



# Church Hill Middle School Weekly Update Friday 20th October

Welcome from Miss Harris.



Congratulations to our pupils for another successful week and a continued thank you to parents and carers for your support.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support, consideration and patience during Friday's weather conditions. It was an unexpected and unfortunate circumstance and we thank you for your understanding.

Year 5: What a fantastic celebration of Harvest from 2 of our year 5 classes! The pupils performed superbly in their Harvest assembly this week, showcasing some excellent singing! Our speakers delivered their lines with confidence too. Well done to all pupils and thank you so much to all parents and carers who came to watch - it was lovely to welcome you into our school.

Unfortunately, due to the weather on Friday, we had to postpone the performance by 5KS and 5CB. We will send out an EPraise message to all parents of these classes next week, to inform you of the rearranged date.

Well done to all of our pupils this week, but a special well done to [Ellie-Mae Bathurst \(6MH\)](#), [Katey Dixon \(5KS\)](#), [Archie Owen \(5KS\)](#), [Freddie Messenger \(5OC\)](#), [Jacob Bolton \(5CB\)](#), [Connor Roach \(6BD\)](#), [Kaitlyn Howard \(6BD\)](#), [Oscar Mayo-Hadden \(6MH\)](#), [Emily Gumbley \(5OC\)](#) and [Ivan Stefanov \(5OC\)](#) this week for being our top EPraise students. Keep up the hard work!

## Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPraise.

**Wednesday 25th October** Special Halloween Breakfast (8am - 8.30am) - sign up and pay on ParentPay by Monday 23rd October.

**Wednesday 25th October** Open Evening (6pm onwards).

**Thursday 26th October** Key Stage 3 Halloween disco. Payment is now closed.

**Friday 27th October** Teacher Training Day and End of Term.

**Tuesday 21st (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 5.30)** Parents' Evenings for all classes.

**Friday 17th November** Year 5 trip to the Space Centre.

**Thursday 23rd November** Year 6 trip to the Black Country Museum.

## Halloween Breakfast



On Wednesday 25th October, we are hosting a special Halloween Breakfast at our breakfast club (from 8am).

The special breakfast will consist of a range of hot breakfast items.

**If you wish for your child to attend, please pay £1.50 on Parent Pay by Monday 23rd October.**

Normal breakfast club items will still be available for purchase on this day (for 50p) for children who do not wish to have the special breakfast.



## Eco Council visit to Recycling Centre







On Tuesday 17th October, Church Hill's dedicated Eco Council had the opportunity to visit the EnviroSort Recycling Centre in Worcester. Children enthusiastically participated in a range of hands-on activities, while learning all about the recycling process. Important environmental issues and ways to save money on bills by *being greener* were also explored. During a tour of the factory, the eco team observed how locally recycled materials are sorted, cleaned and packed, as they whizzed by on a series of conveyor belts into dozens of complex machines. All of the material ends up packed into square bales ready to be made into new usable items at factories across the country. Information on recycling will be shared with the wider school during assemblies and our motivation to recycle has never been higher!



## Safeguarding with Attendance and Unauthorised Absences.



# Attendance Matters



**Unauthorised absence** is where a school is not satisfied with the reasons given for the absence. Absence codes on registers are as follows:

•Code G: Holiday not authorised by the school or in excess of the period determined by the head teacher. If a school does not authorise a leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday but the parents still take the child out of school, or the child is kept away for longer than was agreed, the absence is unauthorised. The regulations do not allow schools to give retrospective approval. If the parents did not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised.

•Code N: Reason for absence not yet provided Schools should follow up all unexplained and unexpected absences in a timely manner. Every effort should be made to establish the reason for a pupil's absence. When the reason for the pupil's absence has been established the register should be amended. This code should not be left on a pupil's attendance record indefinitely; if no reason for absence is provided after a reasonable amount of time it should be replaced with code O (absent from school without authorisation).

•Code O: Absent from school without authorisation. If the school is not satisfied with the reason given for absence they should record it as unauthorised.

•Code U: Arrived in school after registration closed. Schools should actively discourage late arrival, be alert to patterns of late arrival and seek an explanation from the parent.

DFE Guidance School Attendance Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities (August 2020)

When safeguarding all children,  
school attendance and  
parent/carer's communication really  
matters!



Please **contact school by 9am** to inform us of your child's absence by telephone or email. **This is essential**, so we can account for every child as early as possible after our registers close at 9am daily.  
*Thank you*

Pupils who arrive late after 9am receive an **UNAUTHORISED (U)** absence on their attendance record, unless it's for medical reasons.

