the next chapter as the children prepare for Secondary school.

What a truly memorable and action-packed term. We wish everyone continuing their journey at CFS a smooth transition to the Secondary phase. For those who are leaving us and moving to a different Secondary school, we hope you have a great time.

**Miss Stapleton and Mrs Wilson**





# Key Stage 3

**Years 7 and 8**

What a year! It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Head of Year for your first year in Secondary school and to have an extra bonus year with Year 8 to be your Head of Year for two years.

You have all shown incredible progress this year—whether through personal growth, academic achievement, or by embracing opportunities beyond the classroom, from sports to creative arts to leadership roles.

**Year 7:**
All Rise workshop, charity events , Christmas Carol Production, CCF teaser session, external speakers, House events, Let's Girl Play Movement, Maths Challenge competition, music concert at care homes, Pupil Leadership roles, school trips, Science Olympics, Shakespeare play through drama-based workshops, sports fixtures, tutor assemblies, World Book Day – Year 7 Readers to Primary , Year 11 Exam support, Young Chef Competition.

**Year 8:**
Tutor assemblies, Charity events, CCF, Christmas Carol Production, external speakers, Get Inspired career events, Portsmouth, House events, Maths Challenge Competition, music concert at care homes, Pupil Leadership roles, school trips, Science Olympics, sports fixtures, Young Chef Competition.

Looking back at the academic year 2024-2025;

'My Favourite part of the year is being apart of the Young Chef Competition'
'I love doing the court in PSHE, I learnt so much'
'I loved sports day because it's my favourite day of the year when we can all do sports with my friends.'
'I enjoyed inter house sport events'
'Loved Science museum trip'
'I love meeting new friends at CFS'
'I have love reading Garbage King book in my English lesson'
'Learning about the Crusades in History'
'I love being able to be part of the Christmas Carol Performance'

A huge thank you to the Year 7 and 8 Tutor team; Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Brett, Miss Higgins, Mrs Shaw, Miss Farrant, Mr Griffiths, Miss Ariya, Miss Seal, Miss Willmoth, Miss Haylett, Miss Agate and Mr Dean.

**Miss Oxley and Miss Ireland, Head and Assistant Head of Years 7 and 8**

**Year 9**

How fantastic was Sports Day? Between sports, exams and PSHE I've been lucky enough to be stunned with good news about our Year 9 pupils. For Sports Day I had the privilege of being there for a hot but happy day at the lovely Chichester University. Plenty of shade, water and snacks but a nice dose of sunshine too. The pupils were so well engaged with the wide range of activities put on by the PE department and brilliant at looking after each other and the environment.

In preparation for Year 10 I'd like to recommend some study materials. There are lots of companies making them but CGP have a wide range and are easy to order from. Consider getting the KS3 books, and I always think the workbooks or practice books are better than the revision guides as you have to fill them in and can really see your progress. Some subjects have a huge variety and you could ask us for advice if you like but I would suggest choosing the last time that your child felt comfortable with the subject rather than looking ahead at the GCSE books. That can wait a bit longer and it can be off-putting to go too soon with those.

Have a great summer everyone. Stay active and look after yourselves.

**Miss Crebbin and Mrs Ashcroft**

# Key Stage 4

**Year 10**

I may have moved year groups at the end of May but I am so proud of how far the group have come, they never cease to amaze me in terms of how motivated and determined they are in school and also outside of the classroom.

Sports Day was a huge success with pupils taking part in a multitude of events. I was very privileged to be the track judge starting every race and I can say categorically that it was a very competitive set of races.

It was also really good to see the year group return from Work Experience, I was very privileged to interview some of the pupils and listen to some amazing experiences that they have undertaken. Their passion and conviction when answering questions was really good to see.

We also saw the majority of the year group heading out to Cineworld before hunting each other down with laser tag, hitting multiple strikes on the bowling alley before singing their way to the end of term in the karaoke booths . Hope you all have a wonderful summer!

**Mr Tilling and Mrs Stanley**

**Year 11**

Congratulations to the whole of Year 11 for completing their GCSE exams in such an exemplary manner. We had an amazing final assembly with plenty of photos from years gone by! Prom was a great success - everyone looked fabulous and a great night was had by all! I would like to wish each and every Year 11 pupil the very best for the future and I look forward to hearing about the next steps. See you on Results Day!

It has been an absolute pleasure to be your Head of Year.

**Mrs Turnbull**



# Maths

**Primary**

On Thursday 12th June, pupils from Years 5, 6 and 7 competed in a Maths Challenge, led by some pupils from Years 8 and 9. It was great to see our most able mathematicians come together across the school to take part in a series of logic and reasoning questions. All children showed great perseverance and determination to succeed – qualities of a true mathematician! Due to the success of the event, we will be running this again next year, inviting Primary children from other schools to take part too. The children enjoyed the afternoon and the opportunity to meet with like-minded pupils across different phases. A massive thank you to Mr Green who organised and ran the event.

**Mrs Wilson**





**Secondary**

This has been a very good year for the Maths pupils. National Maths Challenges/ STEM Days/Maths activity days and many more.

School this term has seen all pupils sit formal assessments in exam conditions to enable them the opportunity to see and feel what it will be like when they encounter there GCSE's in a few years time.

This term has seen many pupils being taught a variety of topics including geometry and statistics. Year 7 have been hitting the same heights again with recent assessments showing a real development in problem solving. They have also spent time working in teams to undertake various maths problems. Various STEM days and other activities have enabled the Year 7s the opportunity to develop there Maths skills further.

Year 8 have been looking at Venn diagrams this half-term.

Year 9s have been spending time exploring a variety of topics including mastering the pie chart in terms of construction and analysis.

