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Newsletter 5

2026/2027

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that your child has had a positive start to Term 2. Please see below information for the term ahead.



Key Information

Travelling to and from school

Due to the darker evenings, please could I ask all parents to ensure that students are visible on the roads and are using the safest route possible.

Last Day of Term

On the final day of term, Friday 18th December, students finish school at 12.15pm, at which time they will be released from the main school gates. Please be aware that the double-decker Stagecoach bus is unable to collect students at this earlier time. Students will therefore need to be collected or make their own way home on this date.

Autumn/Winter Menus

On behalf of Taylor Shaw, we are pleased to share the Autumn/Winter menus for the coming months. Food choices include many traditional favourites, such as roast dinners, warming curries and hearty stews, as well as popular Friday fast-food options.

We hope students will continue to enjoy the wide range of nutritious and appealing meals on offer throughout the term. In addition to the lunchtime service, a selection of hot food items is also available during breakfast and mid-morning break.

School Fields

I am pleased to inform you that our pitches have now passed all necessary inspections and have been handed to the school for use. Students will begin using the fields over the coming weeks in their PE lessons. The PE Department have been in contact regarding footwear and other specialist equipment over the coming weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December 2026

We are delighted to be supporting the annual Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. All students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school in replacement of their school top, with a donation of £1.00 for Save the Children. We are looking forward to seeing all the Christmas Jumpers on display and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts – Making the Most of Every Opportunity

Every school day matters. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in ensuring that young people make good progress, achieve their potential and develop the confidence and skills they need for the future.

When pupils attend school regularly, they benefit from consistent teaching, meaningful classroom discussions, opportunities to work collaboratively and the chance to build positive relationships with their teachers and peers. Even occasional absence can mean missing important learning that is difficult to catch up on.
We recognise that there are times when absence is unavoidable, particularly when children are unwell. However, we would encourage all parents and carers to think carefully about whether an absence is genuinely necessary.

Working together, we can ensure that every pupil makes the most of the opportunities available to them. Our shared ambition should be for every child to be in school, learning and achieving, every day.

Education with Character



Marlowe Theatre Trip – Wednesday 2nd December 2026

Thank you to all our families who have supporting our United Learning Pupil Charter to offer the opportunity for every student to visit a theatre to watch a live performance before the end of KS3. We will be taking 150 pupils to watch the Christmas Pantomime at The Marlowe Theatre, leaving school by coach at 11.30am and returning for approximately 17:30pm.

Students are welcomed to wear a Christmas Jumper on this trip in replacement of their school top, lower half should be regular CGS uniform. Pupils are welcome to bring a small amount of cash to purchase refreshments during the theatre show interval.

Year 10 Netball Success



A huge well done to our Year 10 Netball team who have won the Ashford Leage with a 17-16 win against Highworth on Thursday afternoon. The team have had a clean sweep of match wins throughout the tournament and have made us proud! Well done, everyone!



Year 7 Football v The John Wallis Academy (Win 6-0)

Congratulations to our Year 7 squad who put in a fabulous performance this afternoon against John Wallis Academy. Well done to Malachi for an exceptional two goals.



Sports Update

We are delighted to share some exciting news about one of our students in Year 7, Jacob, and an achievement that he has worked incredibly hard to accomplish. This weekend, Jacob took part in his very first race day, marking a significant milestone after months of dedication and training. For the past four months, he has worked tirelessly to reach the required racing standard, consistently achieving the race pace needed to qualify. This is no small feat and has required immense commitment, determination and perseverance.

We are thrilled to announce that Jacob performed brilliantly on the day, achieving an impressive lap time in the 40-second range! 🏎️⏱️ This weekend This achievement represents far more than a race result. It reflects the countless hours of practice, resilience and hard work that Jacob has invested in pursuing his passion. Seeing that effort rewarded is truly inspiring, and we could not be prouder of what he has achieved. At school, we love celebrating the successes of our students both inside and outside the classroom, and Jacob's accomplishment is a wonderful example of our values of Determination, Respect and Ambition in action. Please join us in congratulating Jacob on this fantastic achievement. We look forward to hearing about many more successes in the future!

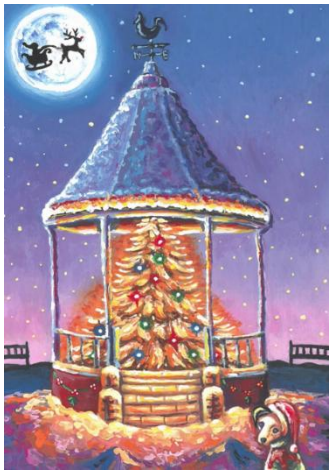
We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the outstanding success of Rocco, who recently competed at The Grand Finals held in the famous Empress Ballroom at Blackpool Winter Gardens. This prestigious national competition brings together the very best young dancers from across the country, and simply qualifying is a remarkable achievement. This was Rocco's fourth consecutive year qualifying for the event. This year, Rocco achieved phenomenal results, returning home as a 5-time Champion!



