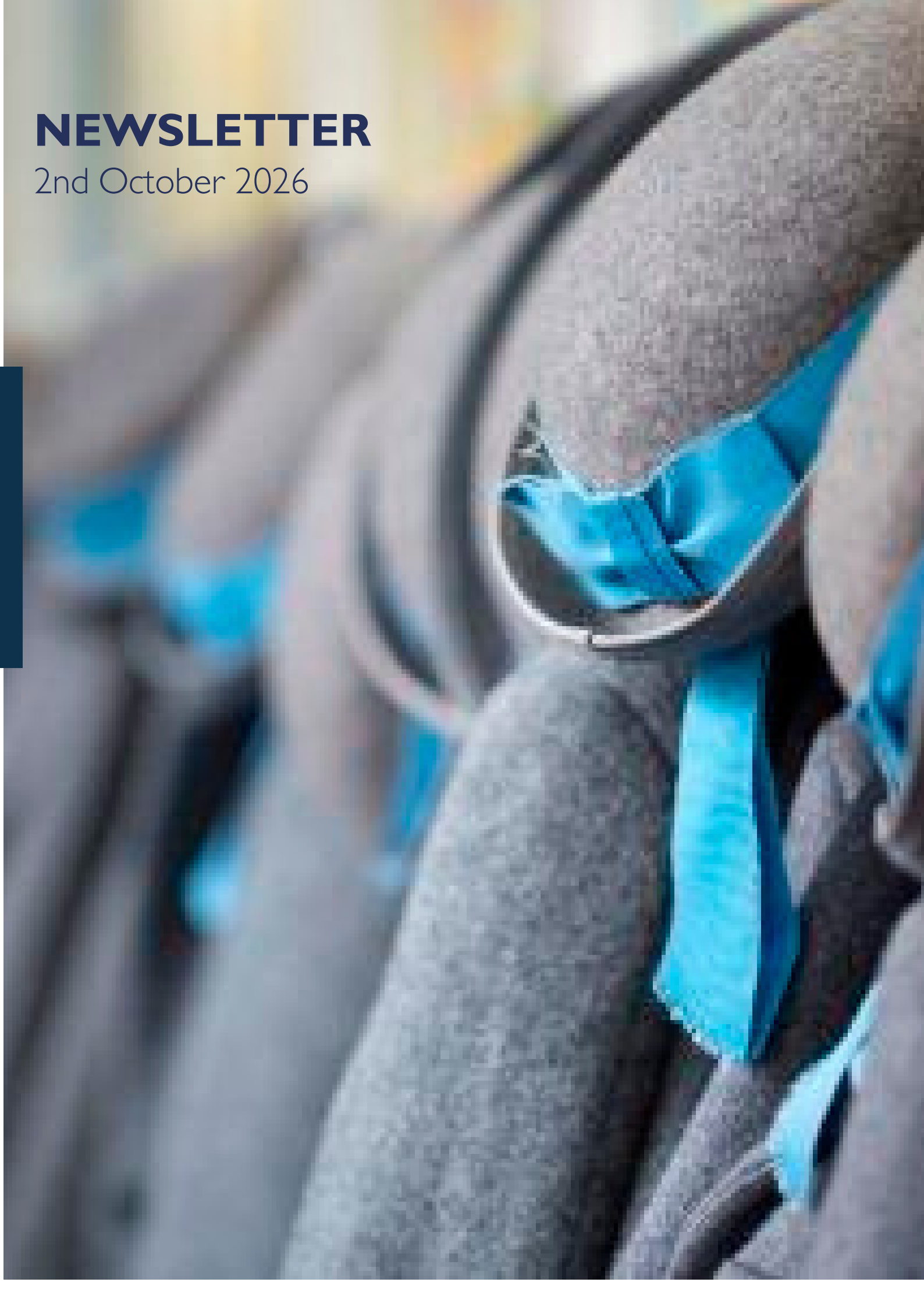




NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2026

Message from the Head

Another busy week across the school! From fantastic sports fixtures on the pitches to a bustling Open Morning today, there has been so much to celebrate.

Our Languages Exhibition is a wonderful display of the girls' hard work and flair for Geography, History, Art and Languages. If you were unable to visit yesterday, you are warmly invited to drop by and explore the exhibition tomorrow.

Our Form VI girls were absolute superstars, leading exceptional tours for our prospective families. Visitors consistently commented on how happy, confident, and friendly all the girls were throughout the school—they truly are our best advert! We look forward to welcoming more families and seeing many of you again tomorrow morning for the second Open Day; thank you for lending us your daughters for the morning!

This week, parents and staff attended an incredibly informative—and, admittedly, slightly terrifying—talk on the impact of growing up in the age of social media. Two takeaways particularly stood out:

- The alarming correlation shown on the graph between the early age a child is given access to a smartphone and the negative impact on their long-term mental health.
- The staggering statistic that the average teenager is projected to spend 14.3 years of their lifetime accessing social media.