Year 10 in between Work Experience and other PSHE activities have been looking in depth at mixed GCSE skills starting to get ready for Year 11.

Year 11's have finished there journey and await their results. The pupils conduct in examinations was excellent as was the pupil's attendance at morning Maths revision. Pupils left the exams feeling confident and ready for their next challenge.

# Maths

**Secondary**

The TMC National Final, held at the prestigious RHS Halls in Westminster, was a vibrant celebration of mathematical talent and creativity. Following an impressive series of regional competitions involving 677 teams, just 64 teams earned their place in the national final.

Pupils travelled from far and wide—including the Scottish Highlands, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands—to take part in this exciting event. There were also seven international teams from China, thanks to their collaboration with ASEEDER. The day was filled with energy and inspiration as teams showcased their understanding of Mathematics by creating imaginative and informative posters on the theme of *geometry in plants*. It was a fantastic day that highlighted enthusiasm, and ingenuity of young mathematicians.

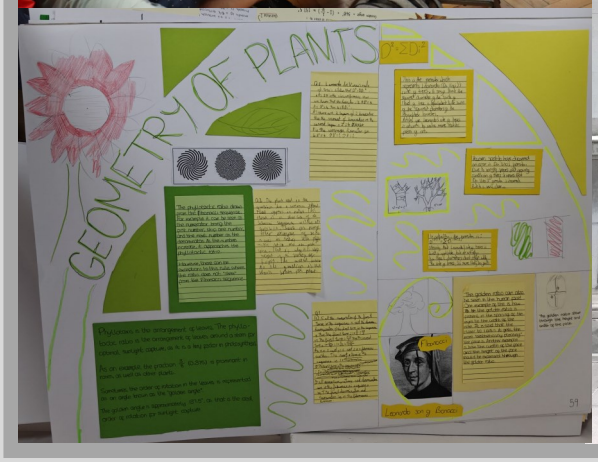
Having triumphed in the regional final earlier in the year, CFS were proud to fly the flag for the state sector (one of a handful of schools) at the National Final.

Gerard S, Rupert G, Freddie A and Teddy V (only slightly handicapped by myself) battled against the absolute elite over four rounds of questions/problem solving and came away having given their all. Only the top three teams were announced on the day and the top 20 emailed.

We're still waiting for ours so let's call it 21st.....

**Mr Green**








# English

**Primary**

It has been a busy half term with lots of exciting learning happening across the primary phase.

In EYFS, the children have been immersed in Drawing Club, sketching out story maps, creating 'wanted' posters, and writing clear instructions.

In Year 1, the children have been inspired by the books ‘The Bog Baby’ and ‘At the Beach’, making a real splash with their postcards and questionnaires - proof that their writing is anything but bog-standard!

Year 2 has been hard at work writing non-chronological reports, instructions, and adverts inspired by ‘Sunk’ by Rob Biddulph. Their creativity certainly hasn’t sunk - in fact, it’s sailing along nicely!

In Year 3, the circus came to town! With inspiration from ‘Fizzlebert Stump’ and ‘Ringling Bros.’, the children have been experimenting with language to produce big top-quality adverts and brochures.

Year 4 children have been exploring Anglo-Saxon Britain, crafting posters and writing Trip Advisor-style reviews. Their historical insight is anything but ancient news!

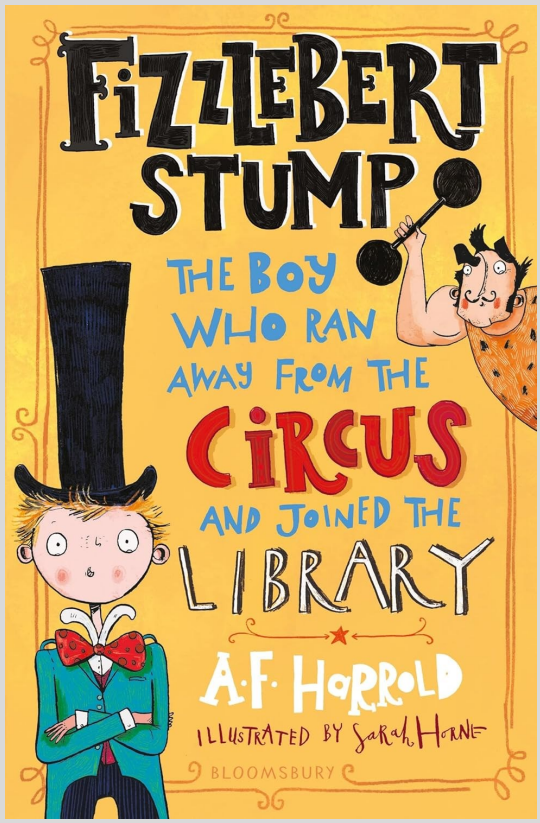
In Year 5, the children have been gripped by ‘Diver’s Daughter’, diving deep into character and setting. The result? Speeches, narratives and setting descriptions that truly make a splash.

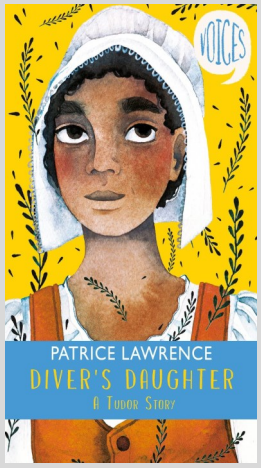
In Year 6, the focus has been on polishing their editing skills - no rough drafts here! They've also had the chance to showcase their hard work to pupils and staff from across the school.