## 500 Word Story Competition!

**500 Words**, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till **Friday 10 November**.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read!**

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend and children's author, **Sir Lenny Henry**. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. You can find out why they are perfect judges [here](#).

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024**.

Please visit the following, or Google BBC Teach 500 Words 2023 for more details.

[www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words)



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# 500 WORDS

2023

Calling all 5-11  
year-olds!  
Can you write an  
amazing story of  
500 words or under?

Your story could  
be read on TV to  
**millions!**

Competition opens  
26th September - 10th November.  
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to  
[bbc.co.uk/  
500words](https://bbc.co.uk/500words)



## KS2 - Let's Celebrate!



### **KASE Champions**

#### **Sam Tomkinson - 5OC**

I have awarded Sam the KASE award this week for expressing high levels of resilience in Maths recently. He worked incredibly hard both in test weeks and lessons to attempt to find the right answers even though he has found it challenging.

#### **Poppy Ellis - 5CB**

For consistently demonstrating every single KASE word throughout her learning. From her engaged and enthused attitude, to her fluency when giving contributions, to her self-directed approach to her learning Poppy is a true KASE champion!

#### **Alexander Wojtanowski - 5MP**

For showing amazing perseverance and resilience in all lessons, especially this week during test week. He is engaged in the learning, which has allowed him to progress well across the curriculum. Well done!

#### **Evann Ashforth - 5KS/PC**

Evann worked hard by himself to create and present his fact filled presentation for science. The topic was planets in our solar system, and I was particularly impressed with how engaging it was and the level of facts that he put in.

#### **Kaiden Hancox - 6JE**

Kaiden has been working really hard on his learning recently, especially in maths. He has been asking for help when he is not confident and checking in with me when he is unsure. These are great qualities to have Kaiden and it's really helping you with your learning. Keep it up!

**Connor Roach - 6BD**

For bringing a brilliant, focused learning attitude with him this week: asking appropriate questions; being resilient with problems; and showing enthusiasm for his learning. Keep it up, Connor!

**Zach Wills - 6MD**

For being incredibly purposeful and focused on learning all week, especially when asking for specific feedback and showing a genuine eagerness to become a better writer!

**Oscar Mayo-Hadden - 6MH**

For showing a huge increase in his engagement and enthusiasm in lessons. Oscar has worked well with his learning partner to independently and collaboratively produce some fantastic and purposeful pieces of work. Well done for showing determination and persistence with your learning! Well done :)

**Oracy Champions**

**Leah Solway - 5OC**

For an increased level of participation in subjects this week, I have noticed her giving lots of valuable input when working with her learning partner and she is beginning to gain more confidence in sharing answers with the class.

**Oliver Evans - 5CB**

For putting an incredible effort into our Harvest practice. From learning his lines, speaking confidently and giving his all when learning our songs, he has put in an amazing effort setting an excellent example!

**Jessica Callow - 5MP**

For being brave and offering ideas and opinions in class and group discussions. Well done, Jessica!

**Katey Dixon, Kemi Rose & Vlad Stefanescu - 5KS/PC**

For working hard and learning their lines ready for our Harvest Festival class assembly. It can be daunting to read in front of an audience of people, but to take the time and learn lines to present is very brave.

Well done to the three of you.

**Hunter Timbrell - 6JE**

For working incredible hard in lessons and for always showing excellent listening and speaking skills. He always joins in lessons with thoughtful and insightful contributions, and is a joy to have in the classroom. Keep it up Hunter!



**Archie Fryer - 6BD**

For consistently getting involved in lessons through explaining his learning and offering his opinions. He is always listening out for key words and subject-specific language and replicates this in his own explanation. Great work, Archie ☺

**Rowan Doughty - 6MD**

For being noticed by three different adults this week for getting involved in class discussions and independently volunteering ideas with giving clear, confident and valid contributions.

**Bradley Matthews - 6MH**

A huge well done to Bradley for improving his explanations and justifications to responses in lessons. Bradley Has been able to articulate his ideas with more detail and purpose. Well done buddy!

**Values Champion - Community award****Jack White - 5OC**

For being a champion of integrity and community by always ensuring that people around him are doing the right thing, often leading by example himself both in the classroom and on the playground.

**Blake Williams - 5CB**

For always conducting himself in a professional manner in school and throughout the corridors. Blake is a wonderful person to have in class and creates a wonderful community spirit wherever he goes.

**Scarlett Wajgiert – 5MP**

For settling into CHMS amazingly well, making new friends and connecting with old ones. It feels like she has been here since September!

**Siannah Bytheway & Lainey Towler - 5KS/PC**

For demonstrating the meaning of community by being inclusive to and looking after other pupils in the school. Both Lainey and Siannah have befriended and looked out for another child at play times by including her in games keeping her company.

**Jekabs Romans 6JE**

You were nominated by Dee for being extremely helpful in the hall during lunch. You have been cleaning away after other and wiping down tables to help the adults. They are extremely grateful and this is a great way to help your community. A massive thank you from the lunch staff and from the Church Hill community.

**Jacob Beaman - 6BD**

For being respectful towards his peers and his learning environment.

**Yeva Romankiv - 6MD**

For always being respectful, kind and happy in the classroom and around the school. Yeva models a sensible and **professional** attitude to everyone!

#### **Jack Lewis - 6MH**

Jack has demonstrated fantastic community values this week. He has worked well and helped to support his fellow peers through vocabulary rich discussions and purposeful explanations (without giving them the answers!) Well done for showing such important values. Keep it up!

#### **Renaissance Reading Shout Outs**

**6MD: Ellie-Mai, Ronnie, Alicia, Isla, Rowan, Yeva, Thea-Maii and Bianca** for all completing quizzes within or above their ZPD levels this week!

**6MH: Evie, Cody, Charlie and Ava** for all achieving 100% on their latest quiz!! Keep it up :)

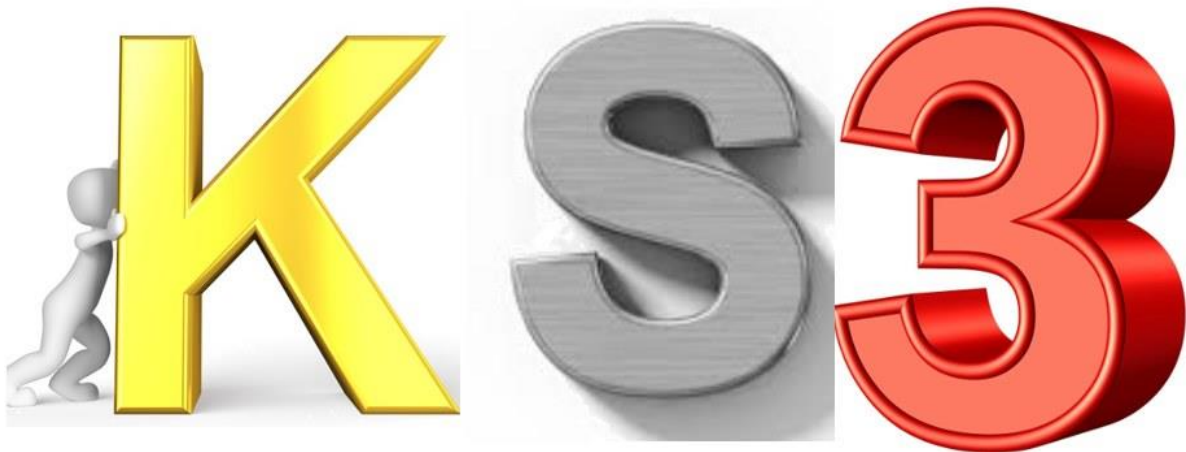
**5OC: Tommy, Harry, Khyla, Amari, Denny, Freddie, Liam, Ivan and Alex** for all completing quizzes within or above their ZPD levels so far this year!

**5CB: Oliver Monk** for passing his second quiz in the space of 2 weeks! **Tate Neade** for being resilient to take a quiz again and improve on his previous score!

#### **Anna-Martha SMP:**

For already hitting 47% of her reading target for the year!

### **KEY STAGE 3 NEWS**



## TUTEE OF THE WEEK



**7BP – Felicity Moody** for always following instructions first time and using intuition to do the right thing without being asked.

**7AP – Coral Poulton** for being super helpful around the school and always setting a positive example.

**7SK– Amber Ellis** for always being a calming influence on the room, conducting herself in a professional way.

**7SF- Chloe Baralli** for having such a fantastic attitude and always being polite and kind.

**7JL – Jess Williams** for being an excellent role model and setting herself high standards – well done.

**8JD – Chloe Beech** for being an all-round amazing member of our community! You encompass all our school values and you are a shining example of what it means to be a member of CHMS.

