

March 2024

NEWSLETTER

Church Lawton School, Cherry Tree Avenue, Church Lawton,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST7 3EL



PRINCIPAL NOTES

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and hard work of our students here at Church Lawton School. Despite the short five-week term, our students have shown remarkable dedication and resilience in their studies.

Mock Exams

I am pleased to report that many students have been diligently preparing for their mock exams, laying the foundation for success in their upcoming assessments demonstrating commendable determination and focus. Upon our return after Easter, we will continue to support and prepare these students for their respective exams, ensuring they have the tools and confidence needed to excel. I would like to extend a special thank you to all students who are not taking exams for their understanding and consideration during this time.

World Book Day

I am delighted to share that we celebrated World Book Day this year with great enthusiasm. All students embraced the joy of storytelling. Using the classic opening line "Once upon a time...", our younger students kick-started a collaborative story-writing exercise that captivated their imaginations. This story will be shared with parents and entered into Cheshire's 'Just So' arts festival competition later this summer.

In Upper School, our focus was on reading, with an engaging school-wide read-a-thon. Each lesson began with the next part of the same story, encouraging students to attend every lesson and arrive on time to discover what happens next. Key Stage 3 delved into 'The Children's Story' by James Clavell, while Key Stage 4 explored 'The Lottery' by Shirley Jackson.

I would like to express my gratitude to all students who dressed up as their favourite book characters, adding a touch of creativity and fun to our World Book Day celebrations.

PRINCIPAL NOTES

(Continued...)

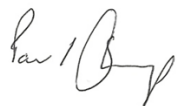
As we break for Easter, let us take pride in the accomplishments of our students and look forward to the continued growth and success that lies ahead.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Warm regards

Paul Scales

Principal





SUBJECTS & TOPICS

KAREN WOODALL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Here are some of the topics for classes and subjects for the Spring Term so you can begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish.

Special Events and Curriculum Days—Dates for the Diary.

Thursday 18th April	Bronze and Silver D of E practice expedition day.
Tuesday 30th April	Class photographs by Tempest photographers.
Friday 24th May	Parent Forum with our Assistant psychologist Lilly.
Tuesday 7th May	HPV Vaccinations.
13th—16th May	KS2 SATs.

Adventure Learning	<p>Primary Fridays PM – Lakemore Social Farm.</p> <p>Middle Fridays AM – Lakemore Social Farm.</p> <p>Secondary Monday 13th/20th May – Petty Pool Outdoor Centre.</p>
---------------------------	--

Class	Subject and Topic Area
<p>Donaldson Primary</p>	<p>Topic– Transport and travel.</p> <p>Maths – Times tables, column addition/ subtraction, words problems, numbers beyond 100 pattern, arrays.</p> <p>English – Punctuation and sentence work.</p> <p>Science – Plants.</p> <p>History – Transport past and present.</p>
<p>Shakespeare Primary</p>	<p>Art – Aztec.</p> <p>English – Fiction, stories with a difference, moral dilemmas.</p> <p>Maths – Length, perimeter, area and shape.</p> <p>Computer science – Data and information.</p> <p>Science – Living things and their habitats.</p> <p>RE– Christianity.</p> <p>History – Mayan civilisation.</p> <p>Geography – Fairtrade.</p> <p>D&T – Sewing.</p>



SUBJECTS & TOPICS

KAREN WOODALL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Subjects and topics continued below. Please feel free to begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish.

Class	Subject and Topic Area
<p>Darwin and Thompson Middle</p>	<p>Maths – Arithmetic and data handling including mean, median, mode, averages.</p> <p>English– Fictional and non-fictional writing based around ‘The Moon’.</p> <p>Science – Plant reproduction; cells.</p> <p>Geography – Africa.</p> <p>RE– Faith in everyday life. How do people express their faith?- Compare UK and Africa.</p> <p>Art – African art- masks, Batik, Wali.</p> <p>Computing – Programming in Scratch and microbit extension work.</p> <p>PSHE – Diversity. We’re all different; What is banter? What is Bullying?</p> <p>Food Tech (every other Wednesday) – Cooking from around the World</p>
<p>English Secondary</p>	<p>Y8 Gamma & Lambda – Studying the novel, “My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece”</p> <p>Y9 Delta and Epsilon – Studying the novel. “Noughts and Crosses”</p> <p>Y10 Omega & Sigma – Macbeth.</p> <p>Y 11,12,13 Pi & Theta – GCSE and Functional Skills revision.</p>
<p>Science Secondary</p>	<p>Gamma & Lambda – Movement, human skeleton, muscles, joints and ligaments. The universe, solar system and satellites.</p> <p>Delta & Epsilon – Wave effects and properties, longitudinal and transverse waves, sound waves and light waves. Photosynthesis.</p> <p>Omega & Sigma – Quantitative chemistry and chemical reactions.</p> <p>Pi – Revision of all topics. Completing paper 1 &2 of the papers from 2020-22.</p> <p>Theta – Complete unit 2. Inheritance.</p>