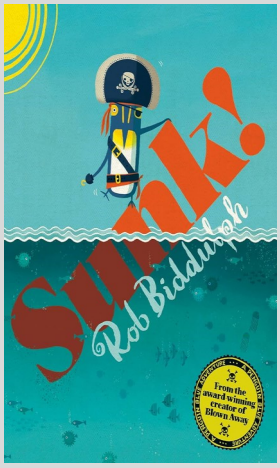
All in all, it has been a vibrant and busy term, full of creativity, curiosity, and intrigue - we can’t wait to see what next year brings!

**Mr Wilson**
**Primary English Lead**



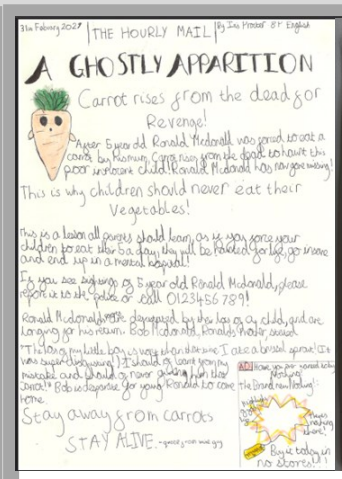



# English

**Secondary**

This half term has been a very creative one in the English department. Our pupils across Years 8 and 9 have been developing their Transactional Writing skills by creating some fantastic newspaper articles.

Year 8 have been studying Gothic Fiction and created a gothic news article titled ‘A Ghostly Apparition’.


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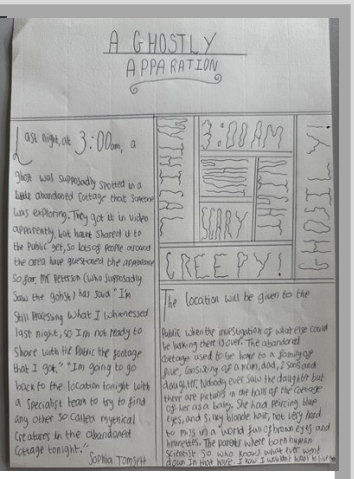
Carrot rises from the dead for Revenge!

This is why children should never eat their Vegetables!

Stay away from carrots

STAY ALIVE

by Iris P, Year 8


A GHOSTLY APPARATION

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SCARY

CREEPY!

by Sophia T, Year 8

Year 9 have been learning about Conflict poetry and produced some wonderful newsletters on the events of ‘The Charge of The Light Brigade’ by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.


The Crimean Mail

26th October — Breaking News

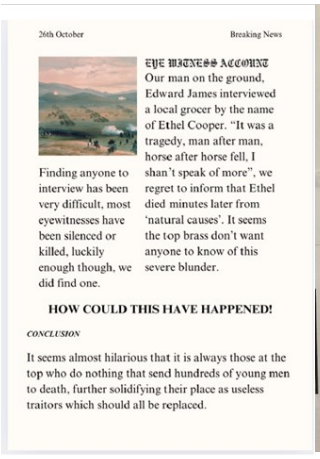
RAGLAN’S MISTAKE COSTS LIVES

OVER 110 DEAD FROM RAGLAN’S INCOMPITENCE

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES?

THE POEM

By Jonah G, Year 9


26th October — Breaking News

EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

Our man on the ground, Edward James interviewed a local grocer by the name of Ethel Cooper. “It was a tragedy, man after man, horse after horse fell, I shan’t speak of more”, we regret to inform that Ethel died minutes later from ‘natural causes’. It seems the top brass don’t want anyone to know of this severe blunder.

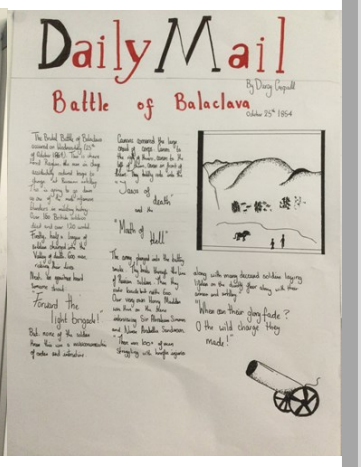
Finding anyone to interview has been very difficult, most eyewitnesses have been silenced or killed, luckily enough though, we did find one.

HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED!

CONCLUSION

It seems almost hilarious that it is always those at the top who do nothing that send hundreds of young men to death, further solidifying their place as useless traitors which should all be replaced.

by Max D, Year 9


Daily Mail

Battle of Balaclava

by Darcy C, Year 9

# Science

**Science in Action: Summer Term Highlights**

This summer term has been bursting with excitement in the Science Department, with Year 5 pupils diving headfirst into hands-on learning and innovation through a series of brilliant events. From engineering challenges to artistic creations, our young scientists have shown exceptional enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork throughout.

**Year 5 STEM Challenge Events**

Pupils tackled exciting challenges including bridge building, testing acids and alkalis, carrying out flame tests, and exploring the famous 7 Bridges of Königsberg problem.

The challenges not only put scientific thinking to the test but also encouraged resilience and perseverance—key skills for any budding inventor or engineer.

**Year 5 STEAM Day**

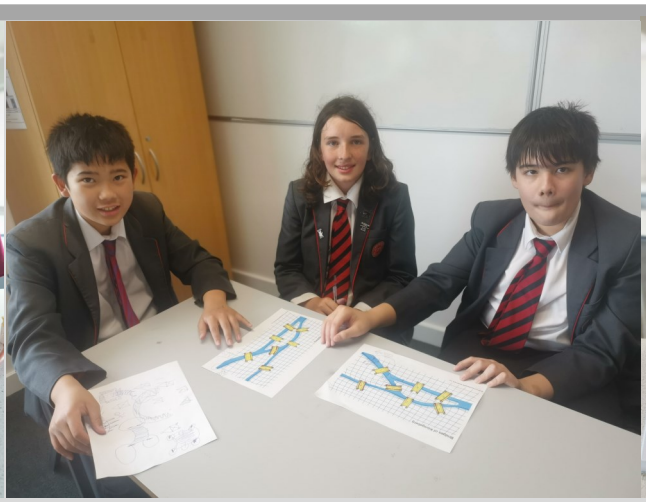
Adding a creative twist to science, STEAM Day brought the arts into the mix. Pupils explored how Science and creativity go hand in hand, with activities that fused scientific inquiry with visual design and imagination.  STEAM Day focused on the heart and circulatory system. Activities included heart dissections, investigating heart rate, and creating clay heart models—combining Science with creativity in brilliant ways.

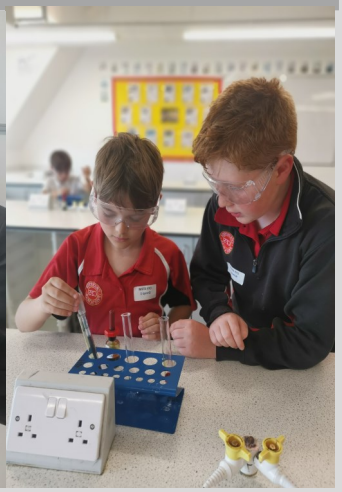
**A Big Thank You!**

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the **STEM Ambassadors** who gave their time and expertise to support our events. Your guidance, encouragement, and enthusiasm made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. You were a true accolade to the school, and your involvement helped bring STEM to life in the most exciting and meaningful way.
It's been a summer term to remember, and we're already looking forward to the next wave of Science adventures in the autumn!

**The Science Team**



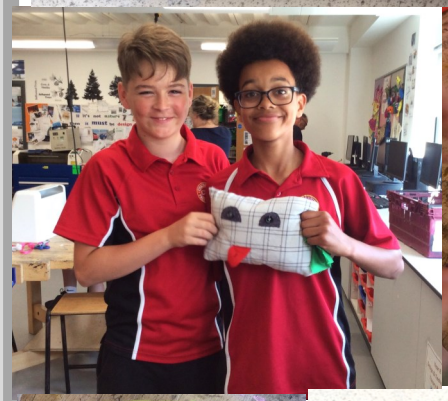




# Creative Arts

Year 8 have enjoyed creating their Character Cushions this term. With the colourful work of Jon Burgerman in mind, pupils designed and made cushions with personality. This involved creating a design brief before making a paper pattern and selecting and cutting their fabric to size. All the pupils had the opportunity to learn and practise how to use a sewing machine in addition to hand sewing techniques. Pupils considered texture, visual impact and embellishment when completing their products.










# Food Tech

We wanted to say a huge congratulations to the pupils who were involved in the Give for Good charity meal. The images speak for themselves in terms of how hard the pupils worked, and how professional they were. Some of them worked from 9:00am to 9:30pm with few breaks, and they deserve all the praise we can give them. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Sean and the Innovate team for supporting the pupils in the kitchen and to the choir for serenading the guests throughout the evening.

















# MFL

Bonnes Vacances from the language department! Some of our pupils have just been to France on one of our amazing residential trips and many others have taken their end of year exams in French and in Spanish with great success. That's before we even get to the GCSEs which this year have included German, Polish and Arabic. What has given me the most pleasure in these last few weeks however is something quite different. Language curiosity and just having a bit of fun with transactional language. Year 7 were studying and watching Astérix and Obélix recently when Owen asked me 'Miss, does the celtic part of France have it's own language?' It does, Breton is spoken widely in Brittany or Bretagne as well as French and it was a pleasure to be asked the question. At Sports Day, where I did my best impression of a theatre usher walking around with snacks and iced water top ups, I was approached absolutely unsolicited by Archie and friends from Year 10 with 'Un bocadillo de queso por favor', 'si, una naranja por favor'. Sometimes it's the little things…

**Ms Crebbin, Head of MFL**

**France Residential Trip – July 1st–4th**

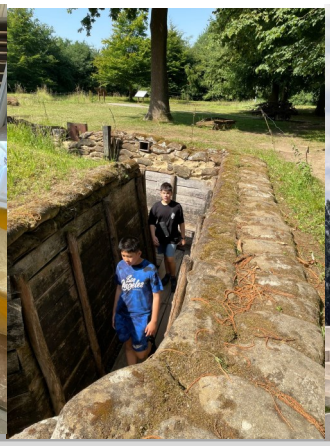
Early on the morning of July 1st, pupils from Years 7–10 set off on an exciting four-day residential trip to France. We arrived in Dover under a beautiful sunny sky and enjoyed a peaceful ferry crossing to Calais. Our first stop was a traditional *boulangerie*, where pupils had the opportunity to knead dough and shape their own croissants. It was a fun and hands-on way to start our French adventure!

On day two, we travelled to Belgium to visit World War I museums and trenches. A highlight of the day was our visit to Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world. Our pupils showed great respect and maturity throughout, making us incredibly proud. Day three brought a change of pace with a visit to Parc Astérix. With all shows, activities, and instructions in French, it was a great opportunity for pupils to practise their language skills—and they did so brilliantly. The rides and entertainment were a big hit!

On our final day, we visited **Nausicaá**, the largest aquarium in Europe. Pupils were amazed by the variety of marine life, particularly the enormous tank where sharks and manta rays glided above them. It was a truly memorable experience to end the trip. Everyone had a fantastic time. The pupils learned so much, both culturally and linguistically, and they made the most of every opportunity to practise their French.

A huge thank you to Mrs Halton, Mrs McDermott, Mrs Allen, Mrs Lietz, and Mr Lean for their incredible help and support throughout the trip.

**Mrs Agate**

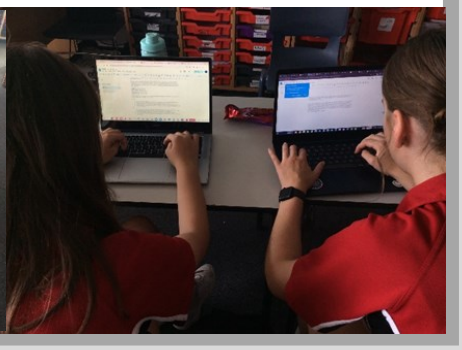


# Media Studies

**Media Studies Magazine: School Newspaper Launch – Young Reporters Club**

Congratulations to our Young Reporters who have worked exceptionally hard this year collaborating on the first edition of the *CFS Times*. Well done to all involved! You did it! I hope everybody gets an opportunity to read some of the amazing accomplishments of our CFS pupils.

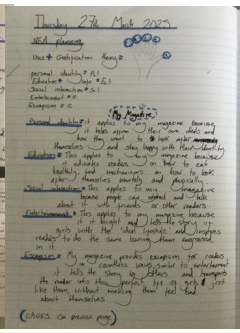
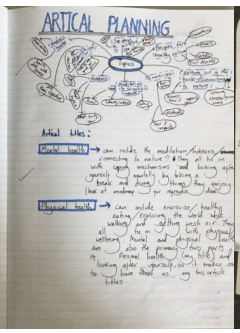
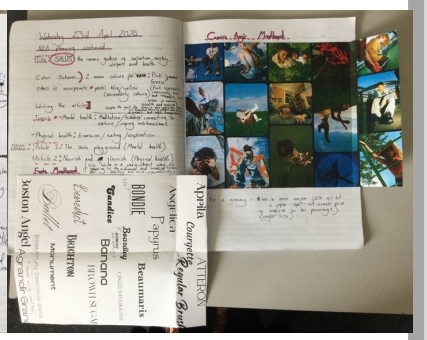




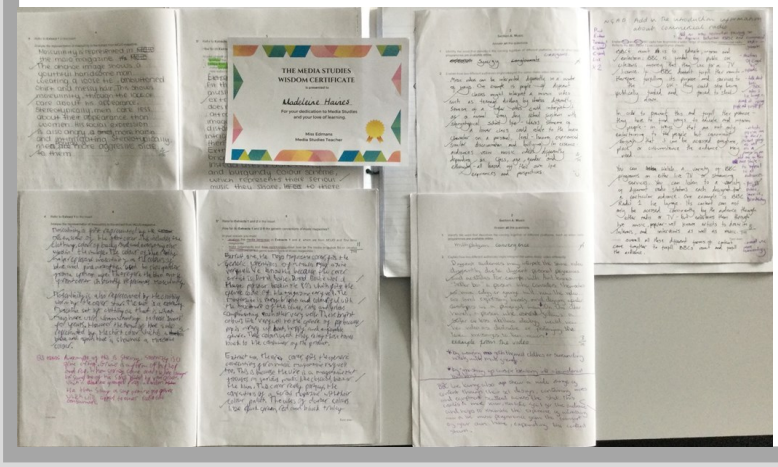
**Media Studies Year 10 NEA magazine projects**

This term Year 10 have been researching ideas for their NEA life style magazines where they are expected to create a front cover and middle page spread targeting a style conscious audience.

This is an in-depth study into media language, media industries, media audiences and media representations.

Year 10 Mock exams were a success with certificates awarded to pupils who are on track and exceeding GCSE target grades. Well done! Keep up the inspirational work you are producing.




This has been an amazing year for Media Studies.

I am really proud of the work produced and the effort made by all pupils at CFS and am looking forward to teaching the class of 2026! See you in September.

**Miss Edmans**

# Sport

**A Half-Term of Talent, Grit & Team Spirit**

As we draw the curtain on an incredible academic year for Sport and Physical Education at CFS, our final half term in PE has been nothing short of inspiring. With two headline events showcasing the determination, skill, and sportsmanship of our pupils, we couldn't be prouder of how our they have represented both themselves and the school.

## Mountbatten Athletics Championships

Our Year 7 and 8 athletes travelled to the prestigious Mountbatten Centre to compete in the West Sussex West Athletics Championships, facing schools from across the region. With many of our pupils entering events for the first time—some with only their PE lessons as experience—they displayed remarkable courage and tenacity. From 75m sprints to discus throws and the gruelling 1500m, every athlete gave their all, competing in at least three events each. The level of effort, determination, and pride in wearing the school badge was truly commendable.



**Key Performances:**
Joshua – Gold medal in the Standing Triple Jump
Lacey – Outstanding run in the 100m sprint first place in her heat
Freddie – Strong performance in the 75m sprint achieving first place and a record at the event
Henry – Grit and pace in the 300m first place in his heat

Well done to every athlete who participated—you've set the standard for future competitions.

**Secondary Sports Day—A Full Sports Day Experience at the University**
This year marked the triumphant return of a 'proper' Sports Day—our first full-scale one in many years—and it was everything we hoped for and more. Held at the University grounds, the event offered a fantastic range of activities: from tug of war and team problem-solving to classic track and field events.

What made the day truly special wasn't just the athletic excellence—it was the atmosphere. Pupils encouraged one another, demonstrated leadership, and supported their peers. Many experienced athletes stepped up to coach and mentor others, helping everyone achieve their personal bests.



# Sport

**Star Performers of the Day:**
A number of pupils were recognised not just for their talent, but also for their leadership, kindness, and team spirit. They embodied all that we value in PE—courage, support, perseverance, and positivity. A huge congratulations to all involved. It was, without a doubt, the highlight of our year.