**8MO – Brooklyn Bathurst** for her excellent attitude to school this week, it is lovely to see you enjoying lessons and being enthusiastic about doing well. I am very proud of you 🌟



**8FG - George Greaves** for showing great maturity and focus around other students and being a role model.

## Subject Stars of the Week



**ART - Keiton Rodgers (7SK)** for the massive improvement in the presentation in his sketchbook. **Makayla Thibault (8MO)** for such wonderful presentation in her sketchbook and for working really hard in *every* lesson.

**COMPUTING – Harry Bench (8MO)** for displaying an excellent knowledge of AI and applying this to his learning. **Riley Edwards (7JL)** for showing great determination to complete his tasks.

**DT - Callum Thomas (8JD)** for creating his own logo and challenging himself to design four items of clothing instead of the two he was asked to do. **Leo David (7SF)** for being focused and creative during the wet felting lesson.

**ENGLISH – Nathan Fox (7SK)** for always wanting to articulately contribute to class discussion, sharing well thought out and justified responses. **George Turner (8FG)** for actively listening within English

lessons and using his new knowledge accurately to answer questions in both verbal and written responses.

**FRENCH – Skyla Mears (7SF)** for trying her very best in the French assessment. Super! **George Turner (8FG)** for excelling in the French assessment. Bravo!

**GEOGRAPHY – Vanessa Wloch (7JL)** for working to creating a detailed and pretty piece of work detailing the Redditch changes, ready for some display work. **Summer Owen (8MO)** for being a calming influence and role model to her peers, always doing the right thing and leading by example.

**HISTORY - Samuel Anti (7AP)** for being fantastic during my cover lesson this week. The cover teach left nothing but glowing reviews and comments on you and your attitude to work. **Brandon Whitehouse (8FG)** for being willing to explore his interests and share his knowledge. Asking informed questions about the current topic leading to another student even asking how he knows so much about the Gunpowder Plot. What a Historian!

**MATHS - Nella Dordzik (7JL Maths)** for showing excellence when completing her work on Place Value this week. **Tobi and George T** Super work in maths this week.

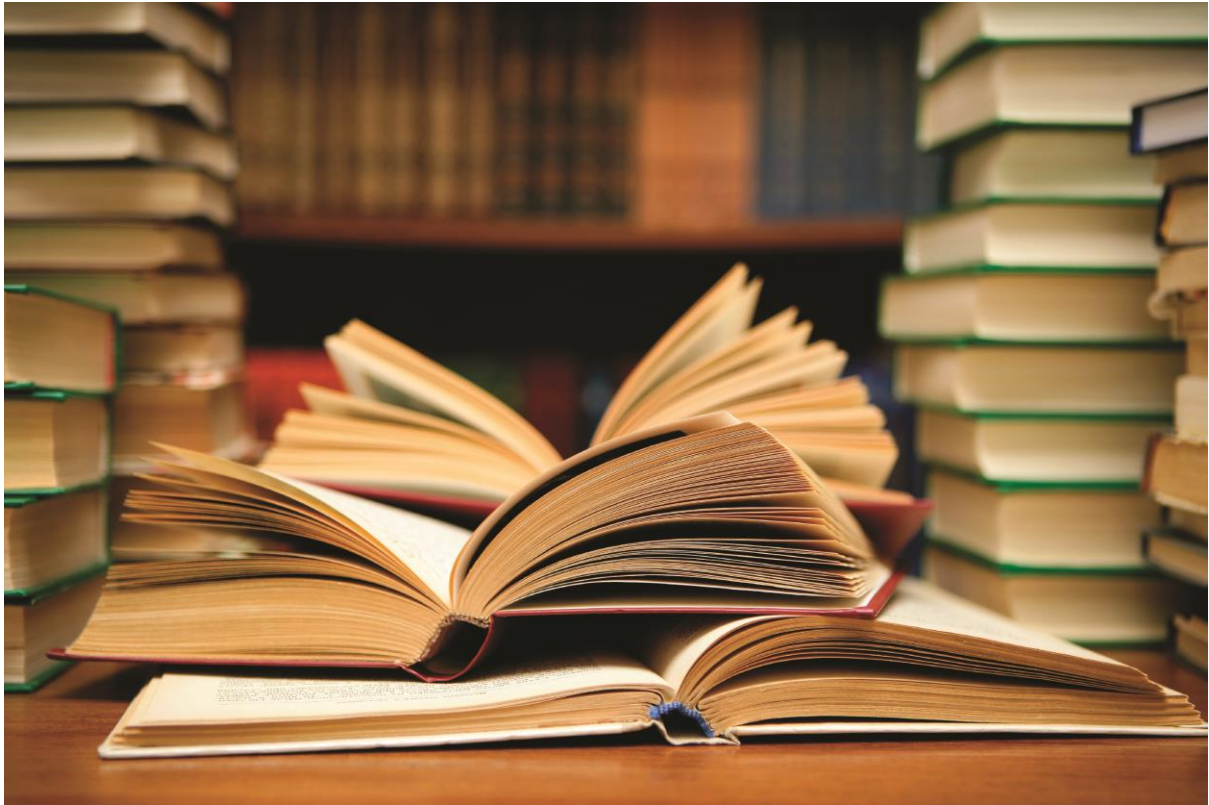
**MUSIC – Vanessa Wloch (7JL)** for taking constructive feedback, listening and applying it to produce a great ukulele assessment performance. Well done! **Harry Harrison (8MO)** for his focus and creativity when composing a short hook for his own version of the 'Bolero'