SUBJECTS & TOPICS

KAREN WOODALL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Subjects and topics continued below. Please feel free to begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish.

Class	Subject and Topic Area
Maths Secondary	Gamma & Lambda – Equations and transformations. Delta & Epsilon – Standard form, ratio and proportion. Omega & Sigma – Algebra - Introduction to quadratics and rearranging formula. Theta – Functional Skills/GCSE preparation. Pi & Theta – Revision.
Food Btec	Level 1 and Level 2 cooking assessments. Summer recipes to showcase skills and techniques.
QOL/PSHE	QoL/ASDAN – Continue challenges including research and presentation skills, gardening and cooking. Y11, 12 & 13 NCS – Travel training and exploring the community. Physical and emotional health, personal hygiene and how to manage this.
Media Studies	Year 2 – Sound.
Geography	KS3 – Social and Economic development of different countries. Economy and employment. KS4/5 Option group – Geographical applications, issue evaluation, selecting, measuring and recording data appropriate to the chosen enquiry, selecting appropriate ways of processing, presenting, describing, analysing and explaining, fieldwork data.
RE	Y8 Gamma & Lambda – Goodness in the world. Y9 Epsilon and Delta – Ethical dilemmas.
German	Primary and Middle – Meine Schule - My School. Year 8 – Berlin - Planning a trip. Year 9 – Rechte und Pflichten - Rights and Responsibilities. GCSE – Willkommen bei mir - House and Home.



SUBJECTS & TOPICS

KAREN WOODALL, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Subjects and topics continued below. Please feel free to begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish.

Class	Subject and Topic Area
History	<p>Year 11 – Revision.</p> <p>Year 10 – Conflict: The Gulf and Afghanistan 1990-2009 & Medieval England 1272-1307.</p> <p>Year 10 – Self study - Russia 1894-1945 Tsarism to Communism.</p> <p>Year 9 Epsilon and Delta – Africa rule.</p> <p>Year 8 Gamma & Lambda – Seventeenth century Britain.</p>
Music	<p>BTEC Music - Recording techniques and unit reviews.</p>
PE	<p>Primary – Game play development.</p> <p>Middle school – Striking and fielding games.</p> <p>Secondary – Striking and fielding games.</p> <p>BTEC – Unit 6 Leading sports activities.</p>
Computer Science	<p>KS3 – Computer systems and what makes them work.</p> <p>KS4 GCSE – Group are revising hard.</p> <p>KS4 Entry Level – Students are completing their required programming project: a text-based adventure game, and revision.</p>
Art and Design	<p>Secondary KS3 Creative - Abstract art, printmaking, textiles, animation, 3D project</p> <p>BTEC Year 1 – Unit 3, 2D project based on creating items for a street festival.</p> <p>BTEC Year 2 – Unit 2, Externally set assignment around the theme of Travel</p>

Safeguarding



**You can't block
out feelings**



**If going online is making
you feel down then talking
to someone can help**

IMPORTANT.

Reporting an Absence.

The law requires parents or carers to ensure their child attends school regularly. Attendance at school is important and recent research shows pupils with the highest attainment have higher rates of attendance over the key stage.



Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. every morning your child is absent, and state the reason for the absence.

Where possible, please make any Doctor, Dentist or Medical appointments either before or after school hours.

If appointments are during the school day please hand in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, or alternatively, a screenshot.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility, and it extends beyond the school gate so please talk to us and tell us why your child is not in school.

Attendance Matters at Church Lawton School.

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to school helps to develop friendships.

