



# Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

*'We serve one another in love' Luke 10v27*



Respect

Resilience

Hope

Love

This term our Collective Worship theme is **TRUST**

*'My God is my Strength in whom I trust' Psalm 18v2*

*'Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God' Corrie Ten Boom*

### This week in school

#### Singing visits

On Monday, a local singing teacher led a whole school singing workshop. The children had great fun learning scales, a round and a sea chanty. Then on Thursday Louise, from the village, accompanied Rev Alison and taught us a new Collective Worship song.



#### The Newt

Yesterday, our Kingfishers had a fantastic day visiting The Newt in Somerset. The focus of the visit was to tour the museum and Roman Villa. The children found out about life in Roman times and engaged in different activities including creating a Roman menu and making a mosaic. This was our first school visit to The Newt; it was a real success and has enriched the children's school learning about the Romans. A big thank you to the parent helpers for supporting the children so well and to Mrs Dunford and Mrs Lott for organising the visit.



**Next week our Dragonflies are visiting The Sea Life Centre and Cygnets are visiting Hillier Gardens**

### **SAFEGUARDING** *At Broad Chalke, keeping children safe is always a priority and our safeguarding duty.*

***The purpose of these weekly updates is to raise awareness and support you as parents.***

At the upcoming Parents' Evenings all parents will be informed of their child's attendance. As you know the school expectation for attendance is 96%. Lately, we are seeing a rise in holiday requests in term time which is affecting attendance and cannot be authorised. Please book holidays within the allocated school holiday weeks. When children are taken out of school this disruption affects their progression of learning and some children find it tricky to adjust on return.

In line with DfE expectations, whenever possible, parents should be booking medical appointments for their children e.g. dentist outside of school hours.

Please can I also remind parents that our **school day starts when the gates open at 8.45am**. All children should be in school by **8.55am** in order to start their learning. When children arrive late, it causes class disruption and will be logged.

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| 95% | = | 40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days    |
| 90% | = | 80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day   |
| 85% | = | 120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days |
| 80% | = | 160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days |

### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?**

**BE SMART BE THERE!**  
Percentages based on 190 academic days

### **Family support**

With the cost of living continuing to rise we know some families are struggling financially. Salisbury Foodbank has been organising Easter hampers for anyone who is having difficulties. These hampers are allocated through a referral system. If you need support and would like to talk confidentially in order to have a referral made on your behalf, please arrange a call with Mrs Luft or email via the office. Also, if you would like to discuss whether your child might qualify for Pupil Premium, please also contact us.



# Broad Chalke Jokes 2025!

You can still make donations to Red Nose Day via ParentPay

What kind of keys are sweet?  
Cookies!

Why did the cow go to the cinema?  
To watch a moovie!

Where do rainbows fo when they are naughty?  
To PRISM!

Why did the jelly bean go to school?  
To become a 'smartie'!

What time is it when an elephant sits on your fence?  
Time to get a new one!

Why did the computer go to the dentist?  
Because he had a blue tooth!

Why did the cookie go to hospital?  
Because he felt crummy!

Best wishes  
Heather Luft  
(Headteacher)