**Results from Secondary Sports Days:**

**Years 7 and 8**

| House | Points | Position |
|---|---|---|
| Noctua | 119 | 1 |
| Pegasus | 116 | 2 |
| Aquila | 97 | 3 |
| Phoenix | 97 | 3 |

**Years 9 and 10**

| House | Points | Position |
|---|---|---|
| Pegasus | 148 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 142 | 2 |
| Aquila | 123 | 3 |
| Noctua | 115 | 3 |

**Primary Sports Day – A Resounding Success!**



The annual Primary Sports Day at CFS proved to be a fantastic celebration of athleticism, sportsmanship, and community spirit. Despite a cloudy start, the sun eventually shone brightly, setting the perfect scene for a day packed with fun and energetic performances from pupils across the school. Children took part in a variety of events with great enthusiasm and joy, lighting up the fields with beaming smiles and determined effort. There were some truly impressive displays of skill and talent, particularly in the long jump, javelin, and speed bounce, among many other activities.

Standout performances and displays of excellent sportsmanship were seen throughout the day, with special recognition going to Teddy J, Harley W, Lola J, Eden S, Greyson H, and Ezra W, among others, who were nominated for the coveted Sportsmanship Medal.

Key Stage 2 enjoyed a full rotation of events that made use of all the fantastic sports facilities at CFS, while Key Stage 1 participated in a variety of traditional favourites, including the classic egg and spoon race and the always-popular sack race—both of which also featured in the Key Stage 2 programme to much delight.

A big thank you goes out to all the parents who gamely joined the parents' race, taking it in stride with good humour and lots of laughter. Overall, it was a day to remember—filled with energy, smiles, and community spirit.

**Results from Primary Sports Day:**

| | Primary |
|---|---|
| Pegasus | 200 |
| Aquila | 175 |
| Phoenix | 150 |
| Noctua | 150 |



**Final Thoughts**
As we wrap up the academic year, we want to thank every pupil who has contributed to PE this year—from lessons to competitions, clubs to fixtures. You have made this year memorable through your energy, enthusiasm, and resilience. We can't wait to build on this momentum next year.

Have a fantastic summer.

**The PE Department**

# DofE

**Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition – June 2025**

*An unforgettable journey of resilience, teamwork, and adventure*

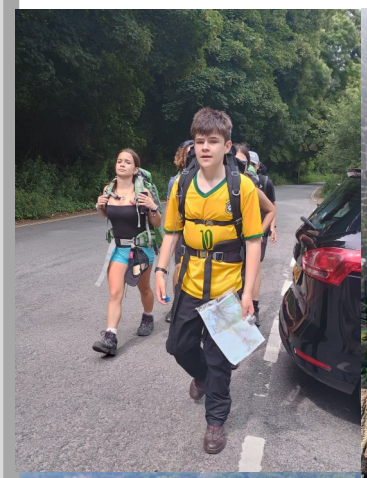
On the 21st and 22nd of June 2025, two determined teams from CFS embarked on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition, navigating a scenic and challenging route through the South Downs.

Starting at the Wiston Estate, the teams of four participants each set off eastward, using their map reading and navigation skills to reach the historic Bignor Roman Villa. Along the way, they demonstrated impressive teamwork, resilience, and a positive spirit, even when faced with the unpredictable British summer weather!

After a night of camping under the stars, cooking their own meals, and reflecting on the day's achievements, the teams continued their journey. Day two saw them navigating along the picturesque River Arun, making their way back to Arundel, where they successfully completed their expedition.

Throughout the two days, the participants showcased the core values of the DofE Award—independence, perseverance, and collaboration. From setting up tents to preparing meals and supporting one another through every step, they truly embodied the spirit of the award.

A huge congratulations to all involved for completing this milestone with such enthusiasm and determination. We're incredibly proud of your achievement!











# CCF

**CFS Combined Cadet Force – Summer Term Highlights 2025**

This summer term has been an action-packed and rewarding one for the CFS Combined Cadet Force, filled with training, exploration, and exciting opportunities for both current and prospective cadets.

**Fieldcraft Training Day**

We kicked off the term with a Fieldcraft Training Day, designed to prepare cadets for a tactical exercise scheduled for the autumn. Cadets practised essential skills in movement, concealment, and communication—laying the groundwork for more advanced exercises to come.

**Visit to Pooley Sword**

A highlight of the term was our visit to Pooley Sword at Brighton City Airport, where cadets had the unique opportunity to witness the craftsmanship behind our very own Sword of Honour. Seeing the forging process up close was both inspiring and a proud moment for all involved.

**Year 7 Taster Evening**

In June, we welcomed over 50 enthusiastic Year 7 pupils from both CFS and Great Ballard for a CCF Taster Evening. The event offered a hands-on introduction to cadet life, with activities ranging from drill and fieldcraft to first aid and leadership challenges. It was a fantastic evening full of energy and curiosity, and we look forward to welcoming many of these future cadets in September.

**CCF Annual Camp**

We wrapped up the term with an unforgettable Annual Camp, packed with adventure, skill-building, and camaraderie:

- Sunday: Cadets began with the Dismounted Close Combat Trainer (DCCT) and tackled the obstacle course, testing both their aim and agility.
- Monday: Focus shifted to marksmanship, with cadets applying the four marksmanship principles to fire live rounds on a 100m range and try their hand at shotgun shooting.
- Tuesday: A full day of adventure training included stand-up paddleboarding, raft building, wall climbing, archery, mountain biking, and bike maintenance.
- Wednesday: Cadets headed into the field for paintball, axe throwing, and survival stands, building confidence and resilience.
- Thursday: A thrilling ambush exercise gave cadets the chance to plan and execute a tactical operation, including TIBUA (Training in Built-Up Areas) and Advance to Contact scenarios.
- Friday: The week concluded with a competition day, where our team triumphed in the event known as 'The Cube', proudly bringing home a Gold Medal.

