



# Weekly Newsletter

*'Preparing our children for a world we know  
and a world yet to be discovered.'*

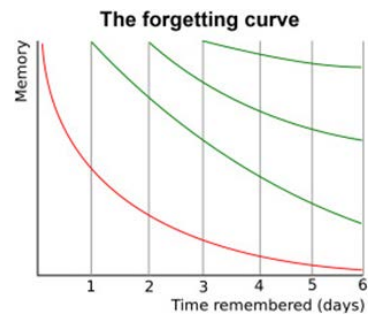
## Why does my child forget stuff?

Amongst the many common experiences we have as parents/carers and teachers, one of the more perplexing is those that end in the phrase (or thought) 'but you knew this yesterday!'

The key point for this piece is that when we 'learn' something for the first time, it is natural for us to forget it and to then need to relearn it again (and sometimes several times) before it goes into what is known as 'long term memory' and is truly learned rather than just temporarily remembered.

My intent in sharing this is to hopefully mitigate the frustrations we naturally all feel when supporting children with things like the learning of spellings and times tables. As counter intuitive as it sounds, forgetting is actually a necessary part of the learning process and every time we forget something, the work that goes into trying to recall it, while sometimes deflating, is actively helping the process of truly learning it.

A useful visual for this was developed by German psychologist, Herman Ebbinghaus whose work on memory theory included the development of the 'forgetting curve' (see right). This tracked the average time it took someone to forget a piece of information but also the fact that each subsequent time it is 'relearned', it sticks that little bit more.



While knowing this won't prevent the forgetting of facts, hopefully it will make those frustrating moments (for you and your child) a little less frustrating. It may even bring a little explanation for those facts you struggle to remember yourselves!

Mr Thompson, Head of School

## Instagram

If you would like to follow your child's year group accounts, the handles are as follows:

Pre-School: [chps.preschool](#)

Reception: [chps.reception](#)

Year 1: [chps.year1](#)

Year 2: [chps.year2](#)

Year 3: [chps.year3](#)

Year 4: [chps.year4](#)

Year 5: [chps.year5](#)



### Reminder

In addition to following the above accounts, please complete [this short form](#) so that teachers can verify follower requests.

We hope you enjoy seeing what life is like at Cheadle Hulme Primary School through the window of [Instagram!](#)

## Kids Club 2024-25

Last week, we shared the process for requesting sessions in our Kids Club for 24-25. Thank you to all families that have emailed to share their positive feedback regarding the changes to how places will be allocated, in efforts to ensure that all families will be able to access some of their childcare needs through this service.

In addition, our Enrichment Clubs offer was shared this week so that families have time to submit their requests with third-party providers and receive a response prior to the expression of interest form going live for Kids Club.

**A letter containing the link to submit your preferences will be shared on Tuesday 7th May.** Please note that whilst the link will be in the letter, it will not be open for responses until **7pm**. Our Kids Club Manager and Extended Services Manager will then begin work on the allocation of sessions and families will be notified via their MCAS account during the final week of this half term.

## Information / Reminders

### Local Authority Fixed Penalty Notices

As part of the Department for Education's efforts to improve school attendance, the Local Authority have updated their policy on issuing fines to parents/carers that choose to take their child/children out of school during term time. When children miss school for term time holidays not only do they miss out on important learning, but they often take time to settle back into their learning routines. A letter outlining the changes that are being made to Local Authority Fixed Penalty Notices was shared with last week's Newsletter.

### Site Safety

Thank you again for the continued efforts to drive safely on the school site, college car park and surrounding roads. Please be aware of the pedestrian crossing in the speed bump near the entrance to the site and remember to give way to pedestrians that need to cross safely.

## CHPS PTA

Thank you!

The children in each year group were treated to a special book parcel over the past two weeks as a result of the funds raised at recent events. There was a lot of excitement about opening these gifts and the subsequent joy of reading new stories was evident in a matter of seconds! Thank you to everybody that has attended, supported and parted with their hard-earned money to make the children's experiences at school as great as they can be. We look forward to many more moments like this, and funding projects such as the development of Forest School as a result of the upcoming fundraisers in our Colour Run and Summer Fair.



## Dates for the Diary

- 6th May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- 8th May - Worry Management Workshop for Y5 Parents/Carers, 9-9:45am
- 9th May - Class Photographs
- 13th May - Y4 Malham Information Session, 3:30pm in 2CI
- 15th Jun - Colour Run
- 21st Jun - Chocolate Tombola Donations
- 28th Jun - Bottle Tombola Donations
- 29th Jun - Summer Fair

The full overview of key dates for the year ahead can be found [here](#).