



# Broad Chalke Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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



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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' Carrie Ten Boom*

## This week in school

### Year 5

Our Dragonflies had fun designing and making gliders as part of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) morning. Well done to Roscoe whose glider made an epic flight of several metres.



### Marwell Visit

Our Woodpeckers had a chilly but wonderful day exploring Marwell Zoo. The focus of their visit was looking at adaptation, animals and their habitats and endangered species. The children (and grown ups) had a brilliant day. Well done Year 4 for exceptional behaviour. Thank you to the parent helpers 😊



### Computer fun

This week, our Barn Owls have been exploring how to make pictograms using the laptops. The children worked together brilliantly and problem solved 😊

Well done for all children in Y1-5 who have been completing tests this week. We have been really impressed with the children's resilience and perseverance. The data gathered from the tests will inform teacher assessment for English and Maths and will be shared at Parents' Evening. Your child's attendance data will also be shared. Please book your slot using School Cloud.

### SIAMS Inspection

As you know we had our SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection this week. SIAMs inspections focus on the impact of the school's vision on pupils, adults and community. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision and values, reviewing the provision the school makes because of its vision and how effective the provision is enabling all pupils to flourish.

The inspector met with pupils, staff, parents, governors, DSAT and members of our community including Reverend Alison and our Chaplain.

Hopefully the report will be released and shared before the Easter holidays.

### 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.**



The Princess of Wales has launched a major new awareness to increase public understanding of the crucial importance of the first five years of a child's life. "Shaping Us" is a new campaign from The Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood which aims to transform the issue from one of scientific interest to one of the most strategically important topics of our time.

Why this matters:

- During early childhood, from pregnancy to age five, our brains develop faster than any other time in our lives
- Our experiences, relationships and surroundings, at that very young age shape the rest of our lives
- This is when we start to understand the world in which we live. How to manage emotions, build relationships, believe in ourselves, develop resilience against adversity and have trust in others.
- Providing strong support for children, parents and carers through these most important years is essential and can have life-changing impact
- If we build a supportive, nurturing world around children and those caring for them, we can make a huge difference to the physical and mental health and happiness of generations to come.

For more information about the 'Shaping Us' campaign, please follow this link <https://shapingus.centreforearlychildhood.org/>

### Uniform expectations

Please can I remind parents of the following school expectations for uniform:

- Long hair (below shoulders) should be tied up.
- Hair accessories should be small and in school colours
- Trainers can ONLY be worn on PE days (children are welcome to bring in trainers for lunchtime play)
- PE shorts, leggings or track suit bottoms should be plain navy and not fashion wear.
- ONLY Logo'd PE hoodies or School jumpers should be worn on PE days

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March we are holding a non-uniform day to support FOBs with the chocolate Bingo event.

The **School Council** met and have requested our school supports Red Nose Day this year especially as it's their 40th anniversary. In school, teachers will focus some of the learning about the countries and individuals Comic Relief support using the online learning support resources. The School Council is asking pupils to bring in a funny joke to share with their class. We will make a fun display of all the jokes 😊

If you would like to make a donation to Comic Relief you can donate via ParentPay.

Children are welcome to bring in red noses but **please ensure they are named.**



## STEM Week: 19<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Join us for our STEM week!



### HELP NEEDED!

If you have job that is STEM related then we'd love for you to join us and share your expertise! Scientists, technologists, engineers, mathematicians: jobs may include researchers, being in the army, doctors, nurses, ecologists, forensic scientists, computer programmers, economists... We would also appreciate any willing volunteers that can help out with classroom activities during our STEM Week.

Please email the office if you are able to help out in any way,

Thank you



Windows allow us to look into the world and develop skills and knowledge.

Mirrors allow us to look inward and to reflect and to learn from life by exploring insights..

Doors allow us to respond and to develop and apply our ideas.

Best wishes  
Heather Luft  
(Headteacher)