**Prize Giving – A Moment of Honour**

Finally, during Prize Giving, Captain Cook received the Sword of Honour on behalf of our CCF—a massive honour and a proud moment for the entire contingent. This symbol of excellence and dedication will serve as a lasting reminder of the achievements and spirit of our cadets.

# CCF



# FUNDRAISING

**Summer Fair**

Glorious weather, a great atmosphere and a huge support from our parents, sponsors, pupils and staff made the Summer Fair one of the highest money raisers this year and the second highest fundraising year to date. From the generous donations from both parents and sponsors, organising and running of stalls and games by parents, staff and pupils, including great (outside) stalls holders, the day was a huge success. A few special mentions to Ella, Harry and Maxi who ran a stall, together with Leo who worked so hard on the raffle.

We raised £4770 at the Summer fair and a grand total of £14,872 this academic year. The money raised will go towards the development of Forest School, Performing Arts equipment: including lights for the hall, Apple devices for music and a much needed speaker for Dance. Some of the keyrings sold at the Summer Fair were designed and cut using the new laser cutter in Design and Technology, bought with fundraising money. Over the holidays, the Secondary Library will be revamped and benefit from the money raised from fundraising.

Next year, we are aiming to raise £20,000 for the school. We thank you in advance for your continued support next year. If you would like to volunteer at events or have any suggestions of way to raise money, please email fundraising@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.




**Key fundraising dates for your diary for this next academic year:**

18th September 2025: Whole school photos
5th November 2025: Bag2School donation collection
27th November 2025: Non-uniform day for primary pupils
5th December 2025: Christmas Fair
12th February 2026: Primary Discos
25th February 2026: Bag2School donation collection
27th February 2026: Sibling Photos
6th March 2026: Primary movie night
3rd June 2026: Bag2School donation collection
3rd July 2026: Summer Fair

# Sailing Team Success

Since 2022 a team of young CFS sailors from their respective sailing clubs have competed in Junior Schools Week at Itchenor Sailing Club. This event consists of 6 races over 2 days in a fleet of around 100 RS Fevas (2 person dinghies) from different schools across London, the South East and the Isle of Wight.

On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June 2025 the growing team of CFS sailors, now in 5 boats and ranging in age from Years 7 - 10, took to the water once more. The team faced challenging and very windy conditions on both days with a mix of sunshine and heavy rain showers.

The CFS team stayed positive throughout and demonstrated their resilience and competitiveness. Their sailing skills, such as flying spinnakers, reading the tides, managing other boats in the large fleet and completing on the water fixes, have improved greatly. They have learnt to stay composed under pressure, problem solve and work together effectively, both as partnerships in their boats and as a united CFS team.

As individual boats, the team achieved high results. Thomas K and Ted R finished 3rd, Rupert G and Felix G finished 6th, Callum A and Arthur R finished 15th and Liberty A and Sophie C finished 37th. Although the challenging conditions proved too much for the team's two youngest sailors, Toby C and Leo B, they have been an integral part of the CFS team having taken part in training evenings and provided invaluable on the water support.

After combining the team's individual results, CFS won the team trophy for First School. This is a fantastic achievement in a strong fleet of sailors and shows CFS can compete and succeed against the best. Huge congratulations to the CFS team and supporters. The trophy will be proudly displayed in the school reception!

Special thanks to Itchenor Sailing Club for hosting the event, Chichester Yacht Club for hosting the training, Clothing Kingdom for supplying the team's wonderful t-shirts and CFS for giving the team the opportunity to compete in this event.



Thomas and Ted



Rupert and Felix



Libby and Sophie



Toby and Leo



Callum and Arthur









# 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 78501**



**Noctua 80715**



**Pegasus 76923**



**Phoenix 81309**

**A Year of House Spirit, Laughter, and Looking Ahead!** *by the House Champions*

What an incredible year it's been for our school's House system! As House Champion, I've had the absolute pleasure of watching our pupils step up, show their House pride, and take part in a whirlwind of fun, competition, and unforgettable moments.

From the first week of term to the final assembly, the energy has been electric. Inter-House sports competitions saw pupils battle it out on the field and court, showing not only athletic talent but true team spirit. Creativity shone brightly in the "Design Your Own Monster" contest, where we saw wild imaginations come to life. And who could forget the House banner competition? Every entry showed a canvas of colour, identity, and unity.

Gaming fans were thrilled by our *Rocket League* tournament earlier in the year—a high-speed, high-stakes showdown that had the whole school watching. And coming this September, we're diving into the world of *Mario Kart* for a new level of House rivalry (start your engines, racers!).

One of the standout moments of the year? Our unforgettable assemblies, where brave pupils donned inflatable sumo suits and faced off in hilariously silly challenges to win points for their Houses. The laughter, the cheering, the sheer unpredictability—it's events like these that remind us how much fun school can be when we come together as a community.

**Sports Day at the University of Chichester – A Huge Success!**

This year's Secondary Sports Day was nothing short of phenomenal. Hosted at the University of Chichester's fantastic facilities, the day gave pupils a chance to compete like champions on a professional stage. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy and House pride, as pupils gave it their all in races, relays, long jumps, and more. From the cheering in the stands to the sportsmanship on the track, it was a day filled with determination, celebration, and community spirit. Every pupil, whether competing or supporting, played a part in making it a truly memorable event. It was a shining example of what our House system is all about—teamwork, pride, and having fun together.

**Looking Ahead: Bigger and Better!**

And here's the really exciting part: next academic year, the house system is going BIGGER and BETTER. We're restructuring how things work, with a promise of **two to three House events every half term**. That's right—more chances to get involved, earn House points, and make memories. We'll also be making sure families are part of the journey too, with events communicated in advance so parents can join in the excitement and support.