Here is a handy guide for deciding if your child is well enough for school: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



IMPORTANT - Bringing Medication into School?

Students needing medication during school hours both Prescribed and Non-Prescribed, need to have a permission slip completed by a parent or guardian.

Please contact your child's key worker or the school office for the consent form.



Medication needs to be handed in to an adult on arrival at school. If your child arrives by taxi please could you ring or email the school to notify us of medication coming into school.



Spring 2024 Menus from Mellors Catering!

Please note that there will be a small price increase in both snacks and lunches from April 2024. Lunches will rise from £2.40 to £2.55 and snacks from 50p to 60p.

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Vegetarian Chili with Rice	Hot Dog with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Panini with Diced Potatoes	Fish Fingers With Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Cheese Naan Pizza with Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	Vegetarian Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Vegetarian Burger with Chunky Chips
Accompaniments	Corn on the Cob & Peas Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Cauliflower & Cabbage Salad Bar	Sweetcorn & Broccoli Salad Bar	Peas & Baked Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Flapjack	Vanilla Sponge Cake	Chef's Biscuit	Cheese, Crackers & Grapes	Fruit & Jelly
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato or sandwich selection	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna
WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	All Day Breakfast: Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns & Mini Omelette	Roast Chicken Breast & Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Breaded Fish Square & Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Southern Style Quorn Burger With Baked Potato Wedges	Veggie Breakfast: Sausages, Hash Browns & Mini Omelette	Quorn Fillet and Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Cheese Panini with Diced Potatoes	Quorn Hot Dog & Chunky Chips
Accompaniments	Corn on the Cob & Peas Salad Bar	Beans & Chopped Tomatoes Salad Bar	Carrots & Parsnips Salad Bar	Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad Bar	Peas & Baked Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Banana Mousse	Blueberry Muffin	Ginger Biscuit	Apple Sponge Cake	Jelly & Fruit
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato or sandwich selection	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna
WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Creamy Butternut Squash Pasta	Beef Burger with Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Crispy Battered Fish and Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Pizza with Diced Potatoes Marinated	Quorn Pitta with Baked Potato Wedges	Vegan Sausages with Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs & Pasta	Quorn Nuggets with Chunky Chips
Accompaniments	Peas & Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Cauliflower & Cabbage Salad Bar	Broccoli & Carrots Salad Bar	Peas & Baked Beans Salad Bar
Desserts	Jelly & Fruit	Sticky Toffee Muffins	Chef's Biscuit	Lemon Sponge Cake	Strawberry Mousse
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato or sandwich selection	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna	JP - Cheese/Beans/Tuna SW - Ham/Cheese/Tuna



Mellors also have a good selection of snacks available to purchase every day during morning break.

All snack items currently cost 60p each.

Snack menu:

Toast * Crumpet

Pancake * Waffle

* Pots of fruit



School dinner and snack payments should be made through your MCAS account in advance. Please do not allow your account to go in to arrears.

The current charge for a school meal is £2.55.

www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin

School ID: 12295

Whichever local authority you reside in, you can check your eligibility by contacting Cheshire East Local Authority:

Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5012

Even if you're not sure whether you are eligible or not, we urge you to check, as not only will it benefit your



Are you entitled?

Adventure Learning

Primary and Middle School pupils have continued to develop their swimming skills, building on their confidence in the water.

They have learnt about water safety too. Well done to all the pupils that got Swimmer of the week this half term!

Next half term, Primary and Middle School will be going to The Social Farm to experience different activities relating to life on a farm!



The secondary pupils really enjoyed themselves at Cheshire Outdoors this half term. They participated in several activities including archery, air rifles, mini golf, low ropes and falconry.

Next half term they will be going to Petty Pool Outdoor Centre to participate in various activities including bushcraft, zipwire, leap of faith and the outdoor climbing wall.



Primary



Donaldson have been on a couple of exciting and educational outings this half term. We have been to Alsager Library and posted our handwritten letters.

Everyone enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and contributing to our very own story, you all looked fabulous!



Shakespeare class have learnt about decimal points, written poems using new skills and practiced how to tie shoe laces!



They also explored Aboriginal painting, how to create musical rhythms on an iPad and how to make their own electrical circuits.





Middle



In Science we have labelled the parts of a plant and learned how they reproduce. We've even planted our own seeds which should germinate and flower. The whole process can then begin again.



