Chaigeley School
Realising Potential

THE CHAIGELEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

The school's iSHARE values:

Independence | Self-Regulation | Honesty | Acceptance | Relationships | Emotional Intelligence

The Halloween Edition 22.10.2026

Lavender and Linden's Pumpkin Picking Adventures!



Despite the rain, Lavender Class had a fantastic trip to The Hayloft this week to pick their very own pumpkins! The children enjoyed exploring the pumpkin patch and choosing their pumpkins, making the most of their autumn adventure whatever the weather.

Afterwards, they had the chance to visit the animals before heading to the café for a well-deserved treat. And what better way to warm up after a rainy day than with a deluxe hot chocolate each! Well done, Lavender Class, for making the most of the day despite the rain!



Pumpkin Decorating

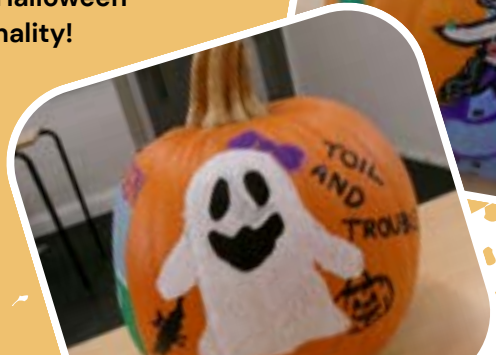


Linden Class also got into the Halloween spirit with a fantastic pumpkin-picking adventure! The children enjoyed choosing their own pumpkins before bringing them back to class for some spooky seasonal creativity.

Back in the classroom, the pumpkins were transformed with lots of imagination and creativity as the children decorated their own unique designs. From fun and colourful creations to spooky Halloween masterpieces, every pumpkin had its own personality!



It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season, develop creative skills and enjoy some hands-on learning together. Well done, Linden Class, for creating such a fabulous collection of pumpkins!



Spooky Science

This week, our pupils got hands-on in Science as they explored the fascinating world of organ dissection! The practical session gave pupils the opportunity to investigate real organs, examine their structures and discover more about how the body works.

From observing different tissues to identifying key features, pupils were able to bring their classroom learning to life through this exciting, hands-on experience.

The session encouraged curiosity, scientific thinking, giving pupils the chance to ask questions, make discoveries and develop a deeper understanding of human and animal biology.

THINGS GOT COLOURFUL IN SCIENCE AS OUR PUPILS EXPLORED THE FASCINATING WORLD OF FLAME TESTS!

From fiery reds to brilliant greens and purples, each substance had its own colourful surprise! The experiment showed how scientists can identify certain metals by the colour they produce when heated. Who knew chemistry could be so explosive with colour?
A fantastic way to bring science to life and a little sparkle to our learning!

By heating different metal salts in a flame, pupils watched as the chemicals produced a spectacular range of colours, just like the dazzling displays in a firework show.

Creepy Crawly Creations



This week, Lilac Class got creative during their outdoor learning sessions, building their very own bug hotels to give our tiny wildlife friends a spooky-season shelter. Braxten C, Braxton P and Max R did a fantastic job using their imagination and the natural resources provided to create their wonderful wildlife hideaways.



While busy building, they also explored why minibeasts need shelter as the seasons change and discussed which creepy crawlies and other little creatures might come to stay. From beetles and spiders to ladybirds and woodlice, who knows what tiny visitors might check in for the autumn and winter? Braxton P even gave his creation its very own name — The Buzz Hotel!



A huge well done to all three pupils for their creativity, brilliant ideas and thoughtful discussions. With their bug hotels ready to welcome some little guests, our nature garden is becoming a haven for wildlife, one creepy crawly at a time!

STUDENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

There will be an election on the

6th November,

for the new student governor from Lower School.

We have one spot available on the Student Governors.
The election is to decide who gets the spot.

There are 5 candidates, they are:

- Aubrie
- Oliver H
- Braxten C
- Jacob
- Isabelle

The pupils from Lower School will cast their votes on **Friday 6th November.**

The successful candidate will be announced on **Monday 9th November.**

The Legend of Rachel Chaigeley

Our school house has stood in this very spot since 1775, witnessing centuries of history. From the families who once called it home to the soldiers who occupied it during wartime, and finally its life as a school from 1946, countless people have passed through its doors. But legend has it that one former resident never truly left...

Long ago, in the 1800s, Rachel was said to be a young servant girl who had fallen in love with the owner of the house. But her story came to a tragic end when, one dark winter's evening, she was mysteriously run over by a horse and carriage on the estate's long driveway.

On that fateful night, as daylight faded and the trees cast long, twisting shadows across the gravel, something spooked a horse pulling a carriage. It bolted wildly down the driveway, its iron wheels rattling and its hooves thundering through the darkness...Rachel never escaped its path.

Now affectionately known as Rachel Chaigeley, some say that, from that terrible night onwards, her spirit became trapped between the house and the driveway, forever walking the route she once loved. Over the years, strange tales have emerged from the grounds of Chaigeley. Some claim to have seen a mysterious figure standing in the upper windows of the main house, gazing down towards the driveway below. A pale face behind the glass? A shadow moving from one window to another? And when someone looks again... nothing. Just dark, empty windows staring back.

Staff who have stayed late at Chaigeley tell other strange tales, too of flickering lights, unexplained footsteps and doors that slowly swing open when nobody is nearby. There are whispers of odd bumps and scrapes in empty rooms. Old buildings do make strange noises, but what about the reports of carriage wheels rattling over the gravel long after everyone has gone home? Is it simply an old building creaking and groaning?
Perhaps we'll never know.

But next time you're walking past the main house, spare a glance at those upper windows. If you spot a shadow watching from behind the glass, don't assume it's just a trick of the light...and whatever you do...

FIRST EVER INTER SCHOOL ESPORTS TOURNAMENT



This week, Chaigeley School made history by hosting the first ever inter-school Esports Tournament! We were delighted to welcome pupils from Oakland SEND Youth Provision for an exciting Rocket League competition.

The Chaigeley Wolves Esports Team entered three teams, giving students the opportunity to put their skills into practice and proudly showcase their new Esports shirts. Meanwhile, the visiting teams arrived determined to make history by becoming the first champions and taking home the trophy.

After an exciting morning of competition, the standings revealed a tie for first place between Chaigeley Wolves 1 and Oaklands' Black Widows. To decide the overall winner, a thrilling final match was arranged.
Chaigeley started strongly, scoring early and quickly building an impressive 4-0 lead. However, the Black Widows refused to give up. The visitors fought back brilliantly, scoring two quick goals before adding a third with just 10 seconds remaining on the clock.
Those final 10 seconds felt more like 10 minutes as the Wolves defended wave after wave of attacking pressure.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO LEVEL UP AGAIN!



The crowd watched nervously as Oaklands launched one last attack, but Chaigeley stood firm.

When the final whistle blew, the Chaigeley Wolves had held on to secure the victory and be crowned the inaugural Esports champions.
A huge thank you to Oakland SEND Youth Provision and everyone who helped make this landmark event such a success!
This is just the beginning for Chaigeley Esports!

Busy Bees in Lilac Class

Lilac Class have had a busy and exciting couple of weeks! From creative engineering to autumn adventures, our pupils have been learning, exploring and putting their imaginations to work.

The children have been busy designing and building models of machines that can lift, push and rotate, using their teamwork skills and knowledge of forces and mechanisms from this half term.

Well done, Lilac Class, for another fantastic couple of weeks filled with creativity, curiosity and teamwork!

Amazing COSTUMES

worn by our children and staff today!



SCHOOL Menu

WEEK BEGINNING
2ND NOVEMBER

All Homemade fresh on the day

Monday

Honey mustard chicken with green veg and buttery mash
Cottage Pie & crusty bread
Jacket Potato
Chocolate Cake and Custard

Tuesday

Salt & Pepper Chicken
Sweet and Sour Chicken
Egg Fried Rice
Jacket Potato
White Chocolate Biscuit

Wednesday

Pannini with a choice of filling
Soup of the day
Ice Lolly

Thursday

Curry Club!
A choice of two curries from Misty Ricardo's award winning book
*Vegetarian Options Available
Biscuits

Friday

Chicken Chunks or Fish and Chips with any combination of mushy peas,beans,gravy or curry sauce
Apple Crumble and Custard

COMMUNITY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

October Half Term Holiday Activity!

ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers



Join ADDvanced Solutions Community Network for PUMPKIN PICKING!!

For neurodiverse families to enjoy!

Booking is Essential

WEDNESDAY

28TH OCTOBER
10.30AM - 2:30PM

Hayloft Farm and Pumpkin Picking
Sandy Lane, Bold, Widnes, Cheshire. WA8 3XP

Join us for a fun day in Halloween fancy dress (optional) Pumpkin picking for your upcoming spooky weekend.

Explore the small petting farm and enjoy your picnic and have fun in the play area.

Booking is essential

To request your place please contact the office on Info@addvancedsolutions.co.uk

or call our office: 01925 320863

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY PACK

from the Trans Pennine Trail

A fun, family-friendly activity pack for children to enjoy during the **October half term!**

- Outdoor challenges
- Crafts
- Puzzles and colouring
- Spooky treats, jokes and a TPT adventure story

Join Mandy Mole, Hannah the Horse, Bob the Badger and their friends for lots of autumn and Halloween fun, with activities that help children stay active, creative and connected with nature.

Suitable for Key Stage 1 and 2!

You can download the activity pack from the Trans Pennine Trail Children's Page at:

www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/

Families can also download local route leaflets from:

www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/tpt-leaflets/

School Returns on 2nd November!

Autumn / Halloween Edition Kids Activity Pack

Packed full of family friendly fun activities and challenges for everyone!



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