Chater Junior School

Making lives better

Friday 3rd July 2026

“Winners never quit and quitters never win.”

Vince Lombardi

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been here at Chater! Firstly, I extend a warm welcome to the new Year 3 parents. It was a pleasure meeting them on Monday, and we are looking forward to welcoming the children next Thursday.

On Monday, Mrs Rees and Mrs Bala took ten of our pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 to participate in a Cricket Festival at Welwyn Garden City Cricket Club.

The children played several matches against five other schools and were fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating our values of collaboration, resilience and passion throughout the day. They showed great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship in every game.

Every child received a medal in recognition of their efforts and achievements, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are incredibly proud of how they represented our school.

Our Sports Day at West Herts Cricket Ground was a resounding success despite the heat. A huge well done to all the children who took part; they showed brilliant energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship throughout the morning. Whether they were sprinting down the track, leaping over hurdles, or giving it their all in the relays, they did themselves proud.

Special congratulations to the winning house, Topaz, who demonstrated fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the competition.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who came along to cheer the children on. Your encouragement made such a difference, and I'm sure you'll agree that the children did incredibly well.

A special thank you to the parents who took part in the parents' race. Your enthusiasm and willingness to join in added to the fun of the day and was greatly appreciated by both the children and staff.

A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their support and hard work in helping the day run so smoothly. I would like to thank the Year 10 pupils from Watford Grammar School for Boys, whose assistance was invaluable throughout the event. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and willingness to help was greatly appreciated.

Finally, a very big thank you to Mrs Rees for organising such a fantastic Sports Day. Her hard work, dedication, and attention to detail ensured that the event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The PTA also deserves a special mention for treating all of the children to a well-deserved ice lolly at the end of the event. This was the perfect way to round off a wonderful morning of sport and achievement.

Yesterday, Fiona, Richard and Efeturi from the Rotary Club of Watford visited the school to announce the winners of the Junior Young Environmentalist Competition.

Congratulations to all the children who entered the competition. Every participant was presented with a certificate in recognition of their hard work, creativity and commitment.

A special congratulations goes to Anjika, whose excellent poem was chosen as the winning entry. The judges were extremely impressed with her thoughtful and inspiring work.

Out There

Out in the Arctic,
is the polar bears' lair.
Where the ice caps are slowly
melting,
but nobody cares.

Out in the rainforest,
is the Kapucás home.
Where trees are being chopped
down,
but nobody frowns.

Out in the jungle,
is where elephants live.
Where tusks are being
cut,
but no one tuts.

Out in the sea,
is the turtles' habitat.
Where their ocean is being
polluted,
but it is as silent as can be.

By Anjika Bajgai
Age 11

We are very proud of all the children who took part and would like to thank the Rotary Club of Watford for providing this wonderful opportunity to encourage young people to think about and care for the environment.

The Rotary Club of Watford has also asked for donations of books for a local school that does not currently have a library. If you have any good-quality children's books that you no longer need, please consider donating them. Books can be handed in at the school office.

I would also like to commend our Year 3 pupils for their impressive trombone performance for their parents. They showed great talent as trombonists and played beautifully, demonstrating their hard work and dedication. A special thank you goes to Miss Olivia from Herts Music for teaching the children; what a fantastic opportunity this has been!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Khindey

Congratulations

Headteacher Award

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

Amaan
Class: Walter Tull

Neaksha
Class: Florence Nightingale

Abhi
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Jacob
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Anaaya
Class: Martin Luther King

Kridina
Class: Greta Thunberg

Ishaan
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Haniya B
Class: Usain Bolt

Attendance Award- Walter Tull & Queen Elizabeth II classes.

Attend Today,
Achieve Tomorrow
Every School Day Counts!

National Target- 95%
Whole School Target - 96%
Whole School Attendance- 89.8%

Walter Tull	93%
Florence Nightingale	88.7%
Queen Elizabeth II	93%
Ernest Shackleton	90.7%
Martin Luther King	91.3%
Greta Thunberg	91.2%
Malala Yousafzai	84.7%
Usain Bolt	86.1%

Golden Table Award

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

Kiki
Class: Walter Tull

Adam
Class: Florence Nightingale

Rukaiya
Class: Queen Elizabeth II

Dami
Class: Ernest Shackleton

Gisele
Class: Martin Luther King

William
Class: Greta Thunberg

Aisha
Class: Malala Yousafzai

Zidane
Class: Usain Bolt

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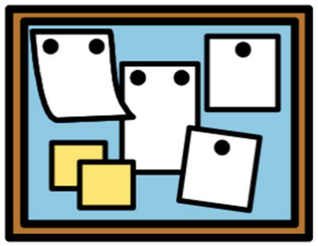

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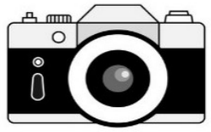

Please remember to sign up to Carmel Jane Photography to receive your child's class photograph.

Summer Term Diary Dates

Monday 6th July	**Summer production- performance 1 to parents/carers only. 2:00-3:00pm**
Tuesday 7th July	**Summer Production - performance 2 to Chater Infants & parents with young children. 9:30-10:30am**
Wednesday 8th July	Rocksteady concert performance to parents 2:30-3:00pm
Thursday 9th July	**Transition day- Year 6 children visiting new secondary schools.** Welcome to the new Year 3 children. Years 3, 4 & 5 children meet their new class teachers.
Friday 10th July	**Annual Reports sent home**
Monday 13th July	Years 3 & 5 Athletics Festival at Watford Grammar School for Boys
Thursday 16th July	Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival Year 6 Picnic in the Park
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.**

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK 97

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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