In Maths we have completed another mock SATs or similar assessments. It's always a tough week, but the children have tried so hard. Well done everybody!

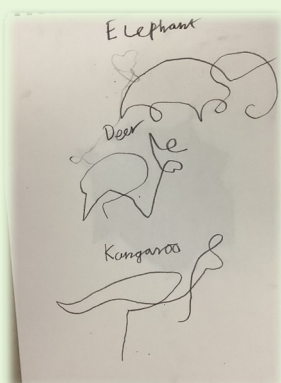


In English we moved away from play-scripts to re-focus on fictional narratives. We began with a mystery. Who is the man in the mask?



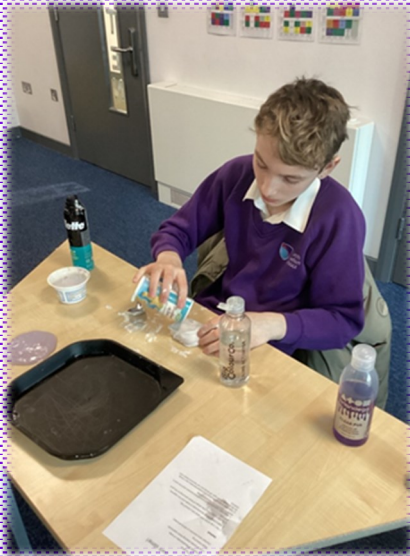
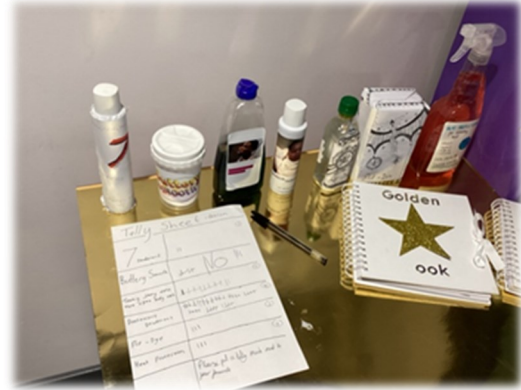
In Art we have looked at the elements of art; Line, perspective, shape and form, texture and colour.

These elements are the building blocks, or ingredients, of art.



KS3

Key stage 3 have been busy in creative lessons. Epsilon have been designing their own toiletry products and we had a student vote in the corridor for the best product.



Delta have been making their own paper mâché models using recycled plastic bottles.

Whilst, Year 8 have been working together to make a 'stop motion rollercoaster.'

In Science, Year 8 have been making their own ecosystems. Here is Callum's Under the Sea!



During Zones lessons, Lambda made their own slime to use for relaxation techniques.



KS4

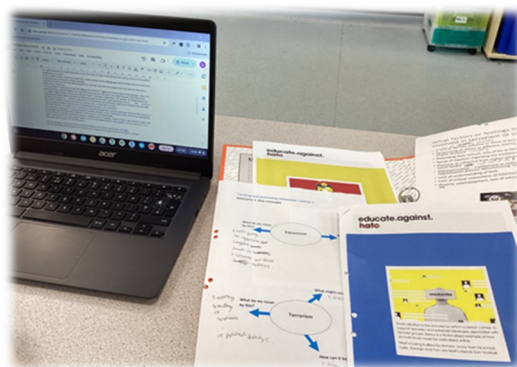
Macbeth

This half term has seen the Year 10s enjoy a trip to the Regent Theatre to see "Revision on Tour" performing Macbeth. Macbeth is one of the required texts the students have been studying and a good afternoon out was had by all.



PSHE

We have also studied Working Against Hate, Extremism, Violence and Terrorism during our PSHE day, and the students produced a variety of work surrounding this topic. Well done for having such a positive and sensible discussion about these areas of study.



Art

Students have been using threads and cord to create patterns focusing on cross-stitch and macramé.



The students at **Reaseheath** are looking after the small rodents this term, with friendly ferrets and hamsters being favourites. Luke has been working hard, cleaning and fixing car engines in mechanics.



Academic Achievements

Austen students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and diligence in preparing for their exams. The recent second round of mock exams showcased the students' unwavering focus and determination. With the summer final exams approaching, it is evident that they are on the right path to success.



