



# **Spring Term 1**

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# Principal's Message

Dear all,

There is definitely a sense of relief in school this week, as we reach the half term holiday. The often notorious month of January this year brought a huge amount of sickness across the CFS community. Pupils and staff. I wanted to send my very best wishes to all those still struggling with the aftermath of horrible colds, chest infections and sickness bugs, and am hopeful the spring will bring a banishment of bugs and renewed health for us all.

None of this has stopped a whole host of successful events this half term. We have had practice SAT assessments, Year 11 mock results, and numerous trips and visits. Primary discos have taken place, as well as Dare to Dream and many successful sports fixtures. A reminder that many of these events are shared regularly on the official CFS Facebook page. And of course, you can read about these and so much more in the rest of this magazine.

A particular highlight for me has been the Young Chefs competition. Every year, a group of talented, ambitious and passionate Secondary pupils put themselves forward for the annual national competition. Their challenge is to produce a two course meal, in timed conditions, having designed the menu themselves from scratch. Considering fresh ingredients, allergens, cost and presentation. As someone who is not confident in the kitchen, to see so many young people producing such proficient, skilled and delicious menus is truly inspiring. After several heats, three of our talented pupils – Elspeth (Year 7), Ava (Year 9) and Fergus (Year 10) headed off to London at the start of February for the regional finals where Fergus achieved an outstanding 2nd place and advances to the Cluster Final in March.

I cannot wait now for our annual Charity Dinner at CFS – where pupils all work together to produce a full summer banquet for parents, staff and friends. As chefs, front of house and entertainment, it really is a special evening – get 22<sup>nd</sup> May in your diaries!

Following on from the traffic survey and Parent Ambassador discussions before Christmas, this half term we have been working with a traffic consultant from Wates. We are currently actioning several changes to the layout and parking on the school site, with the hope that all will be in place during the summer term. I will be in touch as soon as everything is finalised and the timeline is clear, but we are confident this is going to reduce waiting times, especially at pick up.

As spring is firmly on the horizon at last, I wish the whole CFS community a lovely February half term and looking forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (Week 1 timetable).

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Louise New**  
Executive Principal

# EYFS

What a fantastic half term it has been! We have been learning all about people who help us - our Helping Heroes and absolutely loved our visit from Little City, where we could play and learn all about different roles and jobs in our community.

We also have started our writing sessions which we call 'Drawing Club'. This is a new writing initiative which we introduced to EYFS at CFS last year, and with it being so successful we couldn't wait to start it again this year! Drawing club is an approach designed by Greg Bottrill, that immerses children into a world full of imagination. Here at CFS we fully embrace drawing club and can see the joy it brings to our children. It is through drawing club that we open up the magic world of tales and story to children whilst at the same time enriching their language skills, developing their fine motor skills and sharing a really special time with them. Drawing Club is a fantastic place to start a child's experience of school 'Literacy'. Drawing club allows the children to draw and write, build letter formation skills, apply their phonic knowledge, be creative and adventurous and also learn new vocabulary as well as immersing the children in quality texts.

So far we have enjoyed the following focus texts: Supertato, Superworm, Hospital Dog, The Dragon Machine, The Selfish Crocodile and Don't Wake the Yeti. The children learn key vocabulary from the books as well as creating pictures that come to life with passwords and codes, or taking their characters on an adventure to a new location, or creating something to help with their characters. We hope to share some of our Drawing Club work with you during the next open afternoon. In the mean time, please ask your children to teach you the vocabulary (we will add the Widgets onto Google Classroom!).

Have a great half term.

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





# Key Stage 1

## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy exploring, creating, and discovering in an exciting first half of the Spring Term!

In DT, we became mini chefs, carefully preparing healthy snacks using a variety of dips and dippers. We practised our cutting, spreading, and dipping skills while learning about delicious and nutritious foods.

Computing lessons turned us into coding whizzes as we worked with Beetbots, learning how to create and debug algorithms to make them move in the right direction. It was great fun figuring out how to fix our programs when things didn't go quite to plan!

Science got a little messy (and very exciting!) with our 'Which Poo Belongs to Who?' experiment. We investigated different animal types and their diets, using clues to work out which animal each sample belonged to. It was a hilarious and fascinating way to learn about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores!

In English, we focused on writing clear and detailed instructions, learning how important it is to put steps in the right order—just like real-life instruction writers! Finally, in RE, we explored special places from the six main faiths, discovering why these places are important and how people around the world use them for worship, reflection, and celebration.

A big well done to all of Year 1 for their enthusiasm and hard work—we can't wait to see what exciting learning comes next!

**Mr Cook and Miss Lewis**



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic half term, full of discovery, creativity, and adventure! In Maths, we have been exploring money in a fun and practical way—creating our own shops, adding up prices and working out change like real shopkeepers and customers. Our Geography lessons took us on an exciting journey to Queenstown, New Zealand—without even leaving the classroom! Using Google Earth, we explored the stunning landscapes on the other side of the world and compared them to our own local area. We even went on a local walk to the bridge, viewing Chichester from up high. We have created maps and postcards to encourage tourists to visit Chichester or Queenstown! Creativity has been at the heart of our learning. We were inspired by Barbara Hepworth's sculptures, experimenting with large-scale drawings and using playdough and clay to sculpt our own masterpieces. Our descriptive writing took us on an imaginative adventure as we explored an abandoned car park and a secret sky garden, using rich vocabulary to bring our ideas to life. We also had two fantastic workshops: an 'Under the Sea' drama experience, where we dived deep into the ocean and met fascinating marine creatures, and an endangered animals workshop, where we learned about how to protect our planet's most vulnerable species. This tied in with our research on David Attenborough and other Earth Heroes, as we explored the amazing work people are doing to care for our world.

