Chater Junior School

Making lives better

Friday 17th July 2026

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

A.A Milne, Winnie the Pooh.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils taking part in the Athletics Festival. They represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and passion throughout the event. We are incredibly proud of the way they supported one another and embodied our school values.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to officially receive the **OPAL Platinum Award**, presented by Libby Truscott, OPAL Schools Play Advisor. This is a fantastic achievement and recognises our commitment to providing high-quality play opportunities for all our pupils.
A huge thank you goes to all our staff for their continued support, with special recognition to Mrs Whitehurst and Ms Kosinska for their dedication and hard work in helping us achieve this prestigious award.

I am also thrilled to announce that we have been awarded **an Eco-Schools Award** for our work on sustainability and environmental issues this year. Our amazing team of Eco Warriors and Ms Pratt have worked tirelessly to promote projects focused on saving energy, increasing active travel, and improving biodiversity. The Eco-Schools team was impressed by the way we have raised awareness of environmental issues across the whole school community over the last year.
We look forward to building on the progress we have made this year and working hard to retain our Eco-Schools status next year. A huge well done to our dedicated team of Eco-Warriors and Ms Pratt – you have made us all incredibly proud!

Our PTA Celebration Assembly on Thursday was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the many achievements of the PTA over the past year. We reflected on the fantastic events, fundraising successes and community spirit that have helped enrich school life for all of our pupils. A huge thank you goes to our dedicated PTA members, volunteers and families for their continued support, generosity and enthusiasm. Together, your efforts have made a real difference, and we look forward to another successful year ahead. See the next page for the newsletter from the PTA.

On Thursday, our Year 4 pupils also took part in the Tri Golf Festival in school, which was run and organised by the new Year 5 Play Leaders. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the event was a great success.

I encourage all pupils to take part in Hertfordshire Libraries' **Read to the Beat – Summer Reading Challenge 2026**. Reading regularly over the summer helps children keep their confidence, vocabulary and imagination strong. The challenge is free, fun and open to all reading levels. Children simply read six library books, collect stickers and complete activities. Those who finish will receive a medal, certificate and entry into a prize draw for a musical workshop with author Gareth P. Jones.
All reading counts — library books, picture books, eAudiobooks on BorrowBox or stories shared together. The challenge runs from **Saturday 4th July to Saturday 5th September** at all Hertfordshire Libraries, with free themed activities throughout the summer.

To join, pupils just need to be Hertfordshire Library members.: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SummerReadingChallenge

I would love to see as many Chater Junior School pupils as possible taking part. Thank you for supporting reading at home.

The Governing Body at Chater Junior is made up of a team of committed staff, parents and members of the local community who have responsibility for raising school standards. Please see the next page for their thoughts and their highlights from this academic year.

As we approach the end of this academic year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. It has been a pleasure leading the school, and there is so much we can proudly celebrate together. Your feedback, encouragement and partnership have made a meaningful difference.

I am extremely greatful to our dedicated teachers and staff for their commitment, professionalism and care. The positive impact they have made on our pupils is truly commendable, and I am thankful for everything they bring to our school community.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I am excited to continue working in partnership with you to ensure the very best outcomes for all our children.

I wish all our staff and children who are moving on a happy and successful transition. Have a great summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Khindey

Chater Junior PTA

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

THIS YEAR WE ALL RAISED

£2,970.76

NO. EVENTS

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HOW WE DID IT

Smarties Challenge: £394.43
Christmas Fair: £1,119.85
Bake Sale: £273.79
Summer Fair: £1,119.54
Refreshments Sale: £63.15

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended meetings, helped run stalls and donated!

FUNDRAISING WILL GO TOWARDS

This year, our fundraising helped provide exciting experiences for each year group. Year 3 were treated to 'PTA Fun hour' where they enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of activities complete with drinks and snack. Year 4 were treated to a movie afternoon, with their classroom transformed into a cinema. Year 5 visited Cineworld, where every child received a snack box before enjoying an IMAX screening. As a goodbye to year 6 we contributed towards the cost of their West End show Matilda.

Our PTA Santa made a special appearance at Christmas and provided a gift for every child. We also continued with our annual tradition and gave each child a well-deserved ice lolly on Sports Day.
We look forward to returning next year with more exciting fun-filled events! Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

We are always looking for volunteers. To register your interest please email us at pta@chaterjm.herts.sch.uk

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Member Association

The Governing Board would like to extend our thanks to our students, families, staff, and volunteers for making this another successful and rewarding year. There have been many achievements to reflect on and celebrate. Our students have continued to grow academically, creatively, and personally, supported by the dedication and professionalism of our exceptional staff. We have many community events, the highlight of which for me was the second annual Chater Iftar event.

