



# Chowbent Primary School Newsletter March 2026

## Meet our new Parent Governor!

We are very excited to announce our new Parent Governor, **Matthew Campbell**.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to vote and return their ballots to school — your involvement and support are greatly appreciated. We look forward to working together and continuing to strengthen our school community!

Here is something our Parent Governor wanted to say:

"Dear all at Chowbent,

It is a privilege to have been elected as a Parent Governor. I hope to contribute my background in the arts, health and fitness, and business, and I look forward to working alongside and learning from fellow governors and members of staff.

I am committed to representing the interests of Chowbent families. Although this is my first such appointment, I will undertake the role with enthusiasm, integrity, and an impartial perspective.

Kind regards

Matthew"

## Some exciting news regarding our school site!

We are pleased to hear that Miss Anderton, working alongside the School Council, have been successful in their funding bid with The Royal Horticultural Society and National Education Park. Last week we heard that school had been approved for funding of £5,000 to spend on biodiversity enhancements around the school site.

The money will be spent on fieldwork equipment, gardening resources and specialist support to help us create a wildlife pond and other habitats!

We have also found out that we have been successful in being awarded £1000 from the Atherton Fund to help develop the schools outdoor areas. A big thank you to Mrs Heapy, our Chair of Governors, who helped to put this bid together. We are really excited with our future plans and look forward to sharing them with you all soon!

If you think you may be able to help us improve our school site in any way, please contact the school office. If you have any compost, plant pots or bedding plants then we would greatly appreciate them.





## Important Messages...

### Year 6 and Reception Whole Class Photos – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

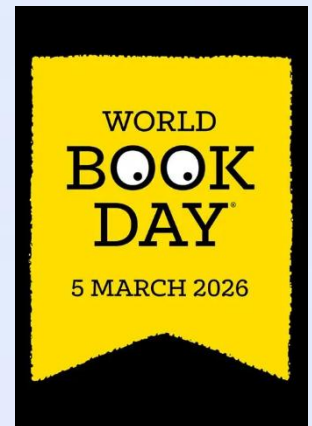
We will be having class photos on Tuesday 10th March for Year 6 and Reception. Please ensure your child is in **full school uniform** and arrives promptly, ready to start at 9:00am after morning register.

### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day, pupils are kindly asked to bring their favourite book to school and wear an outfit or costume inspired by a character from that book.

This can be as simple or as creative as they like. For example, a pupil bringing a fantasy book might dress as a wizard or magical character from the story. The aim of the day is to **celebrate a love of reading and to encourage children to share and talk about books they enjoy.**

**We look forward to seeing a wonderful range of characters and stories brought to life throughout the day!**



## School Trips for March

### Smithills Farm Trip – Year 1 & Year 2 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

- The coach will leave shortly after **9:00am** and return before the end of the school day. Please arrange collection at **3:15pm**. If you require wraparound care, book directly with Active Future as usual.
- Children should wear P.E. kit with suitable outdoor footwear (e.g. old trainers) and bring a weather-appropriate coat.
- **Please return consent forms and make payment by Thursday 12th March.**
- To order a school packed lunch, please use the dedicated menu on School Hub by **Friday 20th March**. Alternatively, children may bring a named packed lunch from home (no fizzy drinks or sweets). Please send a disposable water bottle where possible.

### Deva Roman Experience – Year 3 & Year 4 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

- The coach will leave shortly after **9:00am** following registration.
- The coach will depart Chester at 2:30pm and **is expected back at school at approximately 4:00pm** (traffic permitting). Any delays will be communicated via Class Dojo, so please check the app on the day.
- If wraparound care is required, please book directly with Active Future as usual.
- **Please return all consent forms and payments by Friday 13th March.**
- Children must wear full school uniform and bring a coat, as we will be outdoors for much of the day.
- School packed lunches should be ordered via the School Hub by **Monday 23rd March**. Alternatively, children may bring a healthy packed lunch in a named carrier bag (no fizzy drinks or sweets). Please send a disposable water bottle if possible.



## Celebrate 'Her' Bracelet Workshop – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Our lovely PTA staff are holding a special bracelet- making workshop for our children so they can celebrate the important women in their lives ahead of Mother's Day. The workshop will take place during the school day and children will be able to come and have the opportunity to create a beautiful bracelet for their Mums, Grandmas, Aunties, Sisters, Guardians and Carers.

Thanks to all who have signed their children up for this – it has proved to be a very popular event taking place in school!

Please check social media and Dojo for photos!

## School Spring Disco Coming Soon!

We are very excited to be hosting our Spring Disco! This will take place on **Wednesday 1st April 2026**

No cash payments — School Hub only please!

£5 per child

Each child will receive a hot dog, drink, sweets and a glow stick.

**All allergies will be catered for.**

### Reception & KS1: 3:20 – 4:15pm

- Children should bring a change of clothes to school
- Collection from the hall doors at 4:15pm (breakfast club entrance)
- Children may attend afterschool club afterwards if they wish. Please book with Active Future as normal procedure if you need to.

### KS2: 4:15 – 5:30pm

- Children should return to school in their disco clothes
- Drop off at the school office
- Collection from the hall doors (breakfast club entrance)
- Children may attend afterschool club beforehand and get ready there if they wish.

Closing date to book: **Wednesday 25th March 2026**

No bookings or payments will be accepted after this date.

Any questions, please ask the School Office and we can advise!



## Easter Service – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Chowbent Chapel

Another one for your diaries!

