

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now in the final few days of the Christmas term, with many rewards assemblies and celebrations happening throughout this week. I would like to say a huge well done to all students who participated in the Winter Showcase, where all Year 7 and our school band performed a range of festive songs. I would like to say thank you to all families and students for all of your support throughout a very busy year and with the opening of our new and permanent home.



Arrangements for the Last Day of Term

Please be reminded that all students will be released at 12.15 tomorrow, Friday 19th December 2025. Should your child have PE during periods 1, 2 and 3, they should attend in PE kit as usual. If they do not have PE during periods 1,2 and 3, they should attend in normal school uniform.

Collection after School

There has been an increasing number of students waiting on site to be collected past 4pm. Please be reminded that students should be collected promptly at the end of the school day, either at 15.10 or after their extra-curricular activity.

If waiting on site, all students should be collected and off-site by 15.30. If there are any difficulties with this, please contact the reception team. Thank you for your support with this.

Mid-Year Assessments

Mid-Year Assessments will begin on Wednesday 7th January 2026. All students in all year groups will follow the assessment timetable below:

| Date | Wednesday 7 th Jan. | Thursday 8 th Jan. | Friday 9 th Jan. | Monday 12 th Jan. | Tuesday 13 th Jan. |
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| Subject (Duration) | English Reading (45 mins) English Writing (30 mins) | RS (45 mins) | Geography (45 mins) | History (45 mins) Science (40 mins) | Maths (45 mins) French & Spanish (45 mins) |

Alongside having a rest during the Christmas break, please do encourage your child to engage in the revision resources available at the below link: [Supporting My Child's Progress | Parents | Chilmington Green](#)

Homework Update

Staff will not be setting homework on Friday 19th December 2025 for completion over the Christmas holidays. Instead, please direct your child towards the revision resources linked above in preparation for their assessments after the break. Normal homework will resume on Friday 9th January 2026.

Communication with School

We aim to respond to parent/carer queries as quickly as possible. There are, however, occasions where this may take a little longer as several members of staff may need to respond to your query. Please be reminded therefore that communication will be responded to within 48 hours.

Should you wish to speak to someone urgently, please let the school office know who can relay any messages to the relevant staff members. If you wish to meet with a member of staff, please do ensure that you have an appointment. We are unable to schedule meetings without sufficient notice as all staff have teaching timetables or other responsibilities.

Year 7 Pastoral Team & New Staff Members

January will see a small change to our Year 7 Pastoral Team. Miss Goodwin will be leaving Chilmington Green School at the end of this term. The Head of Year 7 role will be taken by Mr Robertson. Mr Robertson has been Deputy Head of Year 8 this year and will move to the Head of Year 7 position from the start of Term 3.

We also welcome two new colleagues to the school in January. Mr Crampton-Bisset and Miss Walker join the Maths and Science teams; both bring with them many years of experience in several schools and we look forward to welcoming them to the team.

PE Department Update: Looking Ahead to Term 3–4

As we move into the colder months, please ensure students are prepared for outdoor PE lessons with appropriate warm layers. Students are permitted to wear plain black or navy gloves and hats, as well as suitable underlayers. Additionally, the Chilmington Green PE jumper may be worn over the PE top for extra warmth.

This term, students will be participating in a variety of activities including volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, handball and more. For health and safety reasons, all students will be required to remove socks and shoes during gymnastics lessons.

A refillable water bottle is essential for every PE lesson to keep hydrated. Please note that failure to comply with the PE uniform policy will result in a lunchtime detention.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students are ready for an active and enjoyable term!

Christmas Jumper Day 2025

We have proudly worn our Christmas Jumpers to support Save the Children appeal 2025. It was lovely to see our students (and staff) show off their best Christmas Jumpers! Thank you to all our families who have donated and supported, we have managed to raise an amazing £260.00.

Key Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 19 th December 2025 | End of Term 2 – Students finish at 12.15. |
| Tuesday 6 th January 2026 | Start of Term 3 – All Students All clubs resume |
| Wednesday 7 th January 2026 | Mid-Years Assessments Start |

We look forward to welcoming back all students on Tuesday 6th January. Until then, I wish the whole school community a very happy Christmas and new year.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland