



CHAIGELEY  
SCHOOL

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## This term's 100% attendee's:

- OH from Lilac
- DG & OP from Larch
- LT from Willow
- HS from Birch
- TB & ML from Linden

## This term's 95% + attendee's:

- IF, JH & SI from Lilac
- NB, SD & PDR from Larch
- ED, OF, KH, NH, CR, OT & TT from Lavender
- MB, AG & EHS from Willow
- MD, SR & NS from Birch
- ED, LH, MMC & RP from Bonsai
- WA, CH & IJ from Linden



### Our Christmas Card Winner

*Richard - Bonsai*

**BE THE SPARKLE THIS CHRISTMAS**



**School opens after the Christmas  
break on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## Principals comments

BAAs we approach the end of our first full term and the end of 2025, it is always nice to reflect on all the amazing achievements of the pupils over the last year. All new pupils who joined in September have settled in well and are showing more and more confidence around school, some pupils have improved attendance by over 60% which is an amazing achievement in itself.

We have started our new E-Sports curriculum which has been a huge favourite with students in year 10. The new classroom designs have really improved teaching and learning and these will be replicated in the KS2 building next term. We will also be installing air conditioning units across the school to ensure we can control the temperature in all classrooms throughout the year to ensure we can offer optimal learning conditions.

This year we have trialled residential trips for all KS2&3 pupils, this has been a huge success and the feedback from pupils & staff attending was really positive and further develops the essential relationships needed to support our pupils.

We have also recruited a parent governor Leonie Sourbutts who is already having an immediate impact on our governor meetings and has started a parent group to support all of our parents moving forward please get in contact with Leonie if you want to know more.

We have recently appointed a new KS2 lead and 2 new KS2 class teachers as well as strengthening our outreach team & recruiting a new SENCO which will further strengthen our current staff team. Our current SALT has also agreed to join us for an extra day to add yet further strength to our Juniper therapy team.

The Christmas fayre was a fantastic success with lots of parents attending and lots of pupils getting involved with making and selling goods on their class stalls. We also had a previous student who now attends priestly college perform an acoustic guitar set at the fayre which was amazing to see. We made £327 which will be going to a charity that the student governors will select next term.

Places at Chaigeley are in high demand and we are now supporting and working collaboratively with some local schools to ensure SEND pupils are supported in the best possible way.

I would like to thank all staff, governors, trustees and parents/carers for their ongoing support this term and take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year, see you all in 2026.



## Class Updates

**Birch** Class have settled well into KS4 and are enjoying their lovely new classroom space, complete with a fantastic new media wall. Students are engaging positively with their KS4 options, which were chosen over the summer, and are showing enthusiasm across all subjects.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students have been busy getting active, enjoying walks in local country parks and cycling around the local area as part of their programme.

Art students have been hard at work exploring their Under the Sea theme, producing some creative and impressive pieces.

We recently celebrated the end of term with a fun trip to Crazy Pool, followed by lunch at Billy Bob's, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Esports students are making the most of the new gaming suite and had an exciting visit to VR World, which was a real highlight.

Well done to everyone in Birch Class for a fantastic start to KS4!

**Lavender** class has had a wonderful half term, full of enthusiasm, learning and memorable moments. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great progress. We finished the half term on a real high with a magical Christmas trip on the Polar Express experience, which brought lots of excitement, smiles and festive cheer. It was a fantastic way to celebrate all of their efforts and mark the start of the Christmas season.

**Linden** have been very busy this half term! We successfully completed our mock exams, and some pupils also took part in their art exams, showing great focus and determination. As part of our Duke of Edinburgh activities, we have enjoyed ice skating, MMA and golf, developing teamwork, resilience and new skills. We also put our creativity to good use by making bath bombs for our stall at The Chaigeley Christmas Markets, which was a complete sell-out! Well done to Class Linden for a fantastic half term full of hard work, achievements and memorable experiences.

### **English**

Lots of hard work has taken place in English this term across the school. In Key Stage 3, pupils have completed a topic on fantasy fiction, studying Coraline to develop their reading skills and explore descriptive writing. They have shown creativity and growing confidence in understanding texts and using language effectively.

In Key Stage 4, students have been busy developing the skills needed for GCSE success. They have studied A Christmas Carol in preparation for the Literature exam and worked hard on transactional reading and writing skills for the Language paper. It has been a successful term all round, and we are very proud of the effort and progress pupils have made.



# Dear Parents, Guardians and Father Christmas/Santa,

Has your little elf asked for an e-scooter or e-bike for Christmas? The following is basic information on where e-bikes and e-scooters can be used within the law.

We want to make sure your Christmas presents end up in a pile like this...



...and not this



	E-Scooter * Any scooter	E-Bike (pedals)	E-motorbike (no pedals)
What is it?	powered by a battery. No *	A bicycle powered by a 250w max battery with pedals to propel (15.5mph)	A battery powered motorbike, moped or bike with no pedals to propel.
Under 16 in public	No *	14+ only	No
In a public area	Yes	Yes, if compliant	Yes if taxed and insured
On private land - with the landowners permission		Yes	Yes
Can I use it on cycle paths?	No	Yes	No
Can I use it on the pavement?	No *	No	No
Can I use it on the road?	No	Yes	Yes
Is there a safety risk?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is there a fire risk?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Would it be seized?	Yes *	Yes, if not compliant	Yes if not taxed and insured
What can I get instead that is legal for public use?	Commuter or stunt scooter. These can be used in public areas such as parks, skate parks and pump tracks.	Consider a mountain bike. A great way to commute, offering independence and exercise, use in forests and on pump tracks. Always wear safety equipment and use a bike lock.	Age dependent, if over 14 then look at an e-bike, following our guidance and doing your own research. Head to a local private track for more information
Where can I use the legal scooter or bike?	Search for pump tracks to test your skill levels and look at skills training.	Local councils offer information online for the area and clubs for mountain biking and BMX.	Motorcross Clubs.

\*This does not include rental scheme e-scooters which are insured to be used by riders over 16 with a license. Refer to scheme

No one wants to seize anyone's presents!



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**Stay safe and legal**