This year also saw continued investment in the learning environment, particularly OPAL, a focus on diverse resources for the library and ongoing improvements to school facilities. Throughout these improvements, the focus has remained on providing a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where every student can thrive.

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to another successful year together.

Anfaal Jaffer- Chair of Governing Board and Finance committee.

OPAL continues to be an outstanding achievement, and it's been wonderful to see the positive impact it has on the children's play, wellbeing and enjoyment of school. I also had the opportunity to visit The Hive, where it was inspiring to see first-hand the dedication, creativity and care of the SEND team in providing such a nurturing and engaging environment for our pupils. Finally, I couldn't let these highlights pass without mentioning the fantastic Iftar event. It was a wonderful celebration of our diverse school community, bringing families, staff and children together in an atmosphere of warmth, learning and inclusion. It truly reflected the values that make our school such a special place

Claire Tessier, SEND Governor

Wow, I can't believe another school year has come to an end!

It's been lovely to see the school continue to build on the positive feedback from Ofsted, with a strong focus on developing writing and oracy while ensuring learning remains engaging, enjoyable, and inspiring for the children. Alongside academic progress, there have been so many wonderful opportunities throughout the year, from the end-of-year performances and Christmas concerts to achieving OPAL awards, theatre trips, taking part in the London Mini Marathon, and so many experiences that have enriched school life.

A Big thank you to everyone at Chater for another fantastic year and for all the care, commitment, and hard work.

Wishing all the staff, pupils, and families a happy, restful, and well-deserved summer break. Here's to another exciting year ahead!

Saima Ali, Parent, Health and Safety Governor

Congratulations

Headteacher Award

Well done to the following children who received the Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly.

Andra
Class: Walter Tull

Samir
Class: Florence Nightingale

Zuhaa
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Menaal
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Zunairah
Class: Martin Luther King

Gamila
Class: Greta Thunberg

Raiyan
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Umar Z
Class: Usain Bolt

Attendance Award- Ernest Shackleton

Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow
Every School Day Counts!

National Target- 95%
Whole School Target - 96%
Whole School Attendance- 94.5%

Walter Tull	96.7%
Florence Nightingale	94.7%
Queen Elizabeth II	91.4%
Ernest Shackleton	96.9%
Martin Luther King	92.3%
Greta Thunberg	95.8%
Malala Yousafzai	92.3%
Usain Bolt	96.1%

Golden Table Award

Well done to the following children for showing excellent manners and behaviour at lunchtime.

Akhil
Class: Walter Tull

Samir
Class: Florence Nightingale

Alyaan
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Nimrah
Class: Ernest Shackleton

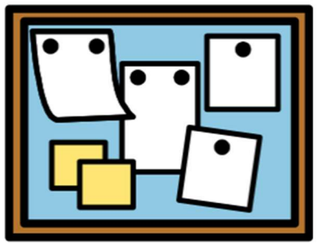
Zayna
Class: Martin Luther King

Abdul
Class: Greta Thunberg

Ritisha
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Tayyab
Class: Usain Bolt

Notices



School finishes at 1:15pm next Tuesday 21st July.

Autumn Term begins on Wednesday 2nd September. The school day begins at 8:50am and the gates will be open from 8:35am.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – 2:30-3:00pm
Tuesday 21st July	End of Summer Term- school finishes at 1:15pm
Wednesday 22nd July	INSET Day 5- school closed
Thursday 23rd July	Occasional Day – school closed
Tuesday 1st September	INSET DAY 1- School closed
Wednesday 2nd September	Autumn Term begins.
Wednesday 9th September	Welcome to Year 6 parent/carer meeting-: 9:15-9:45am (including secondary school information). Welcome to Year 5 parent/carer meeting 2:45-3:15pm (including secondary school information).
Thursday 10th September	Welcome to Year 3 parent/carer meeting-: 9:15-9:45am Welcome to Year 4 parent/carer meeting 2:45-3:15pm
Thursday 24th September	Flu Vaccinations session 1
Tuesday 13th October	Individual/Sibling Photographs Parents Evening 4pm-7:10pm tbc
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening 3:40pm-5:00pm.tbc
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half-Term
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY 2- School closed
Tuesday 3rd November	Pupils return to school Chater Celebrates Diwali
Wednesday 4th November to Friday 6th November	Year 6 at PGL
Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November	SEND Parent's Evening week Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying week- Break the Silence
Thursday 19th November	Flu Vaccinations session 2
Thursday 10th December	Christmas School Lunch
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Performance 1 2:00-3:00pm tbc
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Performance 2 9:30- 10:30am tbc
Friday 18th December	End of Autumn Term- school finishes at 1:15pm.