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Autumn Term Diary Dates	
Mon 2nd Nov	School opens at 8.50am
Tues 10th Nov	Parents Evenings 3.30 – 6.30pm
Wed 11th Nov	
Wed 18th Nov	2SB assembly
Fri 20th Nov	School Closed - INSET Day
Mon 23rd Nov	2AA visit Manchester
Tue 24th Nov	2FM visit Manchester
Wed 25th Nov	2SB visit Manchester
Wed 25th Nov	6RA assembly
Thurs 26th Nov	PTA Wreath making
Wed 2nd Dec	5SW assembly
Mon 7th Dec	PTA Winter Event
Wed 9th Dec	Y5 at Jodrell Bank
Wed 17th Dec	Parties
Thurs 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch

Christmas Assemblies:

Times to be confirmed in December

Tues 8th Dec	Y1/2 Christmas assembly am/pm
Wed 9th Dec	Nursery Christmas assembly am
Thurs 10th Dec	Reception Christmas assembly am
Tues 15th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas assembly am/pm
Thurs 17th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas assembly am/pm

Harvest

Our annual Harvest collection took place on Monday 14th October. Thank you for your amazing generosity! Our food bank is well and truly stocked up as is Chorlton and Didsbury's.

Jeans for Genes Day

We raised an amazing amount for this charity. Thank you so much!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan coffee afternoon was held on Friday 25th September. Thank you to all who supported it.

Road safety week

In November (17th to the 25th) we will be supporting Road Safety Week. Our assemblies during this week will look at keeping ourselves safe when crossing the road.

PTA

Upcoming Events:

WREATH MAKING

Thursday 26th November 7-9pm at school. Keep an eye out for tickets as it sells out quick!

FESTIVE FUN EVENING

Monday 7th of December 5-6.30pm. Festive fun for all the family! Tickets to go on sale soon.

How to find out more: Follow the PTA on Facebook or Instagram or use the link below to join the WhatsApp PTA community.

https://chat.whatsapp.com/FxMAKUjilNxLWCJjif-DAmy

The PTA is looking for a new Chair…



Email **head@chorltonpark.manchester.sch.uk**



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Parents Evenings

These will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November. This is an opportunity to chat to your child's class teacher and discuss targets for the year ahead. Please book your appointment online.

EYFS Open Evening

We held an Open Evening on Wednesday 21st October for parents whose children are applying for either Reception or Nursery places in September 2027. The drop-in session was an opportunity to visit the Early Years building and meet the staff. Some of our Year 6 children were tour guides and gave an excellent running commentary of what life is like at Chorlton Park.

After-School Club Pick Ups

To help ensure the safe collection of children from after-school clubs, we would like to remind all parents and carers of our collection procedures. When collecting your child, please park your vehicle in a carpark space and walk to the school office door. A member of staff will bring your child to you and hand them over safely. For safety reasons, we cannot allow children to walk or run to parked cars on their own.

Year 6 High School Application Deadline Saturday 31st October.

If you haven't already done so, please fill in the online admission form which you can find by following the link:
Secondary school admissions | Manchester City Council

Allergy advice

We would like to make you aware of updated allergy guidance and procedures in school designed to help keep all children safe.
Food allergies can be extremely serious, and new allergen regulations place greater emphasis on ensuring children are protected from foods that may cause an allergic reaction. As a school community, we all have a role to play in creating a safe environment for our pupils.
To support this:

- **Playtime snacks should only be fruit or vegetables.**
- **Snacks for clubs should only be fruit or vegetables.**
- **All lunchboxes must be completely nut free. This includes peanuts, tree nuts and products containing nuts.**

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe and healthy. If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements that the school should be aware of, please ensure these details are up to date with the school

Message from Mrs Chell

Thank you all so much for your very kind retirement gift to me. It was very generous and a lovely surprise!
It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with the wonderful children and families of Chorlton Park over the past 29 years – first as a teacher and then as Safeguarding Lead.
Chorlton Park Primary School will always be special to me and I want to say thank you to each and every one of you that have made it that way. I will always be proud of how hard our fantastic staff work to make this such a wonderful school to have been part of and all the fabulous children who make it such a lovely place to have worked.
I will miss you – but I'm sure that I will come back to visit. Mrs Chell ☺

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Welcome to Mrs Smith



I'm delighted to be part of Chorlton Park Primary School and have been touched by how warmly I have been welcomed by staff, students and the wider school community. It is reflective of the overarching culture within and around the school, and the values that underpin all that the school does. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome - especially at the gate each morning!

While I am new to Chorlton Park Primary, my background is in primary education, specialist education, safeguarding and SEND, having been a school senior leader, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and SENCO previously. I trust that my knowledge and experience will make the transition easier for the school in light of Mrs Chell's retirement, though I know from just a few short weeks of working with her how very valued, capable and deeply caring she is. These are big shoes to fill!

However, I don't do this alone. What is very evident at Chorlton Park Primary is how much of what we do is a team effort, and that every staff member is committed to ensuring the best care and outcomes for the children at our school. Working alongside the teaching staff, our office team, support staff and our wider wellbeing team, I am here to support our pupils and their families in every way we can.

Though my title is Designated Safeguarding Lead, my role is to promote and support the holistic wellbeing, safety and health of all our pupils, working with my school colleagues, parents / carers and external agencies to do this. A current area of focus for our school community is around digital wellbeing and online safety, and you will hear more from me on this as the school year progresses.

In the meantime, I can be contacted via the main school office – or with a quick word at the gate in the morning – if there is anything you'd like to discuss or need support with. My email address ksmith@chorltonpark.manchester.sch.uk can also be used to get in touch.

I look forward to working with you.
Mrs. Kathryn Smith, Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Free Breakfast!

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the October half term holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too. Children and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

The October holiday offer will be available from **12th October to 1st November** across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide.

Get Ready to Work!

Looking for work, thinking about a career change, or simply want to feel more confident about your next steps? Apply for a free two-day prep for work courses with Manchester Adult Education or attend their weekly job-search drops in. You can:

- Build confidence by identifying your skills, strengths and experience.
- Create or improve your CV and complete job applications.



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- Practise interview skills and understand what employers are looking for.
- Receive friendly, one-to-one support at job-search drop-ins in local centres.
- Get help finding vacancies, applying online and planning your next steps towards work.

More Information:

Preparation for Work – Manchester Adult Education

Email maes.admissions@manchester.gov.uk

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