Community Project and Fundraising

Our Austen Form Group has actively participated in a community project organised by NCS, taking on various roles such as technicians and finance coordinators. This hands-on experience not only enriches their skills but also instils a sense of responsibility and teamwork.

Tech Enthusiast in the Spotlight

This term, we celebrated a milestone 18th birthday within our group, and it resulted in a remarkable achievement. One of our students took the initiative to build their own powerful computer, complete with a dazzling array of RGB lights. This not only showcases their technical prowess but also their passion for innovation.

Photography Spotlight

We are thrilled to showcase a gallery featuring some of Joey's remarkable photographs. Her keen eye for capturing moments is truly impressive, and we invite you to appreciate her talent in our gallery section. The artistry and creativity she brings to each image are a testament to her unique perspective.





BTEC Level 1 & 2 Cookery

The BTEC Level 1 & 2 groups have chosen some of their favourite recipes to share with you this half term. We hope you enjoy cooking them at home.

Blueberry Muffins



Ingredients	Equipment	Instructions
250g self-raising flour 10ml baking powder 5ml cinnamon powder 100g caster sugar 250ml milk 1 egg 90ml oil 150g blueberries	Weighing scales, sieve, large bowl, measuring spoons, small bowl, fork, measuring jug, mixing spoon, muffin cases, muffin tin	Sift the flour, baking powder, sugar and cinnamon in to a large bowl. Whisk the egg in a small bowl. Mix milk, oil and the egg in to the flour and add the blueberries. Spoon in to cake cases and bake for 20 minutes.

Ingredients	Equipment	Instructions
2 chicken breasts 1 can zero sugar Fanta orange 1 onion 1 pepper 200g tin tomatoes Pinch of dried chilli flakes (add more if you like it hot) 1 tbsp white wine vinegar 80g pineapple chunks 1 chicken stock cube 1 tbsp of oil	Chopping Boards (meat and vegetable) Knife Heavy based pan Heat proof spoon	Chop onion, pepper and chicken Fry onion until soft, add chicken and cook for 5 minutes Add pepper and cook for 2 minutes Add Fanta, tomatoes, stock, vinegar and chilli Simmer for 25 minutes Add pineapple Stir and serve

Sweet & Sour Fanta Chicken



HAF Easter 2024 bookings are now live!

The Cheshire East Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) enables children and young people who are in receipt of [income/benefits-related free school meals](#) who live in Cheshire East or attend a Cheshire East school to attend free activities during the main school holidays, where nutritional food is also provided.



Booking an activity session is easy!

All families will have to do is visit the [Cheshire East HAF programme booking platform](#), or alternatively, scan the QR code opposite.



They can then look through all the activities on offer (filters are available), and when they find an activity they like, select book and complete the booking information.

For more information about the programme and the full eligibility criteria visit the Cheshire East webpage [Holiday activities and food programme \(HAF\)](#) (cheshireeast.gov.uk).



A grand total of £193.70 was raised for Comic Relief and a further £139.75 was raised for school funds.



A great big thank you to those who attended our cake sale and cabaret afternoon.

2023/2024 School Calendar

Autumn Term 2023 (open 72 days)

NASAT Training Days	Thursday 31 st August & Friday 1 st September 2023
INSET Days	Monday 4 th September 2023 Tuesday 5 th September 2023
School Opens	Wednesday 6 th September 2023
School Closes	Friday 20 th October 2023
Half Term	23 rd October – 27 th October 2023
School Opens	Monday 30 th October 2023
School Closes	Thursday 21 st December 2023
INSET Days	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Christmas Holiday	25 th December 2023 – 5 th January 2024

Spring Term 2024 (open 54 days)

School Opens	Monday 8 th January 2024
School Closes	Friday 16 th February 2024
Half Term	19 th February 2024 – 23 rd February 2024
School Opens	Monday 26 th February 2024
School Closes	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Easter Holiday	29 th March 2024 – 12 th April 2024

Summer Term 2024 (open 64 days)

School Opens	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Bank Holiday Monday	Monday 6 th May 2024
School Closes	Friday 24 th May 2024
Half Term	27 th May 2024 – 31 st May 2024
School Opens	Monday 3 rd June 2024
School Closes	Friday 19 th July 2024
INSET Days	Monday 22 nd July & Tuesday 23 rd July 2023



office@churchlawtonschool.org.uk

01270 877601

www.churchlawtonschool.org.uk