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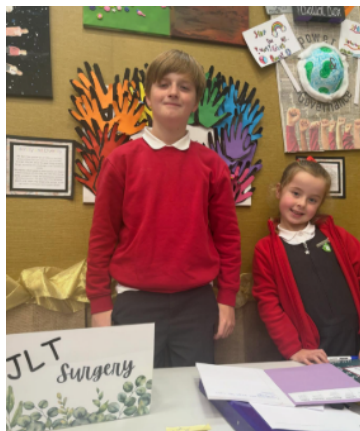
It has been a wonderfully busy and successful term here at Chattenden Primary, and we want to extend a huge thank you to all for your continued support. The incredible highlights of this term, which we are celebrating below, would not have been possible without our whole community working together. Thank you for your donations of cereal for our school breakfast club. The grand total was an amazing 192 boxes!! Year 2 donated the most and therefore have won a 'Tag Day' next term - date to follow. Please remember that Monday 5th January is an INSET day, so children will return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**. For all the latest updates and pictures of our pupils' achievements, please follow our school Instagram page. All that is left to say is, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2026!

Mrs Diddams

Termly Highlights

Pupil Voice Matters

This term, JLT have set up their very own JLT surgery at lunchtime, allowing every child across the school to voice their thoughts and opinions! The JLT have heard some fantastic ideas and are very excited to keep sharing these with staff throughout the year.



Wider Opportunities

Year 3 had a fun and festive trip to Upnor, exploring the geography of the local area and visiting St Philip and St James Church. The children really enjoyed learning about the different features of the church and seeing the recycled Christmas trees.



Upnor Church Project

The Junior Leadership Team at Chattenden Primary have proudly designed and created a Christmas tree using recycled materials for the Upnor Church Christmas Tree Festival, with a little help from Miss McCaw! The tree was displayed over the festive period and was part of the 'Carols Amongst the Trees' service; it gave the children an exciting opportunity to participate in a local community project.

Involvement in this event has been wonderful for the children. It brought together themes of activity which are so important for us in Chattenden, namely community spirit, caring for the environment, creativity and independent initiative. We've all loved watching the pupils set to work on it and deliver their tree successfully to the Festival.



Parkrun Fever at Chattenden!

This term, we've seen the exciting introduction of primary parkrun at Chattenden. Week on week, it has been a great success, with families and staff taking part and enjoying the fantastic benefits of getting active together. For anyone looking to try a bigger challenge, don't forget the main event (5k) on Saturdays at Great Lines in Gillingham, starting at 9am each week!



Christmas Performances

I wanted to share how incredibly brilliant the "Not Another Midwife Crisis" Nativity performance was this year! The children were truly outstanding. Our Year 2 took the lead and retold The Christmas Story perfectly. Year 1 students were magnificent as a multitude of angels, while our Year R students were energetic sheep. Their dedication and energy made it a festive and memorable show for everyone. Our Key Stage Two Carols were also a real highlight of the festive period, with the children singing beautifully and filling the hall with festive cheer. The enthusiasm of all the pupils was wonderful to see, and a particular favourite was the performance of "Sparkle and Shine."

Examples of Global Learning

Year 1

Year 1 focused on friendships and learnt about the iconic nurse, Mary Seacole.



Year 3

Year 3 had lots of fun being creative, recycling materials to fashion new garments, for our 'Trashion Show' in January. It will take place on **Thursday 8th January at 9am.**



Year 6

Year 6 looked at the issue of Peace and Conflict. Here is some of their fantastic art work.



Sporting Achievements

A huge congratulations to Team Chattenden for winning the Fair Play vote at the HSSP athletics.



Chattenden has successfully participated in the MYG Basketball and Hockey tournament which boosts our children's physical health, teamwork abilities, and resilience, providing them with positive role models and a sense of achievement through competitive sport. Well done our to basketball team!



WHoo Cares Community Project

WHoo Cares are volunteer teams that work in our local community with anyone over the age of 18 who needs to find connection and support to live independently. This year they teamed up with Medway Youth Service to deliver projects in schools where pupils could learn more about the area and community they live in. Over the last 6 weeks pupils in Y6 had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities in school led by Youth Workers to learn about our local area. This involved painting, arts and crafts, and cooking. The children enjoyed participating in this and next year children from Y5 will also have the opportunity to take part.

SEN Coffee Afternoons: Building Stronger Relationships and Support

Our brand new SEN coffee afternoons have provided some of our parents and carers of children with special educational needs a vital platform for mutual support, information sharing, and building stronger, collaborative relationships with school staff. Visitors from the Parent/Carer Medway have collaborated with our parents to form our very own

IRock - Chattenden Rocks!

Earlier in the new school year we were lucky enough to host an IRock assembly, where the children had the opportunity to learn how to create their own rock bands, and learn to play electric guitar, drums and keyboards. The response to signing up for this was amazing and Chattenden now has 4 rock bands made up of pupils from across the school from Reception to Y5. Our IRock band teacher Ollie comes into school every Friday, and each band continues to work hard, with pupils learning their chosen instrument. The children are learning to read music, sing and play songs, pattern, rhythm, beats and teamwork. They are building their confidence and we have our first rock concert taking place in January to parents and the school community - we can't wait to sing and dance and support our bands.



Playtime Engagement

Positive Zones at a Chattenden this term has fostered essential social skills, emotional regulation, and a sense of belonging, contributing to a calmer, more productive play within our playground.