In Computing, we have been making and debugging algorithms using Beebots and Scratch Junior, developing our problem-solving skills and getting creative with coding.

Finally, we have been practising our balance in PE, as well as playing games and discussing the important topic of keeping safe in different situations.

What an amazing term so far—well done, Year 2! We can't wait for even more adventures next half-term.

**Mrs Bhutta, Ms Dowers and Mrs Grace**





# Key Stage 2

## Year 3

Year 3 had an action-packed half term, diving into exciting topics and showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for learning! One of the standout moments was Roman Dress-Up Day, where pupils stepped back in time, dressing as Roman citizens, soldiers, and even emperors! Their costumes were fantastic, and they fully embraced the Roman way of life. This linked perfectly with their visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace, where they explored incredible mosaics and learned about Roman life in Britain. Our young historians have also been exploring how the Romans influenced our local area, discovering fascinating links between the past and present.

Elm Class dazzled us all in their assembly, confidently sharing their learning and performing with enthusiasm. We were so proud of their teamwork and dedication! In English, Year 3 became journalists, crafting newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii. Their writing was vivid and full of drama—worthy of front-page news!

Science lessons have been equally thrilling, as pupils investigated rocks, fossils and dinosaurs, uncovering the secrets of the Earth's past. Meanwhile, in Computing, they used Google Slides to create engaging posters about Roman life, showcasing their research and digital design skills. Lastly, we must celebrate the continued success of our weekly Rollama gold rush where pupils have been achieving personal bests and demonstrating fantastic perseverance. We can't wait to see what you achieve next!

**Miss Beadle and Miss Rowlands**



## Year 4

Year 4 have had an action-packed first half of the Spring Term, full of hands-on learning and new experiences!

A real highlight was our Novium Museum sleepover, where we had the amazing opportunity to spend the night surrounded by history! We took part in exciting activities learning more about the Stone Age, explored exhibits after hours and had a truly unforgettable experience.

In Geography, we have been investigating natural disasters, learning about earthquakes and volcanoes—what causes them and how they impact people and places around the world. This linked brilliantly with our English work, where we wrote detailed setting descriptions inspired by extreme weather conditions and even created our own web pages packed with fascinating facts about a chosen natural disaster.

In Maths, we have been developing our measuring skills by exploring length and perimeter, working on real-life problem-solving and accuracy.

Science lessons have been all about states of matter, where we've been investigating solids, liquids and gases through fun experiments. We've explored how materials change state and even looked at the water cycle in action!

Another big focus this term has been swimming at Westgate Leisure Centre, where we have been building our confidence in the water and developing key skills to keep us safe.

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm and determination. Well done, everyone!

**Miss Priestley and Mr White**

# Key Stage 2

## Year 5

Year 5's half term has been filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and historical adventures!

A highlight was Viking Dress-Up Day, where pupils arrived in spectacular costumes, bringing the Viking era to life. From fierce warriors to adventurous explorers, they looked the part as they delved into Norse history. This tied in perfectly with Hazel Class's assembly, where they impressed us all with their knowledge of Viking life, battles and myths.

Forest School has been a big hit, with pupils building, chopping, cooking and weaving, embracing outdoor learning and teamwork. Their creativity also shone in Art, where they designed and crafted stunning clay dragon eyes, each one unique and full of character.

In English, pupils have been refining their writing skills by producing detailed instructions and newspaper articles, showing off their ability to inform and engage readers.

Maths has been all about multiplication and division, with pupils tackling tricky problems and developing their confidence with numbers.

A huge well done to Year 5 for their hard work and enthusiasm—keep up the amazing effort!

**Miss Bigg and Mr Wilson**



## Year 6

Year 6 have been diving into fascinating topics, getting creative, and learning important life skills!

In Geography, we have been exploring the incredible Galápagos Islands, discovering their unique landscapes and wildlife. This linked perfectly with our Science lessons, where we investigated Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution, learning how animals adapt to survive in their environments. Our class reading book, 'Darwin's Dragons', has brought this learning to life with its exciting mix of history, adventure, and imagination—sparking some fantastic writing!

In Art, we took on a new challenge—creating wire sculptures. This tricky but rewarding task helped us develop our fine motor skills and patience as we shaped and moulded wire into impressive artistic designs.

We also had some important visits and training sessions. Southern Rail came to speak to us about rail safety and how to plan a journey, helping us become more confident and independent when travelling. Additionally, many of us completed Bikeability, learning how to cycle safely on the roads and improve our bike-handling skills.

It's been a fantastic half-term of learning, and we are so proud of Year 6 for their hard work and enthusiasm. Bring on the next half-term!

**Miss Stapleton and Mrs Wilson**





# Key Stage 3

## Years 7 and 8

This half term has been a fantastic experience for our Year 7 and 8 groups, packed with memorable events! I was fortunate to go on the Get Inspired trip to Portsmouth with the pupils. Where everyone had the chance to explore and engage in some amazing activities for a different ranges of careers. A number of fixtures have taken place across this half term, showcasing our teamwork and sportsmanship. A visit to Oxford to see a number of museums which was a real eye-opener, sparking lots of curiosity and discussions. Plus assemblies focused around Pupil Leadership which really empowered pupils to take charge and contribute to our school community. Overall, it's been a great mix of learning, fun and teamwork!

The Year 7 and 8 assemblies this term have been truly inspiring. We've had some fantastic topics, including Morals and Lightning McQueen, People Who Inspired Us, Hobbies, Restaurants and Culture, and Mental Health Awareness. I was really impressed with the pupils hard work and their courage to stand up and speak in front of the whole year group. It's been amazing to see them express their thoughts and ideas so confidently! We are looking forward to seeing the rest of the assemblies coming up soon.