**P.E – Harrison King (7AP)** for always trying his best in all sports but this week particularly, for showing resilience, determination and compassion for his younger team-mates. You set an amazing example! **Paige Harrison (8FG)** - everyone has impressed me with their cross-country this week, but Paige has blown me away with her effort and determination. Your whole approach to PE this year has massively improved, and I love it!

**R.E – Dercy Gurden (8FG)** for always being ready to learn and engaged in lessons even if its a class discussion or a written task she always put in 100% effort. **Olivia Wojtanowska 7JL** for also putting in 100% every lesson. Olivia is a role model to the others in her class, completing her work to a high standard, focusing in lessons and going the extra mile to challenge herself.

**SCIENCE – Charlie Griffiths (8JD)** for excellent work on the periodic table and for supporting the learning of others.

## Reader of the week



**7AP – HUGH ORR** for being first to get his reading book ready and settle down to reading with no fuss.

**7BP – Tawana Dune** for smashing his reading and meeting 31% of his year target already!

**7JL – Vanessa Wloch** for always asking excellent questions to expand her vocabulary during class reading sessions.

**7SF – Zakkary Walker** for completing 122% of his reading target.

**7SK – Nathan Fox** for being an independent and self-directing reader.

**8FG – Chloe Coggins** for never complaining about reading and seeing it as an enjoyable 15 minutes to calm and prepare for the day.

**8JD – Cameron-George Burton** for his persistency when quizzing - you are now at 21% of your reading target!.

**8MO – Emily Slater** for her enthusiasm for reading and getting her book out straight away when she gets into class for tutor time.



## Halloween Disco



Just a reminder about the upcoming KS3 Halloween disco.

The disco will run from 5:30pm until 7pm. Pupils are invited to attend the disco in fancy dress or normal clothing, however this must be of an appropriate nature. Skirts, shorts or dresses must be of an appropriate length and no midriffs are to be on show. Children are also not permitted to wear masks or other items that cover their faces.

Pupils are to arrive at the main entrance of the school, no earlier than 5:30pm. Pupils are to be collected or walk home from the same entrance.

This event will be open on parent pay from Monday 1st October.

I look forward to what will hopefully be the first of many discos this year if successful.

Miss Major

## Sporting Superstars



### **Year 7 Boys' Football**

Well done to our Year 7 festival footballers, who won all their matches in last Friday's football festival at Arrow Vale High School. They only conceded one goal all afternoon!

Fantastic effort from Nikita Sydorenko, Oliver Vujadinovic, Ronan Wilkes, Nikola Petkov, Tudor Blejan, Nathan Fox, Hudson Eckloff, Dexter Sterland and James Evans.



### **Year 8 Girls' Football**

A massive congratulations to our Year 8 girls' football team who, on Tuesday, won the Year 8 girls' district football tournament. In doing so, the girls brought home our first football gold of the year. The team, consisting of Dercy and Fifi Gurden, Megan Chamberlain, Chloe Coggins, Daisy Taylor, Chloe Beech, Jessica Hennessey, Felicity Moody, Alexia Parsons, Milly Burgess, Aliyah Wakeman-

Sutherland and Jessica Williams, won all their group games – defeating Woodfield Academy, Ridgeway and Walkwood – and kept a clean sheet in the process.

In the final, the girls came up against a competitive St. Bede's team and the Church Hill girls knew it would be a tough task. With that being said, the girls took it right to Bede's and within the first five minutes, found themselves 1-0 up after a goal from Jessica W. After this, the whole team defended extremely well and despite heavy pressure from Bede's, a crucial save from Alexia meant the girls were able to maintain a clean sheet and see the win through to the final whistle.

Well done! We are so incredibly proud of you and all your hard work at training to get to this point!