The children will be taking part in an Easter service at Chowbent Chapel. They will be singing songs and selected students will be doing readings.

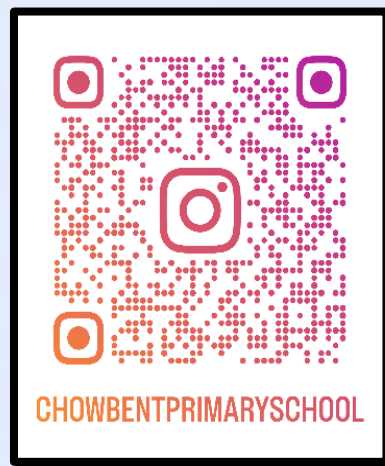
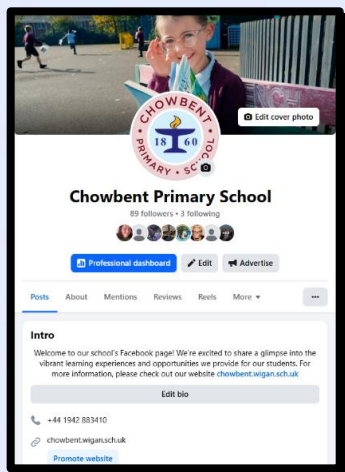
The service will take place at approximately 9:15am. Further details will be shared soon.



## Dates for your diaries...

### Forthcoming events, trips and booster classes.

Year	Date	Further Information
Whole School	Mondays	Mrs Taylor's Singing Group – for the registered children
	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Reception	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole Class Photo
Year 1	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Smithill's Farm Trip
Year 2	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Smithill's Farm Trip
Year 3	Mondays	Arithmetic Booster with Mrs Dunsby-Hughes 2 <sup>nd</sup> March-30 <sup>th</sup> March for selected students
	Wednesdays	Swimming Lessons
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Deva Roman Experience. ETA 4pm
Year 4	Wednesdays	Swimming Lessons
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Deva Roman Experience. ETA 4pm
Year 5	Mondays	ATSA Football – for the football squad only.
Year 6	Mondays	Maths Booster with Mrs Dolan 3pm-4pm until Easter for anyone who wants to attend
	Mondays	ATSA Football – for the football squad only.
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole Class Photo



Please make sure you follow our **Facebook and Instagram** pages to stay up to date with everything happening in school. We regularly share photos and highlights from the fun activities and experiences our students enjoy — we'd love for you to see what they've been getting up to!

### Active Futures Wrap Around

If you wish for your child to move into Active Future's Provision once an after-school club has finished or at the end of the school day, you will need to book this with Active Future directly.

This must be booked 72 hours in advance e.g. Friday is the last day to book for the following Monday.

#### Contact details for Active Future:

Sam Henley 07868778133

afwarrington1@gmail.com

<https://eequ.org/book/chowbent-wrap-around-with-af-wrap-around-20908>



**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES THAT ACTIVE FUTURE ARE NOT RUNNING AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY BEFORE TERM – THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL.**

**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL AT THE USUAL TIME 3:15/3:20PM**

### School Council Cake Sale Fundraiser

The School Council will be arranging a fundraising activity to take place during the KS2 performances in early July. Further details will be shared in due course.

#### Contact us

01942 883140

@enquiries@admin.chowbent.wigan.sch.uk

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#### Chowbent Champs

Chowbent Champ celebration assemblies takes place every 2 weeks with Reception & KS1 on a Thursday and KS2 on a Tuesday.

If your child is selected, an invitation will be sent home in their bag on the Friday prior. We kindly ask that you check your child's bag daily.





### School Meals Reminder!

It is important that all meals are ordered in advance via the School Hub, to ensure that the kitchen have suitable meals & choices available. Meals can be ordered up to 3 weeks in advance. The School Menu can be seen on the School Hub and meals must be ordered by Parents & Guardians by **9:30am at the latest** each day. Thank you for your support.

### Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from School, **you must phone school before 9:00am.**

Press Option 1 for the absence line and leave a voicemail confirming your **child's name, class, reason for absence and duration they are going to be off for.**

Where we don't receive a message, a member of our office team are required to contact you. Where we still don't receive a response, absences will be categorised as unauthorised.

**To report a holiday** during term time, please send an email with full details to [enquiries@admin.chowbent.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.chowbent.wigan.sch.uk) or complete the Leave of Absence Form located in the school office.

#### Please note:

If your child has diarrhoea or has been vomiting, they must remain at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

If your child has a rash or a skin infection such as chickenpox, they must remain at home for a minimum of five days from when the rash first appeared and until all blisters have fully crusted over.

### Water Bottles

We have received several enquiries regarding water bottles. If your child requires a water bottle, these can be purchased via the School Hub for £2 and collected from the school office.

### Breakfast Club

Bookings for our breakfast club (operated by school) can be made through the School Hub.

Places must be booked 72 hours in advance e.g. Friday is the last day to book for the following Monday. Breakfast Club is limited to 30 spaces each morning, so we recommend that you book in advance to avoid any disappointment.

### Appointments during the School Day

Medical appointments should be made for a time after school to minimise disruptions in class. If this is unavoidable, please can you make sure it is made over the lunch time period. Please ensure you pick your child up **before** their lunch time starts and be back before 1pm. This means that they won't miss out on key learning time.

**Proof of appointment e.g. letter or text will be required.**

**We hope that this newsletter is helpful to parents and carers for the month ahead; please be aware that should any changes arise during the month, you will be notified promptly via ClassDojo's school or class story.**