**Miss Oxley & Miss Ireland**



## Year 9

Lots more fun opportunities for Year 9 this half term including a forensics morning in Science, assessment success and reward in Languages, a holocaust themed cinema trip with History and a Science trip to Brighton. In addition the House competitions have been of interest and I await the results of 'The Rocket League'. Perhaps the biggest opportunity of all though is 'Dare to Dream', a mentoring scheme in conjunction with Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. During the first visit the speaker was particularly impressed with how Year 9 reacted and engaged and we made sure to let Year 9 know this.

We still have thousands of House points across the year a bit of an increase in Behaviour points and our attendance has dropped a little. There's work to be done there by all of us please as it's such a pleasure to give and to celebrate achievements and rewards and very satisfying to see improvements in the attendance of some.

Enjoy the holidays everyone.

**Miss Crebbin and Mrs Ashcroft**

# Key Stage 4

## Year 10

Year 10 have still been working really hard to get ready for their summer of mocks. Before this, pupils have work experience to look forward to. A reminder that it is important for pupils to start completing their Unifrog work experience documents. Should pupils be struggling or need additional help then please reach out to Mr Angell on [rangell@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:rangell@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk).

Coming up this term we see the return of league football with the Year 10's travelling to Midhurst and OSVA to hopefully carry on their good form!

**Mr Tilling and Mrs Stanley**

## Year 11

As we approach the half-term holiday there is a lot going on for our Year 11 pupils. There are Core Mock Exams after the break and during half-term, opportunities for revision and coursework completion. Please remember that there are after school revisions sessions too — all information is on the CFS website.

Prom tickets are now on sale for those who have achieved 50 Prom Points and please remember to order your Hoodies and Yearbooks online. There is still plenty of time to earn extra Prom Points for those that aren't quite there yet!

I am sure you don't need any reminders that the GCSE exams are fast approaching - please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mrs Turnbull**



**CFS YEAR 11**  
**PROM NIGHT**  
**2025**  
**THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2025**  
**6.30PM - 11PM**  
**FOOD SERVED @ 7.30PM.**  
**Tickets £45 (cash to Mrs Turnbull)**  
**CHICHESTER GOLF CLUB,**  
**HUNSTON, PO20 1AX**



# Maths

## Primary

Across the Primary phase, we have been exploring a range of different Maths concepts in our lessons. In Year 1, we have been looking at building numbers to 20 using tens frames. Year 2 have been exploring notes and coins to solve problems involving money. Year 3 have been practising their measuring skills, measuring in centimetres, metres, and millimetres. Year 4 are also developing their measuring skills, tackling some tricky length and perimeter problems. In Upper Key Stage 2, Year 5 have started to apply their knowledge of number and multiplication facts to explore fractions. Year 6 have risen to the challenge of calculating percentages, and are now calculating missing angles in shapes, on a line and around a point.

Tiny has also been out and about in classrooms this term. He's fresh from his international travels where he visited Disney World in Florida!

**Mrs Wilson**



## Secondary

The UKMT Intermediate challenge is an annual event for Years 9, 10 & 11 attracting thousands of the top Maths pupils in the UK.

A 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge, it encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make pupils think.

This year, it was held at the end of January and CFS enjoyed its best results ever with 36 awards (two Gold/ seven Silver/ 27 Bronze) in total.

Huge congratulations to all the pupils who won awards but especially to Benjamin (Year 11) who gained a gold with best in Year and Rupert (a Year 7) who also got a gold and Best in School.

**Mr Tilling**

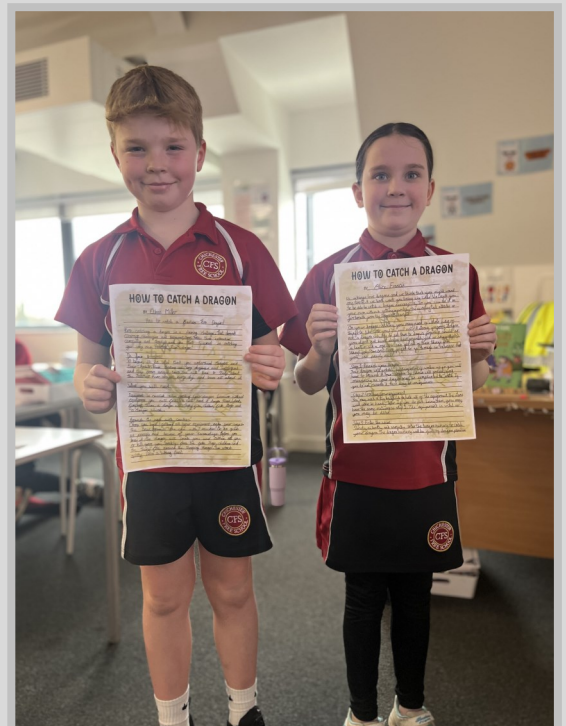
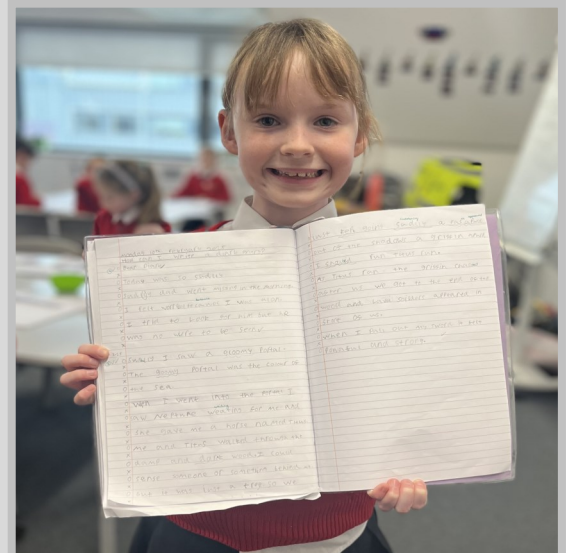
# English

## Primary

This term, our Primary phase has been buzzing with creativity and imagination in English! In EYFS, children have loved Drawing Club, bringing stories to life with their wonderful illustrations. Year 1's Curious Quest lessons have sparked fantastic drawings and writing, while Year 2's beautiful descriptions of Planet Earth have been published inside living jars. Year 3 have travelled back in time to write diary entries and news bulletins about the Romans. Meanwhile, Year 4 have impressed us with their non-chronological reports on earth-shattering events. In Year 5, pupils have mastered the art of instruction writing and reported on a dragon invasion in the Isle of Berk! Finally, Year 6 have taken inspiration from *Darwin's Dragons* and *National Geographic* to craft compelling magazine articles and balanced arguments. It's been a truly inspiring half term of writing!

In other news, we are eagerly preparing for World Book Day on 6th March and can't wait to celebrate an all-through World Book Week! Throughout the week of World Book Day, our Primary phase will take part in a special writing experience inspired by *My Beautiful Voice* by Joseph Coelho. Secondary will also be joining us with some exciting writing and art activities. It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for creativity and storytelling—we can't wait to see the amazing work our children produce!

**Mr Wilson**  
Primary English Lead





# English

**Year 9 and 10 pupils have been learning the conventions of non-fiction writing using 'Hairy Horses' and have been practising their writing skills in word limited non-fiction writing tasks. Here are some of their endeavours.**

## **Write the opening for a survival guide. How to Survive a Safari.**

Embarking on a Safari offers an unparalleled opportunity to witness the raw beauty of nature, where every moment is a chance to encounter the untamed wilderness in its most awe-inspiring form. Aboard the trip of awakening wonders and endless opportunity there is a sacred safari waiting for you. Are you ready? The journey has only just begun...

**Logan P, Year 10**

Embarking on a safari offers an unparalleled opportunity to witness the raw beauty of nature where every moment is a chance to encounter the untamed wilderness in its most awe-inspiring form. You can experience the thrill of the untamed beasts from your safe seat with trained professionals to create magical experiences. It can open the doors to new adventures and a one in a lifetime opportunity. It can create memories to hold dear forever.

**Amber M & Charlotte T, Year 10**

Embarking on a Safari offers an unparalleled opportunity to witness the raw beauty of nature, where every moment is a chance to encounter the untamed wilderness in its most awe-inspiring form. Bracing yourself to go on one of the rarest opportunities you can ever experience is one of the hardest things you could do. Every moment, is a new thing waiting to be explored. Once you open your mind to the idea, what happens next is limitless and up to you.

**Lily FC, Year 10**

Embarking on a Safari offers an unparalleled opportunity to witness the raw beauty of nature, where every moment is a chance to encounter the untamed wilderness in its most awe-inspiring form. But this dream could quickly turn into a nightmare with a few wrong choices, you could be face to face with an apex predator of this biome.

**Rocco M, Year 9**

Encountering wild beasts on a safari is an exhilarating experience that puts you face-to-face with nature's most majestic and powerful creatures. Whilst exiting, this can also be dangerous, so here is what to do if you encounter a wild beast. Firstly, don't panic. If you panic, the animal knows you are nervous and can strike. Next, back away and call for help. This will ensure that you are safe.

**Chloe P, Year 9**

Encountering wild beasts on a safari is an exhilarating experience that puts you face-to-face with nature's most majestic and powerful creatures. You will tackle troublesome dilemmas as you venture through the aspiring beauty that the diverse biomes of nature have to offer. You will encounter countless unique creatures, each one with distinctive features and made of bright, bold colours to enhance your eyes as you trek through their world.

**Joe C, Year 9**

# English

Encountering wild beasts on a safari is an exhilarating experience that puts you face-to-face with nature's most majestic and powerful creatures. On an exhilarating experience such as a safari, you always need to be careful of something. In this case, it ranges from giraffes as tall as trees, elephants roaming around like peaceful giants and brave lions roaring commands. You should never leave the car at any time as this could put you face to face with nature's strongest, fastest creatures. A recent study has shown that this causes the most deaths out of the few that happen. Ensure you are in a safe vehicle that is protected as you don't want any fierce creatures knocking at your door.

**Tom H, Luca R, Harry S, Year 10**

**Encountering wild beasts on a safari is an exhilarating experience that puts you face to face with nature's most majestic and powerful creatures.** However, on this epic journey you do more than marvel at the animals you become untied from society in a way that many people have never even dreamt of. In this joyous reunion with nature, people become free from the strains of devices and get a unique insight into how our ancestors might have lived.

**Felix G, Kai N, Fin G, Oakley S, Year 10**

Encountering wild beasts on a safari is an exhilarating experience that puts you face to face with nature's most majestic and powerful creatures. A variety of cheetahs, elephants and different shape and sizes of snakes and spiders all in safe distance from you. Join us to avoid needing first aid in the great outdoors.

**Jasmine C, Year 9**

**Write a paragraph for an autobiography [maximum 50 words].**

**Start with the following: *When I was three, my sister...***

When I was three my sister, took me on a road trip. As a three year old, I didn't really appreciate it as much as I would now but I do remember driving with all the windows down and it was sunny and warm with the wind blowing in my short hair. Even though I don't remember much, it was still the best day of my life. And the best memory of being with my sister before the accident.

**Maddie G, Year 9**

When I was three, my sister got hit by a truck. It was the saddest day of my life. For many years I mourned her death but, now, I barely remember her face. Now, I work at a grocery store barely making minimum wage.

**Gabriel B, Year 9**

When I was three, my sister went skiing for a school trip and that day changed our lives. The accident was so horrific that my parents didn't want to visit her crash site.

Now I am fourteen and they still mourn heavily everyday.

**Meliha C, Year 9**

When I was three, my sister was ten. She was a bit of a pain in the butt. I still liked her. I mean I wanted to kill her from time to time. I still want to kill her sometimes but she is still alive. For now at least.

**Theo B, Year 9**

When I was three, my sister went to America for work as a professional cyclist. She is what got me into cycling. I got my first bike when I was three. I rode it at home, at school, at the doctors and on dog walks. I loved the bike. It had a beautiful oil slick colouring all over it. If I still had it and didn't sell it, it would have it pride of place on my wall.

**Jacob P, Year 9**



# Science

We are delighted to share some of the fantastic learning experiences our pupils have had in Science recently.

## Year 8 Museum Visit

Our Year 8 pupils had a wonderful opportunity to explore the museums in Oxford. They enjoyed an enriching day discovering scientific artefacts and admiring incredible works of art. This trip helped deepen their appreciation for both Art and Science in an interactive and thought-provoking way.

## Year 9 Forensics Morning

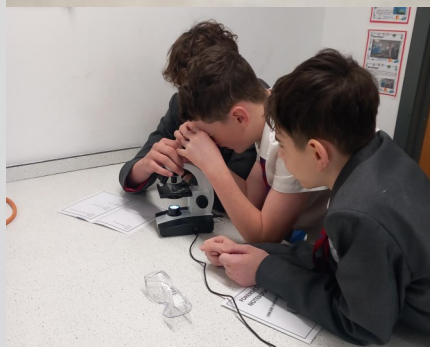
Year 9 pupils took on the role of detectives during an exciting forensics morning. They used their investigative skills to solve a crime, applying logical reasoning, scientific techniques, and teamwork. It was an excellent way for them to see Science in action while developing problem-solving abilities.

## Year 10 Science Live Trip

A group of Year 10 pupils had the privilege of attending the Science Live event, designed to support their revision skills. They heard from leading scientists and gained valuable insights into key topics, reinforcing their classroom learning in an engaging and dynamic environment.

We are proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm and participation in these experiences. Thank you for your ongoing support in making these opportunities possible.

