



# Chelmondiston CofE Primary School Newsletter

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Parents in need of advice or support?

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing-service>

Help and/or advice with parenting issues: Freephone Parents Advice  
Centre helpline on 08088 010722

<https://www.parenting.org/>

If you have a safeguarding concern please talk to a member of our DSL team:  
Kerry Palmer-Long, Lesley Etchingam or Tracy Whayman

For general information about our **Early Help Offer** and other **general information about safeguarding**, both in school and beyond, please follow the link to the safeguarding section of our school website.

<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

## The Good Samaritans

Ida	Cygnets	For being a supportive learning partner and a caring member of the class
Phoebe	Melissa	For being a supportive and encouraging classmate
Cece	Edith May	For being an encouraging member of Edith May
Miane	Thistle	For being a caring member of the class and wider school community
Timmy	Edme	For bringing warmth and humour and happiness to others

Well done everyone!

### Diary dates

Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

### Outstanding Monies - Final Reminder

As we are approaching the end of our financial year, please check your MCAS account and ensure all outstanding balances are cleared by the **end of July**. If your child is in Yr6, please can any

outstanding balances be cleared by today (18th July), so that they can be deleted from our management information system. Thank you.

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful year we have had at Chelmondiston, overflowing with highlights. We are delighted to announce that not only have our children shown our school values of being resilient, caring, equal, courageous and respectful towards each other and adults in our school, we have much more to celebrate too! On Wednesday we held our Millionaire's Tea Party for the children who have shown dedication and passion



for reading, having achieved reading over a million words throughout the course of the year.



Thank you to Mr and Mrs Chris Deacon for providing a concert with their bass clarinet and viola, which we all enjoyed. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Deacon for her hard work and support as Chair of Governors as she hands the role over to Mrs Whalley, who we look forward to working with.

Thistle class are the proud winners of the sunflower competition challenge, set by the Chelmondiston Horticulture Society - 167cm (and still growing!) at the last measure.

Once again, our statutory test results are amazing - this includes our phonics scores in KS1. Well done to our Y6s for smashing the SATs and to Year 4s for more than doubling the national average percentage for getting full marks on the Timestable Check (82% of our pupils achieved 100%!).

As the academic year draws to a close, there are many people who have made significant contributions to the life of our school community and on behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to thank our governors, our wonderful PTA team, all the volunteers who have helped us with reading, Forest Schools, swimming, school trips, gardening working parties, covering books, sewing and much more. Thank you also to our amazing kitchen staff - Ms Hutchings and also to Miss Painter (who we are saying farewell to as she leaves to pursue a new career) and also thank you to our cleaners. I am sure that you will agree, the staff - all our teachers, office staff, learning support assistants, midday supervisors and sports coach at Chelmo are a wonderful team, who often go above and beyond

because they want the best for our children. We are also extremely grateful for the unwavering support of our parents and grandparents - thank you so much!

As we bid farewell and wish good luck to our Year 6s, we also welcome new families to our fold. I wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you back again on Tuesday September the 2nd.

Best wishes,

Lesley Etchingam, Headteacher

### Premier Education After School Clubs



<b>After School Football Club</b>	<b>After School Gymnastics</b>
Wednesday	Thursday
10 th September- 17th December	11th September- 18th December
15.15 - 16.15	15.15 - 16.15
Years 1 to 6	Years 1 to 6
£5.50 per session	£5.50 per session

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12219/?location=IP9%201DT&distance=0.1&distance=0.1>

Please use the link above to book a place for your child(ren)

### Burgess Music

It's been a busy and rewarding year for our young musicians at Chelmondiston Primary School, with every student performing at least once at either the Easter Concert or Summer Fete. We're proud to celebrate the achievements of our violinists Scarlett and Cece, who earned their Copper Music Medals, and Isabella, who passed her Grade 3. Congratulations to our piano students Maddie, Pippa, Grace, Megan, and William on their Copper Music Medals, and to Miane and Connie for achieving both Copper and Bronze. Well done also to guitarists, Ava and Penelope on receiving their Copper Medals. Finally, a special congratulations to former pupil Joshua, who has accepted a place at Chetham's School of Music starting this September.

We are incredibly proud of all our students and wish everyone a well-rested and musical summer break. If you are interested in your child learning the violin, viola, piano, cello, guitar, double bass, bass guitar or ukulele, please email us at [burgessmusicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:burgessmusicinfo@gmail.com)

**Here are our amazing learning highlights from the last fortnight:**

### **Cygnets**

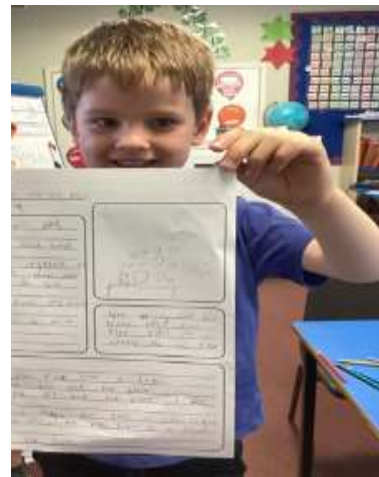
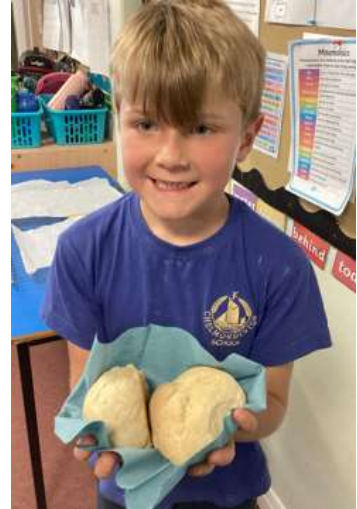
Reception children have been busy in the garden, digging up their potatoes, ordering them by size and sharing them out. They have measured the sunflowers they planted, with one being taller than Ms Harvey!



Year 1s have had lots of fun retelling 'Jack and the Beanstalk' through music and making their own fabulous summer holiday storybooks!



## Melissa



Year 2 had a fun day last week making their own bread. They carefully followed a recipe, mixed and kneaded the dough, and shaped it into rolls. While they were cooling in the afternoon they created their own recipe sheets and packaging to take them home. Hopefully they are all inspired to do some baking at home in the Summer holiday!

## Edith-May



## Thistle

Thistle Class wrapped up the school year with these fantastic highlights!

### Creating a song based on the journey in *The Odyssey*



### Debating





Optical illusion artwork

## Edme

Exploration, adventure and discovery have been on the menu for Edme Class this fortnight. They have blown us away with their engagement in their primary school finale. Feast your eyes on our highlights!

Working Scientifically: How does exercise affect heart rate?



## Sailing at Neptune Sailing Club



## Forest Schools at Pin Mill Woods



DT: Come Dine With Me - Designing and Making a 3 Course Meal in Groups



Camp Night on School Field



# Outdoor Learning Day



## Leavers Service and Assembly