- Reaching 7 out of 8 finals across his events
- 4 Ballroom Events – 1st Place in all 4 events
- 4 Latin Events – 1st place, 6th Place and Top 12

What an incredible accomplishment and a testament to Rocco's talent, resilience and dedication. Everyone at Chilmington Green School is extremely proud of Rocco and all that he has achieved. We are delighted to support our students in pursuing their passions and celebrating success both inside and outside of school.

🎄 ✨ United Learning Christmas Card Competition 2026 ✨ 🎄



We are excited to invite pupils to take part in the United Learning Christmas Card Competition 2026. The winning design will be featured on official United Learning Christmas cards, and the winning pupil will receive:

🏆 A £50 Amazon voucher

🎄 10 copies of their own Christmas card design

This year's themes are: ⭐ The First Christmas / ⭐ The Christmas Star

Pupils are encouraged to use their imagination and creativity to interpret these themes in their own unique way. Traditional festive designs have been particularly successful in previous years, but we would love to see lots of original ideas too!

Competition Guidelines:

✅ Any colours, materials and artistic techniques can be used

✅ Designs can be portrait or landscape

✅ Designs can be created on a square or rectangular page

❌ Please do not use 3D materials such as glitter, sequins or textiles, as entries must be suitable for printing.

We can't wait to see the wonderful festive artwork our pupils create! 🎅 🎁 ✨

Please submit entries to school by Wednesday 18th November.

Academic Update

Curriculum Evening

On Thursday 3rd December 2026, we will welcome all Year 10 students and their parents/carers into school for our curriculum evening. This is an opportunity to support your child as they move towards completing their GCSE assessments with us in Year 11. We will be delivering key messages around exam preparation for mid-year assessments, minimum expected grades and further study and career options. Our Heads of Department will be available to provide subject-specific revision resources ready for the mid-year assessments coming up in January 2027. Please refer to the letter sent by Ms Wigg to RSVP for the event so we can prepare for the evening. We look forward to welcoming you all on the 3rd December 2026!

Homework update

We are delighted with the commitment students have shown towards homework this academic year. Since the beginning of Term 1, our Year 7 and Year 9 students have consistently placed within the Top 10 schools across the Trust for homework completion. Even more impressively, we are currently ranked Number 1 within our family of schools in United Learning. Across the whole school, students are achieving an excellent average homework completion rate of around 91%.

While homework completion in Year 8 and Year 10 has also been positive, we continue to strive for every year group to secure a place in the Top 10 each week.

Homework is a vital part of learning and is closely linked to improved academic achievement. It provides students with opportunities to consolidate classroom learning, practise key skills and develop important qualities such as independence, organisation, resilience and effective time management.

To ensure all students benefit from these opportunities, compulsory homework that is not completed will result in a 30-minute detention for each subject. This applies to English, Mathematics and Science. For Year 10 students, all homework is compulsory and any homework not completed will result in a 30-minute detention. We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in helping students maintain these high standards.



Year 10 Charity Day!
Friday 27th November 2026

Our Year 10 students have been hard at work organising a fantastic Charity Day to raise money for the local charity Rising Sun.

There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved throughout the day, including:

- ⭐ Tombola
- ⭐ "Minute to Win It" Challenges
- ⭐ Boot Sale
- ⭐ Penalty Shoot Out
- ⭐ And much more!

To help support this worthy cause, please encourage students to come to school with some cash (coins where possible) so they can take part in the various activities and games.

All money raised will go directly to Rising Sun, helping to support their valuable work in our local community.
Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We look forward to a fun-filled day while raising money for a fantastic cause!

Please consider contributing and donating unwanted items to reception, we'd love to give it a new home as a prize!
All money made on the day (27th November 2026) will go towards Rising Sun, an amazing charity on a mission to end all domestic abuse.

Key Events - Term 2

Date	Event
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	Marlowe Theatre Trip 11.30am - 17:30pm
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Year 7 School Show – All Year 7 Parents/Carers Invited
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day £1.00 (jumper over usual uniform/PE kit)
Thursday 3rd December 2026	Year 10 Curriculum Evening
Friday 18th December 2026	End of Term 2 (All students finish at 12:15pm) **No Stagecoach bus on this day. Students will need to make alternative arrangements for their journey home.**
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Term Starts for Students

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal