

# The Chorus Schools Federation

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## This Week....

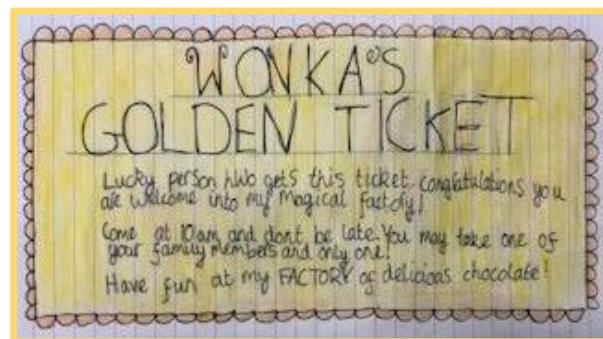
**Hedgehogs** enjoyed a visit to Wiggery Woods on a bright and frosty morning. Mr Cooper met with us and spoke about the importance of feeding the birds during the cold weather when their usual sources of food are less abundant. He invited us to help him with his morning jobs, showing the children a bucket filled with wheat which had been grown and harvested on the farm and which was to be sprinkled on the ground for the birds to eat.



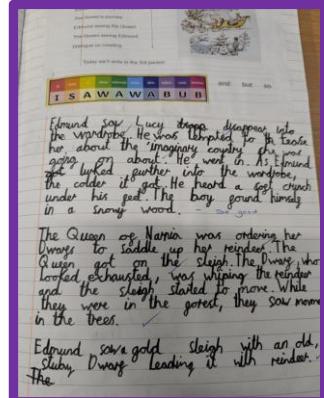
**Badgers** spent time thinking about what would be behind their own 2026 door after Monday's assembly. They thought carefully about new things they would like to try, set themselves new goals and also reflected on what they could do to be even better this year. We really love how our doors turned out and are hoping to put them up in the Hall!



**Squirrels** have been enjoying their class text of Charlie and the chocolate factory. They have been having a go at writing in the style of Mr Wonka and creating their own golden tickets. The results of this have been impressive and the children have worked hard to make their tickets appealing!



**Muntjacs** were set the task of researching Polar biomes. We have just begun, but the aim is to present findings in an interesting layout. In literacy we wrote dual narratives. The class did a great job of moving from one character to the other.



- 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Half Term
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Muntjac Class PGL  
Residential Trip
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar-Hedgehog parents to lunch
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar- Badgers parents to lunch
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Mar- Squirrels parents to lunch
- Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Hedgehogs Boydell's Farm  
(more info to follow)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mar – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Easter Holidays
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Spring Term Starts
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Apr  
Nation Offers Day Reception Year 2026
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Bank Holiday
- **Yr5 Swimming dates-**  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Mar
- **Yr5 Forest School-**  
21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Mar
- **Hedgehogs Forest School-**  
28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

Save  
the  
Date





## Star of the week – Headteachers Award!

Betsy in Hedgehogs for excellent contributions in maths lessons this week and using the sentence stems independently to identify the whole and a part.

Ollie in Badgers for his superb efforts with his handwriting this week!

Finley in Squirrels for working hard in English and producing a fabulous golden ticket.

Josh in Muntjac for the all-round progress he is making in his reading and writing.

### Team Dandelion - Parent Support Hub

Team Dandelion is a group of parents and carers who have lived the SEND journey. They are passionate about supporting families who need guidance, advice or simply a listening ear, and of course a cup of tea! All parents are welcome to come along to the coffee mornings to learn more about your child's neurodivergent needs.



Support from professionals, parents and carers with lived experiences

## COFFEE AFTERNOON

THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL  
HALSTEAD CO9 2LD  
1.00-2.30PM

Join with other parents to learn more about your child's neurodivergent needs. We support families with fostered, SGO and adopted children too.

For more information, please call Suzanne on: 07930372219

### Don't Let Your Child Miss Out on School Lunch!

A reminder to ensure you top up the meals section of your Compass account over the weekend if needed, so your child can order a school meal on Monday.



### After School Clubs

After school clubs will start again on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. We have sent out registration on Compass, so please go into your Compass app to choose which club you would like your child to go to.



### School footwear reminder

Just a reminder that children are required to ensure they have appropriate footwear when entering school. Children are expected to wear black smart shoes for both boys and girls. Welly Boots are fine to walk to school if the weather is bad enough to need them, but parents must ensure that their child has their school shoes bought in with them to change in to at school. Wellies can be very messy when children walk around the classroom and our cleaner Mrs Mestre works very hard to ensure the classroom are spotless for the start of each day. Thank you for your understanding.



## Coming Up...

- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – Environmental Science for year 5
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan- Yr5 Forest School
- Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan- Yr5 Swimming

Yours faithfully,



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