Whether you're a performer, athlete, artist, gamer, or just love a bit of friendly competition, next year is going to be packed with opportunities to shine. So get ready to represent your House with pride, and most of all—have a blast doing it.

Let's make next year the best one yet!

**Mrs Bodington-Howard, Mr Dean & Mr Angell**

# School Houses

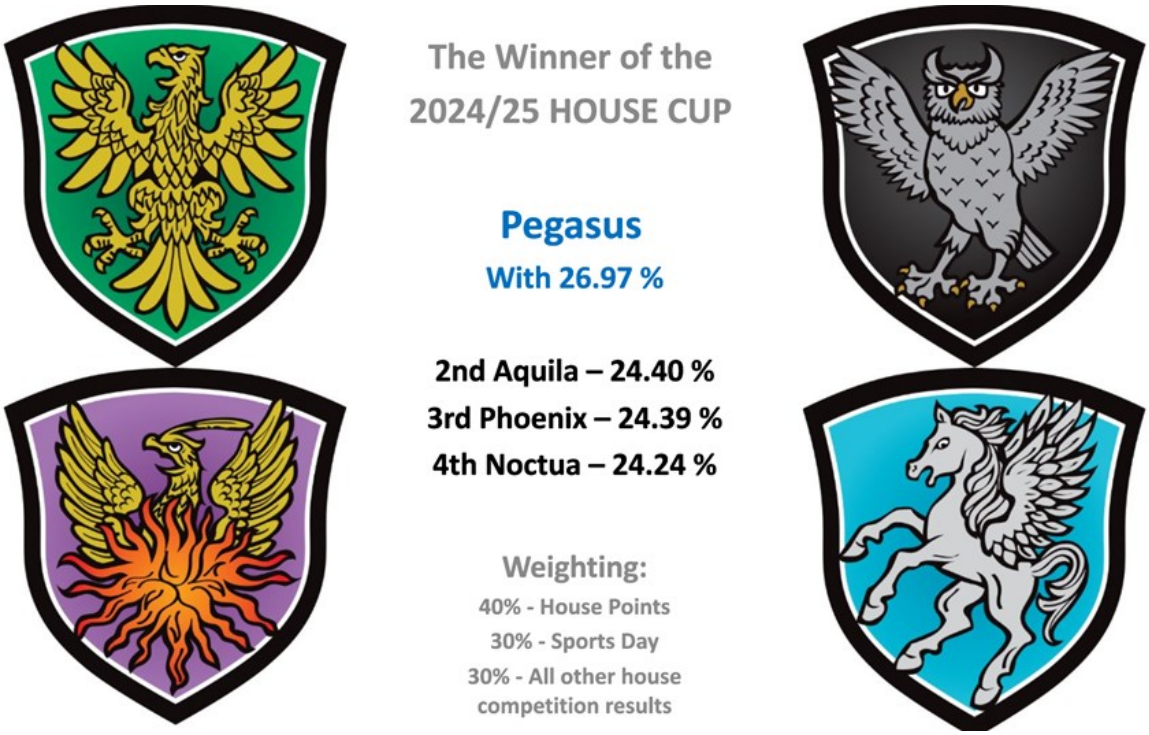
**RESULTS FOR 2024/2025**

That's it! Another year concluded.

House points, house events and sports day have all concluded for this academic year. A huge well done to everyone who has joined in and earnt valuable points. There have been some brilliant events over the year and it's been wonderful seeing pupils collecting House points daily.
For transparency, the winner of the House Cup each year comes from the following;

40% weighting from House Points across the year
30% weighting from Sports Days—Primary and secondary with 15% each
30% weighting from the 12 House events across the year

**So… for 2024 / 2025…**



# Prizegiving 2025



# 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!

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Melody McGrory** | Reception | for fantastic sentence writing |
| **Oscar Permain** | Reception | for always trying his best and writing an amazing sentence on his Wanted poster |
| **Theodore Yelland** | Reception | for fantastic sentence writing |
| **Amelie-Rose Woods** | Year 1 | for always committing herself 100% to her writing |
| **Luna Arnell-Smith** | Year 2 | for creating a brilliant alien collage in Art |
| **Meila Bishop** | Year 2 | for creating a beautiful castle model at home |
| **Eliya Ceilão** | Year 2 | for her nurturing nature towards her friends |
| **Isobel Drennan** | Year 3 | for being a kind and caring friend |
| **Freya Dunn** | Year 3 | for always being a kind friend and thinking of others |
| **Lilith Graham** | Year 3 | for always being kind and respectful to others |
| **Jada Hope** | Year 3 | for becoming more independent in Maths and working hard on her reading |
| **Rosie Jarrett** | Year 3 | for persevering with fractions and always working hard |
| **Thalia Temelkov** | Year 3 | for a super year in Elm Class |
| **Evelyn Cohen-Bartle** | Year 4 | for adapting to change and inspiring those around her with her positive spirit |
| **Albert Culwick** | Year 4 | for such growth in confidence during the performance |
| **Alexa Bardgett** | Year 5 | for winning a football trophy |
| **Wren Davies** | Year 5 | for singing with a her guitar so confidently |
| **Jemima Mowling Sene** | Year 5 | for leading a small group to help others to try tricky questions in Maths |
| **Sophia Walters** | Year 6 | for resilience and courage |

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| **Savanna Adewole** | Year 7 | for scoring 100% in the Spanish Exam and always displaying an excellent attitude to learning |
| **Rupert Garlick** | Year 7 | for being part of winning UKMT team |
| **Solly Ives** | Year 7 | for achieving 100% on the Spanish module |
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