The Science Team

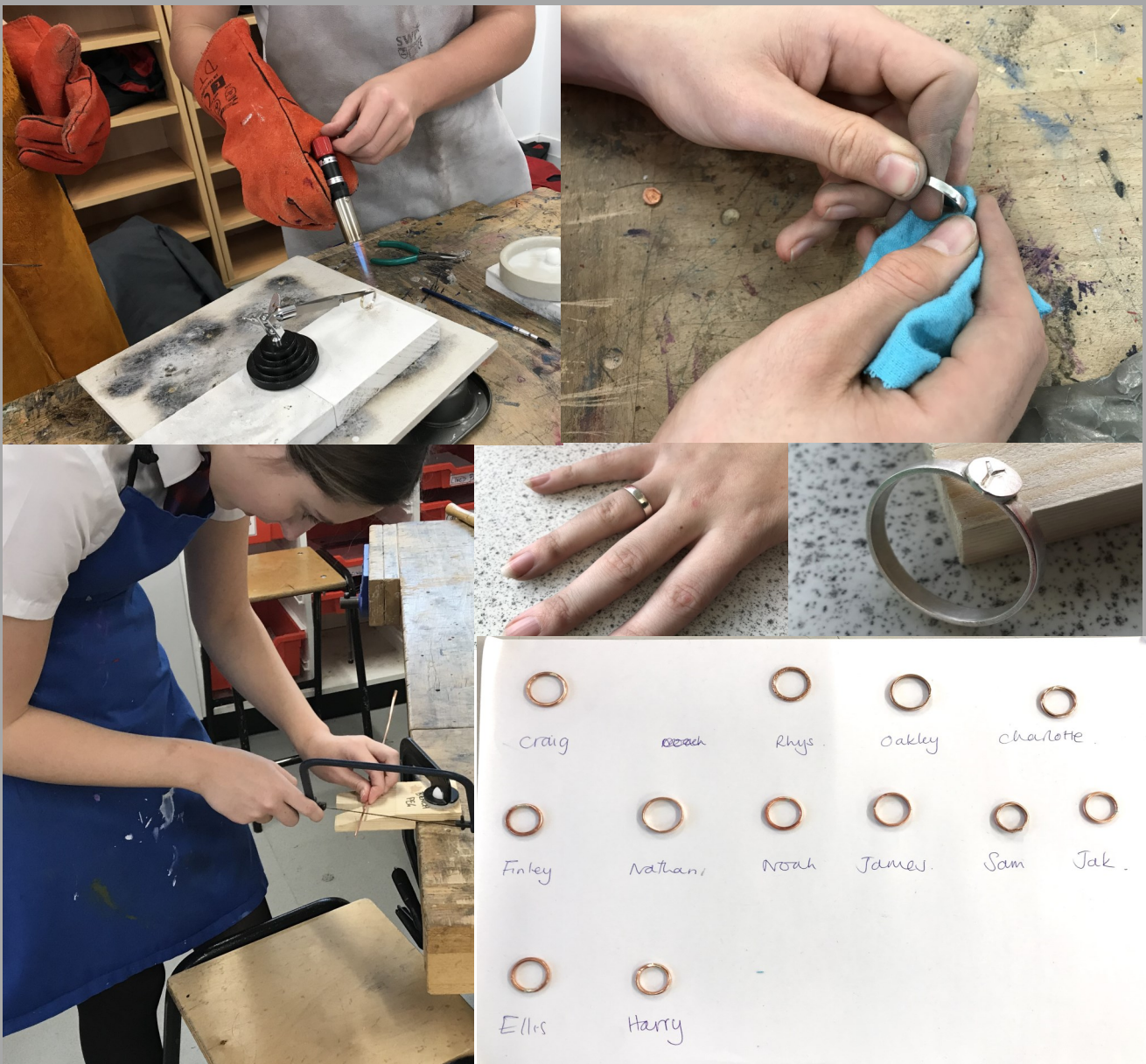


# Creative Arts

Our Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology pupils have been exploring metallurgy and manufacturing processes using metals, and pupils had great fun making their own sterling silver rings!

After creating a prototype using copper and practicing their soldering technique, pupils went on to design and make their silver rings. This involved honing skills gained from the copper prototype and comparing/contrasting working with the different types of metal.

This project required pupils to size their ring accurately, then measure, cut, anneal, solder and finally polish their rings. We were really impressed with their enthusiasm and workmanship in this project.





# Young Chefs

Following the success of our first round of the Rotary Young Chef competition, we hosted the local final in school, where five talented young chefs; Lucas B, Ava M, Fergus M, Jake R, and Elspeth PW competed for a place in the next stage.

After an intense cook-off, Ava, Fergus, and Elspeth impressed the judges and secured spots in the District Final which was held at Merton College on the 2nd of February.

Demonstrating exceptional skill and creativity, Fergus M achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the District Final with his delicious menu: Jamaican chicken curry with corn fritters and a delicate apple soufflé. Fergus now advances to the Cluster Final, which will take place at Southdowns College on the 8th of March.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and showcased their talent. A huge congratulations to Fergus and we wish him the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition!



# Sport

## A Half-Term of Sporting Excellence!

This half-term has seen a wide range of sports being delivered, from gymnastics and parkour to touch rugby and badminton. As always, there were some standout moments in lessons:

- **Historic First!** Harrison (Year 9) achieved the first-ever wall spin in CFS history, demonstrating an impressive parkour skill that involves a cartwheel/roundoff with hands on the wall rather than the floor.
- **Parkour Prowess:** Jayden (Year 7) showcased his excellent skills in a wall dash dive forward roll.
- **Astonishing Agility:** Leila (Year 7) excelled in the parkour roll bench competition, diving over three benches into a roll – fantastic!

## Rugby Rising Stars

Key learning moments took place in rugby this term, with standout performances from various groups. Mr Tilling was especially pleased to welcome new recruits to the rugby club, which runs every **Tuesday after school** for those looking to continue developing their passion for the sport.

## Fixture Highlights

### Basketball

- Secured **2nd place** in the area after the first tournament—a fantastic achievement!
- Finished **joint 3rd** in West Sussex West after a tough head-to-head competition.
- **Star Player:** Adrian, with Thomas and Ylan also shining through the ranks.

### Netball

- The season is back up and running with fixtures for **Years 7, 8, and 9**.
- **Year 8 Tournament:** Finished 5th with three wins and three losses – a huge improvement under the guidance of Mrs Nicholson.

### Rugby

- **Year 7** are yet to play their final fixtures in the final week of this half-term and early next term—we can't wait to see them in action!

### Football

- **Year 9 vs. SPH:** A tough match, but an amazing effort, with two **Year 7 players stepping up** two years and **scoring goals** for the team – well done **Torayo and Nasif!**
- **Years 7 & Year 8:** Back in action next half-term.
- **Girls' Football:** Fixtures begin in the first week back under the guidance of Miss Oxley.

**A huge well done to all our athletes!** We look forward to more sporting success and exciting competitions next half-term. Keep training hard and enjoy the game!



# Sport—The Machines!

The CFS Machines have made their presence known on the cross country circuit this term where it's all been about the performance and what performances we've seen!

The Sussex Schools Cross Country Championships were held back in January where Lead machines Harry C, Cooper B and Thomas K all showed their mettle on a demanding course in Brighton with positions of 21, 45 and 46 respectively. There were well over a hundred runners and the fact it was a Year 10/11 race makes their performance all the greater.

Then in February, it was the turn of our newer machines running on V7.0 and 8.0 to attend the West Sussex (West) Junior races at Bishop Luffa.

The course looked like a rainy Glastonbury in the 80's (they were proper festivals) and - hold on to your hats here readers - Abbie C posted an amazing 4<sup>th</sup> place finish (as well as being fastest in Year 7) with Tilly (one shoe) H and Evie D putting in spirited performances. In the boys race, Lucas B (4th) and Hugo J (10th) both competed against Year 8s and were closely followed by Austin J and Maxi M - all Year 7's.

Thank you to all who have supported the Machines this term - details about the Corporate Challenge will be coming out shortly and we're looking forward to a record entry.

**Mr Green**  
**Machines Head Coach**



# CCF & DofE

Hello from all the staff and cadets at CFS CCF. We have had a busy half term. We have welcomed our first cadets from Great Ballard, undertaken three training courses and had a large number of cadets achieving badges in signals, first aid, shooting and basic level passes.

In January, some of our cadets from CFS took part in a joint course with cadets from Chichester High School. Led by staff from both contingents, the cadets undertook the Cadet Radio User Course.

This course teaches them how to use two types of radio and also the correct voice procedure when talking on the net. The course concluded with the cadets taking part in Ex: Sycamore Sap where they had to use the radios to correctly relay messages between themselves and the instructors. All participants successfully passed their Basic, 1-Star and 2-Star assessments and have been awarded their RADIO badge. This is the first course that has been jointly run and attended by CFS and CHS cadets and staff. The first of many to come!



On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, 22 cadets from CFS CCF, including some from our new CCF partnership school Great Ballard, undertook a Youth First Aid Course. These cadets learnt how to recognise the signs and symptoms of lots of different conditions they might come across as a First Aider, how best to treat these and how to promote recovery. They were assessed on their ability to effectively get help when calling 999 or 112, their use of the primary survey and the recovery position, treating a bleed and also in delivering effective CPR to a casualty. All participants passed the course and were awarded their St. John's Ambulance Youth First Aider badges.



On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 27 cadets from CFS CCF took part in an Air Rifle Skill at Arms course, followed up with a shoot on a 5.5m indoor air rifle range. The cadets learned the names of the parts of the weapon, how to make sure it was safe, how to load and unload the weapon and how to deal with any stoppages. After this all the cadets got to fire 10 rounds on the range. All earned a badge. There were lots of trained shots, some marksmen and a few advanced marksmen. Congratulations to all that attended.



**Captain Cook**  
Contingent Commander, CFS Combined Cadet Force



# Personal Development

**Spring Term 1** has been an exciting half term for the Futures Hub and Personal Development at school. We welcomed the '**Dare to Dream**' team into school who are once again working with our Year 9's across the next three months. The inspiring initiative is about bringing the best out of young people and is delivered by 'Jack the Lad' and LoveLocalJobs.com. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars are our school sponsorship for this, partly helping with the finance of it, but more importantly by giving five mentors to work with a few children from the year group. It is a superb initiative that our pupils get a huge amount from each year.



Year 8 had a superb morning at the '**Get Inspired Portsmouth**' careers fair at the Guildhall back in January. There were over 120 stalls from local businesses, colleges and Universities; the only brief they were given by EBP South was to make interactions with pupils exciting and thoughtful. There was much going on and it was encouraging having conversations on the train back around how quite a number found something of interest to consider for the future.



Many pupils in Year 6 have completed their **Bikeability** Level 1 and Level 2 course during January. It was a hard week of rain and wind, but resilience got them through it. Congratulations to all those that completed the WSCC training; to understand how to ride safely on our roads is so important and we will continue to offer this to future Year 6 pupils too.

On the clubs front, the schools **Hockey club** has taken a huge leap forward, now working with Chichester Hockey Club each Thursday. The club is attended by pupils from Years 5 to 7, although some of our more senior players return as Hockey Ambassadors to help out. The club is run by CHC and each half term has a fixture against another school. Just before Christmas we welcomed Fishbourne Primary to the first ever 'The Big Match' and last week Bosham were our visitors. It is brilliant to see the engagement of quite a number of our pupils with the Hockey Club outside of school as well; we welcome anyone in these year groups to join after Easter for our Summer Term.



After half term we welcome '**Hard to Human**' to school to work with all our Year 10s. The purpose of these workshops is to engage people in a way that helps them understand themselves better, that allows self-acceptance, which in turn reduces anxiety, encourages change and leads to long-term fulfilment and contentment. The journey of being a teenager is never easy, especially when GCSEs are in the mix too - PSHE at CFS is all about preparing pupils proactively, giving support and education before they may feel they need it in a particular area - without a doubt, this work is some of our most important and we welcome Hannah and the team to school next half term.

In addition to this we have four exciting '**Thursday Lunch Live**' speakers booked in for Years 8 and 9 to hear from about their career journeys to date. Should you or anyone of your friends like to talk at one of our future events, please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Moon via [smoon@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk](mailto:smoon@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk)

# 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 43560**



**Noctua 41822**



**Pegasus 42262**



**Phoenix 44447**

It has been an action packed half term with the kick off of our first eSports Tournament in Secondary – Rocket League!

Pupils have been competing against each other in teams of two for a chance to play in the finals (held next half term) and earn House points for their Houses. The enthusiasm, determination and enjoyment from this event has been infectious, often enticing pupils to come and watch!

Next half term, we will be inviting pupils to sign up to the MarioKart Grand Prix, pitting pupils against one another in a test of instinct, improvisation and skill!

### CFS Interhouse Roundnet

The first half-term of Inter-House Roundnet has been a huge success, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and skill in this fast-paced, exciting sport. We started with a taster session in Week 1, allowing everyone to get a feel for the game and develop basic techniques. From there, we built up to a practice tournament before launching into the full competition in the final two weeks.

### Champions Crowned!

After a series of competitive and thrilling matches, Hadley and Raffie emerged victorious for Noctua! Their teamwork and strategy were unmatched, leading them to claim the top spot.

Special mentions go to Ethan, Vivian and Emir, who displayed exceptional talent and potential in Roundnet. With such promising performances, the future of the sport at CFS looks bright!

### What's Next?

As we look ahead to the next half-term, we'll be introducing some exciting new challenges during social times:

- **Football Keepy-Up Challenge** – Test your ball control and see how long you can keep it up!
- **Furthest Shot in Basketball** – Show off your shooting skills and go for the longest-range basket!

Stay tuned for more updates and keep up the great sporting spirit!





# 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!

<b>Iona Ashford</b>	Reception	for consistently good behaviour and a fantastic attitude to learning
<b>Mara Cojoc</b>	Year 2	for being so lovely and kind and offering to help others
<b>Arthur Howard-Cook</b>	Year 2	for practising handwriting and Maths at home
<b>Freya Watson</b>	Year 2	for incredible knowledge about endangered animals
<b>Benjamin Maroulis</b>	Year 3	for always being a kind and caring friend
<b>Elsie-Mai Morey</b>	Year 3	for a beautiful newspaper report and reading it out in assembly
<b>Albert Turner</b>	Year 3	for some super work about different topics and always being a shining star
<b>Toby Grogan</b>	Year 4	for all of his reading during the Christmas break
<b>Lily Williams</b>	Year 4	for being a hard worker and never giving up
<b>Beatrice Evans</b>	Year 5	for her quiet determination and always having a positive attitude
<b>Darcey Cooper</b>	Year 6	for some great work in PSHE lessons
<b>Maisie Dunning</b>	Year 6	for a beautiful WW1 use of animals leaflet
<b>Ella Knight</b>	Year 6	for taking on a role in the school production
<b>Lilia Sebastian</b>	Year 6	for some great ideas about being a global citizen

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<b>Natalie Foster</b>	Year 7	for some great work in English
<b>Amelia Lee-Hobson</b>	Year 7	for spreading happiness and kindness and for showing bravery and perseverance in parkour
<b>Lucy Osborne</b>	Year 7	for reaching GCSE questions in Maths and for stepping up to be Ghost of Christmas Present with three days notice
<b>Ayse Ugur</b>	Year 7	for kindness and helpfulness towards other pupils
<b>Reuben Bright</b>	Year 8	for superb work on his assessed Drama performance
<b>Ria Chapman</b>	Year 8	for exemplary work and behaviour in English, and for being extremely helpful
<b>Charlie Hastings</b>	Year 8	for superb work on his assessed Drama performance
<b>Emir Kiris</b>	Year 8	for a stunning letter to Father Christmas in French and for completing all compulsory Maths homework last term
<b>Ollie Ollerton</b>	Year 8	for helping to litter pick on the playground at lunch time and for showing compassion to a fellow classmate
<b>Sophia Tomsett</b>	Year 8	for an excellent assessment piece in Drama
<b>Charlie James</b>	Year 9	for sharing the most delicious homemade gluten and dairy free cookies with the tutor group
<b>Craig Sadler</b>	Year 10	for an outstanding piece of revision
<b>Logan Wiggins</b>	Year 10	for fantastic work on Business Board Game project



# February/March

Dates that are in red are either new events published since the first calendar was circulated, or dates that have had to move.

Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 February	House event: Inter House competition	All
Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 February	Hard to Human	Secondary
Tuesday 25 – Friday 28 February	Core Mocks	11
Tuesday 25 February	Space Dance workshop	2
Wednesday 26 February	Bag2School collection	All
Wednesday 26 February	Dentist visit in school	4
Wednesday 26 February	Dare2Dream session 2 and Rolls Royce mentoring	9
Wednesday 26 February 1800 – 1930	Parent Ambassadors Meeting	Parents
Thursday 27 February	TTL careers speaker	Secondary
Friday 28 February	Sibling photos in school	All
Monday 3 – Friday 7 March	House event: Inter house competition	All
Monday 3 – Friday 7 March	Hard to Human	Secondary
Tuesday 4 March 1730	Bedtime story event in school	EYFS & parents
Wednesday 5 March 1730 – 1830	Stories and snuggles event in school	1 & 2 & parents
Thursday 6 March	World Book Day – Primary dress up	Primary
Thursday 6 – Friday 7 March	BBC Young Reporters	6 - 9
Friday 7 March	Drone Safe Storage trip	9 (invite only)
Monday 10 – Friday 14 March	House event: Inter house competition	All
Monday 10 – Friday 14 March	British Science Week	All
Thursday 14 March 1300	TTL careers speaker	Secondary
Thursday 14 March 1700 – 1830	Science Olympics	All & parents
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day – wear a red accessory	All
Friday 15 March 1530 – 1700	Primary Movie Night	Primary
Monday 17 – Friday 21 March	House event: CFS Bake Off	Primary
Monday 17 March	Paultons Park trip	5
<b>Monday 17 March</b>	<b>Workplace visit to Rolls Royce (invite only)</b>	<b>9</b>
Wednesday 19 March	GCSE Dance filming assessment day	11
Friday 21 March	Amberley Museum visit	1

# March

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Monday 24 – Friday 28 March	House event: CFS Bake Off	Secondary
Monday 24 – Friday 28 March 1400	Reception Open Classrooms	EYFS & parents
Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 March	Thank You presents	Primary
<b>Wednesday 26 March</b>	<b>Dare2Dream session 3 and Rolls Royce mentoring</b>	<b>9</b>
Wednesday 26 March 1545 – 1745	Primary Pupil Progress Consultation & 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale	Primary
<b>Thursday 27 March 0950 - 1030</b>	<b>Beech Class assembly</b>	<b>Yr 1 Beech Class</b>
Thursday 27 March 1700 - 1915	Primary Pupil Progress Consultation & 2 <sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale	Primary
Monday 31 March – Friday 4 April	House event: CFS Bake Off finals & celebration	All
Monday 31 March	Dare2Dream session 3 and Rolls Royce mentoring	9
Monday 31 March 1530 - 2000	GCSE Dance Showcase	10 & 11
Tuesday 1 April	Progress reports home to parents	Secondary
Tuesday 1 April	PE practical moderation	11
Thursday 3 April 1330	Easter Production	3 & 4
Thursday 3 April	GCSE Music Performance exam	11
Thursday 3 April 1700 – 2000	Pupil Progress Consultation event (virtual)	7 & parents
Friday 4 April	National History Museum and Tower of London trip	6
Friday 4 April	Lunchtime concert	All
Friday 4 April 1330	Easter Production	3 & 4
<b>Friday 4 April - END OF JUSTICE TERM Year 11 revision sessions</b>		