In light of these growing concerns, Charlotte House Prep will be aligning with Berkhamsted School's policy on smartphones. While we already prohibit phones within the school building—requiring girls who walk to school with a phone to hand it into the office upon arrival—we want to reinforce our commitment to safeguarding childhood. Furthermore, our teaching staff continually ensure a healthy, balanced approach between digital learning and traditional classroom experiences.

Have a great weekend!



Message from the Head Girl

I hope that everyone has had a good week and years three and four had an amazing time at the Science Museum last Friday, I'm sure it was great fun and interesting. Thursday was national poetry day, and in honour of it, I here is an acrostic poem for Charlotte House!

Cheerful voices fill the bright and sunny halls,
Helping every student grow inside these walls.
Always learning new ideas day by day,
Reading books and sharing knowledge on the way.
Listening to teachers who have a patient mind,
Opening up doors to leave a mark behind.
Thriving in our lessons, working hard and true,
Taking every chance to try something new.
Every single friend is valued in our space,

Happy smiles are waiting in a special place.
Outstanding achievements earned with pride and grace,
Uniting as a family in our school embrace.
Standing strong together for a future bright,
Excel in our journey, shining clear and light.

Now for the answers of the riddles last week,

1.The horse's name is Friday.

2.Age

3.Yesterday, today, tomorrow.

Well done if you got those right!

Message from the Sports Captain



On Wednesday 30th September, V & VI competed in a football match against Westbrook Hay School, we all did extremely well. There were four teams, I am very proud of all of you and an extra well done to Octavia and Ruhi for stepping up to play with Form VI and the red team made up of Anya, myself, Rose, Amelia and Charlotte for winning our match 4-0.

The afternoon had a lot of determination, encouragement and big smiles throughout the matches. By the end of the day, we were really tired but luckily we got to have a rest and have some match tea.

I am happy to say all our hard work during practice paid off, we did an amazing job!

Following this, on the 1st October Form IV competed in a football match, there were three teams blue, white and red. I am glad to say that Form IV persevered through the entire match, no matter how tough it was.

Extremely well done to the blue team for winning their match by a whooping 8-1. Excellent work Form IV.



Message from the Swimming Captain

On Tuesday 29th September, Form IV, V & VI competed in a friendly swimming fixture against Abbot's Hill.

We all tried our best and had fun. A special well done to Georgina and Shreeya for swimming against Year 5s in their first swimming gala.

The Saquadron race at the end was very exciting as every girl in the squad had to take part, a few even swam twice!

I hope you all had a great time and I can't wait for our next swimming gala in two weeks.

Merit Badge

This week's merit is for being kind.
Congratulations to the following girls:

Nursery	Milani
Reception	Georgina
Form I	Amaya
Form II	Arabella
Form III	Elisa
Form IV	Zoya
Form V	Ruhi
Form VI	Amelia

HOUSEPOINTS

COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES

Goldfinches	93
Kingfishers	105
Robins	90
Woodpeckers	99



Kingfishers



EXCELLENCE BOOK

Nursery

Name	Maths	Kindness	Positive Attitude	Topic	Total
Leah	2				2
Milani		1			1
Advika			1		1
Viyda				1	1

Reception

Name	Computing	Perseverance	Maths	TOTAL
Kiara	1			1
Annika		1		1
Mariyah			1	1

Name	English	PE	Independence	Maths	Languages	Colouring	TOTAL
Khushi	1	1					2
Simren	1	1	1				3
Amaya	2	1					3
Millie	1	1		1			3
Sophia	2	1			1		4
Soraya	4	1					5
Miarella	2	1					3
Lola	1	1				1	3
Riya	1	1		1			3
Harper	3	1					4

EXCELLENCE BOOK

Form II

Name	Science	Topic	TOTAL
Sadie	1		1
Bella	1		1
Josie	1		1
Autumn	1		1
Aaradhya		1	1
Thea		1	1

Form III

Name	Spelling	English	History	TOTAL
Arisha	1			1
Anvita	1	1		2
Vani		1	1	2
Nyra		1		1

EXCELLENCE BOOK

Form IV

Name	RE	English	Maths	TOTAL
Kitty	1		1	2
Georgia		1		1
Shailee		1		1
Leah			1	1
Ivy			1	1
Asha			1	1
Shreeya			1	1
Sophie			1	1

EXCELLENCE BOOK

Form V

Name	English	Maths	TOTAL
Elsie	1		1
Octavia	1	1	2
Avni	1	1	2
Rheya	1		1

Form VI

Name	English	RE	PE	Maths	TOTAL
Maria	1				1
Amelia		1			1
Simran			1		1
Annabel			1		1
Anya			1		1
Dulcie			1		1
Lola				1	1

Out of School Achievements

Happy Birthday

Elisa
Milani
Arabella

Ivy
Charlotte
Leah M
Vani
Aaradhya
Leah P
Anyia
Rose



LETTERS & EMAILS SENT THIS WEEK

Cauliflower Cards

7 Oct V & VI Netball
vs Heatherton Hse

Form VI Secondary
School References

7 OCT Parking
instructions - V & VI
Netball

6 OCT Harvest
Festival

PTA REMINDERS

Pantomime Trip

We are organising the annual pantomime trip to watch Peter Pan at the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth on Thursday 10th December at 2pm.

Every year it is always a really nice, family event which girls of all year groups really enjoy. Join us to celebrate the festive season and help us to raise funds for our PTA. Tickets are £18 (a significant saving from attending other showings) and are available from *Charlotte House PTA. Please buy your tickets by Sunday 4th October so that we can secure these tickets at these favourable rates.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Inter-House Cross Country 2026

Please see below the dates when your daughter's class will be going to Merchant Taylors to complete the Cross-Country run.

Date	Form	Leave	Start	Return
Thurs 8th Oct	Form V/VI	2.35pm	3pm	3.35pm
Fri 9th Oct	Form III	1.35pm	2pm	2.35pm
Tues 13th Oct	Form IV	2.35pm	3pm	3.35pm

For these events the girls need to have their house tops, shorts and trainers. If it is wet, they may wish to bring football boots to wear, if they have some, and we would advise bringing a carrier bag or two to put any muddy trainers/clothes in.

Many Thanks

Mrs C Britton
Director of Sport



DATE	EVENT	NOTES
Tuesday 6th	Harvest Festival	Donations to be sent in on Monday 5 th or Tuesday 6th
Wednesday 7th	Individual & sibling photos	
Wednesday 7th	In-person Form Tutor Evening	
Friday 9th	Books home	
Monday 12th	Cauliflower cards - Deadline for orders	
Tuesday 13 th	Cauliflower Cards artwork to be returned today	



Even Mrs Gillam has been inspired by
Poetry Day this week!

Empty Your Bag!

Girls, girls, before you play,
Empty your school bags every day!

Check every pocket, front and back,
Don't leave a letter in your pack!

So before bedtime check your bag —
Then Mrs Gillam won't have to nag!

We will be running our autumn half-term chess camp at Habs Boys School from Weds. 28 to Friday 30 October.

Reduced early-booking prices are available for all bookings made before 10 October, including three full days for £155 instead of £180.



The camp is suitable for children of all levels, from complete beginners to experienced tournament players. Children will be grouped according to their age and playing strength.

Each day will include:

- Coaching and structured chess activities
- ECF-rated tournament games
- Separate support for beginners
- Fun chess games and prizes

The camp runs from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Children may attend for a half day, a full day, two days or all three days at Habs Boys School, Butterfly Lane, Elstree, WD6 3AF

Early-booking prices (all include VAT)—available before 10 October:

- Three full days: £155 instead of £180
- Two full days: £115 instead of £130
- One full day: £71.50 instead of £79
- Three half days: £100 instead of £110
- One half day: £43 instead of £47

To register, please visit: <https://www.premierchesscoaching.com/pay/>
Please select the required “Elstree Camp” option.

If you have any questions or are unsure which option would be most suitable for your child, please feel free to reply to this email.

Tomer Eden Premier Chess Coaching



Charlotte House
PTA

Pantomime Trip

Peter Pan

Thursday
10th December
★ at 2pm ★

Watersmeet Theatre,
Rickmansworth



Buy tickets here

[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chps/
index.cfm?event=event&eventld=122938](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chps/index.cfm?event=event&eventld=122938)



OCTOBER HALF-TERM PLAYBALL CAMP
St Clement Danes, Chorleywood
Tuesday 27th October | 10am–3pm | Aged 3-9 years

[BOOK NOW](#)

We're delighted to be back with a **spooktacular one-day Playball Halloween Camp** this October half-term!

Designed especially for children aged **3–9 years**, our camps combine the fun and excitement of Playball with a fantastic mix of sports, games, challenges, crafts and Halloween surprises.

Our camps are based around the fundamental sports skills introduced through the Playball programme, with our **coach-to-child ratio never exceeding 1:10**. This means our coaches can give each child plenty of individual attention, encouragement and confidence-boosting praise — helping everyone enjoy a fun, positive and active day.

Learn • Practice • Play!

Our Playball camps follow our '**Learn, Practice, Play**' philosophy, with a busy and varied programme including:

- Sports skills, games and drills
- Team-building activities and challenges Halloween-themed treasure hunt
- Halloween crafts
- **Fluorescent Fun!** – one of our favourite activities from previous camps, with colourful, glow-in-the-dark-style games and activities to add an extra splash of fun!
- Plenty of spooky surprises along the way!
- **Optional fancy dress** – come dressed as your favourite Halloween character!

Camp Details

Venue: St Clement Danes Sports Hall

Date: Tuesday 27th October **Time:** 10am–3pm **Cost:** £40 per child **Age:** 3 years+

Sibling discount: 10% available on request

A few things to know:

- Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You **don't need to be a current Playballer** to join us — everyone is welcome!
- A minimum number of children is required for the camp to run.
- Fancy dress is optional, but very much encouraged!

Please feel free to **share this email with friends and family** — we'd love to welcome lots of new faces to the Playball fun!

For further information about our Playball camps, visit: www.playballkids.com/camps

We can't wait for a day packed with **sports, spooky fun, fluorescent excitement and plenty of Playball magic!** **BOOK NOW**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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