



July 2025

CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

As we come to the end of another year, we have had a fantastic month filled with fun and excitement around the school. From our STEM and Arts showcases to the Chieveley fete, there hasn't been a moment for rest! Our transition afternoon was a success and a time to reflect on an amazing year and look ahead to new challenges and adventures on the horizon.

We've had some brilliant events this term, including our Jays and Owls production of 'A Midsummer's night dream' and our leavers' assemblies which were not to be missed—I hope children and families enjoyed such a fantastic performance! It was brilliant.

I hope everyone has a restful summer break and we look forward to seeing families back in September!

Good luck to our Owls on your new adventure!

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

July

Wednesday 23rd at 1.25pm
End of term

September

Thursday 4th
Start of term

Friday 19th
Individual school photos

October

Friday 3rd
Inset day

Thursday 23rd
End of term

November

Wednesday 5th
Start of term

December

Thursday 18th at 1.25pm
End of term

January

Monday 5th
Start of term

FAREWELL MRS BASHAM!

It is with great sadness that we say 'goodbye..for now' to Mrs Basham who is retiring at the end of term. Her bubbly and positive presence will be deeply missed by all of us at Chieveley. We wish her a very happy retirement but Mrs Basham has promised me she will be back to help volunteer after a well-deserved break! You will always be part of our Chieveley family Mrs Basham! Thank you for all your years of dedicated service—we will miss you!



DODGEBALL STARS!



Mrs Clark and Mr Keith had a fun time taking two Y5/6 dodgeball teams to play in competitions at St Barts earlier this term. The children had a brilliant time and were delighted to come back with a haul of gold medals.

GIRLS

The girls were runners up in the first round against John Rankin (0,2), ahead of Francis Baily (draw, 2) which put them in the silver league. They went on to be joint winners alongside The Willows (1,1) after a victory against Burghclere (2,1). The girls worked together really well, quickly working out after their first defeat what they needed to do in order to improve their game. Great teamwork.

Well done to Tess, Daisy, Alicia, Holly, Chloe and Harriette for being such a brilliant team on the hottest day of the year so far. They competed against 8 teams from 6 different West Berkshire schools.

BOYS

Oskar, Alex, Alfie, Jacob C, Dylan, Oscar C, Zach, Freddie and Charlie played in the boys competition on Wednesday against 12 teams from 10 West Berkshire schools. The matches were fast-paced and very competitive. Chieveley won their first round against Burghclere (2,0) and John Rankin B (1,1) which put them into the gold league. They played a very exciting match against The Willows (2,0), which ended in the final game, one against one in the final seconds with Dylan just recovering a difficult catch to eliminate the last Willows player. Chieveley were joint winners of the gold league and the whole competition alongside The Willows and John Rankin's A team (0,2).

Our Chieveley teams were a pleasure to accompany - well mannered throughout - supporting each other, congratulating their opponents, the young referees and the organiser of the event. Thank you to parents for supporting the school and your child with prompt responses and provision of transport.

Please could Chieveley green team tops be washed and returned to Hayley in the office as soon as possible, including any that may be outstanding from any previous inter-school competitions this year.

WRENS' PICNIC

It was so lovely to see so many families joining us in the Wren's garden on Thursday 10th July to spend time together before the end of Reception. The children loved having picnics with their families, playing in the garden and inside and showing their families all of their favourite activities in Wrens. It was also lovely to see some future Wrens enjoying the space with their brothers and sisters. Our Wrens are ready to fly from the reception nest now and become big Robins very soon! Thank you to all of our families who joined us for this final stay and play.



Careers' Week and workshops!

This term, our school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Careers' Week! Every class took part in fantastic sessions that gave the children a glimpse into the world of work. From energetic cheerleading and Zumba to fascinating sessions from the Armed Forces, vehicle experts, and professionals in office-based roles - there was something to inspire every child. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and visitors who came in to share their time and expertise. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about so many different jobs and left feeling very inspired! Thank you Miss Hogan for your work in organising this fantastic week!

Our recent Geography Workshops were an exciting adventure for all year groups! EYFS and Key Stage 1 had an out-of-this-world experience inside the Space Dome, where they learned about planets, stars, and our solar system in an interactive and magical setting. Meanwhile, Key Stage 2 explored the world through amazing Virtual Reality workshops. From visiting volcanoes and climbing up Mount Everest, to exploring cities, the oceans and polar regions of the planet, the children were truly immersed in the wonders of our world. It was a fantastic way to bring geography to life, and the children loved every moment!

Message from Tim Furr,
author:

Doodle a Dinosaur Day!

Tim Furr is holding a dinosaur doodling event on July 25th - 1.30-3.00pm. We'll be drawing dinosaurs including T Rex, stegosaurus and a velociraptor plus we'll be inventing a few new ones too. It's £15 per child (between 6 and 12) and one parent goes free. There's only a few spaces left so head on over to <https://cityartsnewbury.org/2025/05/15/doodle-a-dinosaur-day/>

SPORTS DAY WINNERS!

Thank you to families for joining us for our annual sports day celebrations. We enjoyed the running, activities and lovely weather! After a hotly contested morning, the final tally stood as:

4th Romans 1230 points
3rd Normans 1240 points
2nd Saxons 1280 points

And our champions.... Vikings with 1810 points! Well done!



TRIP REPORT FROM ROBINS AND WRENS

In June, our two youngest classes teamed up for a day of many fun adventures over at Wellington Country Park. We explored the beautiful grounds and around the lake by taking part in workshops organised by the fantastic educational team at the park. Robins class became bug detectives in the woodland and Wrens class had a go at pond dipping to see what creatures they could find. We carefully examined them using magnifying glasses and identified what lived in the different habitats before gently returning them to their homes. The children enjoyed riding on 'Arthur' the miniature railway train, spotting lots of things along the way. We visited the animal farm and found out lots of interesting facts about the furry friends that live there. In the afternoon, we bravely discovered some pre-historic animals on the dinosaur trail and played in the Enchanted Forest before whizzing up and down the hillside slides and heading back to school on the coach. All of the children were very well behaved and were great representatives of Chieveley school. What a fantastic day!





What a fantastic afternoon and evening was had by all, at the Owls' and Jays' performances of the Summer Production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"! The showcase featured outstanding solo vocals and an ensemble that combined great singing with enchanting choreography. We witnessed a vibrant show complete with "living" scenario where Greek columns came to life and trees and shrubs danced and sang, captivating the audience. A massive shout-out to our Owls class (adults and children alike), whose teamwork shone through in producing props and costumes, creating a visual treat for everyone. Our tech team also rehearsed and executed their duties with aplomb, ensuring a smooth performance.

Of course, there was a touch of fairy mischief, with fairy dust (confetti) scattered everywhere. We suspect Jamie, our cleaner, might be owed a pint, by Mrs P, for the extra clean-up! With such a large ensemble piece, Jays stepped up brilliantly, embracing speaking parts and tackling Mrs P's creative demands with smiles all around, demonstrating that the responsibility of being "top of the school" will be in safe hands next year. Every child on and off stage truly gave their all, and we couldn't be more proud of their commitment throughout the rehearsal and performance process!

Enjoy the never before seen rehearsal snaps above!

GENTLE REMINDER

Please ensure your child/ren are kept safe and away from the temptation to climb fences, bollards and external lights during drop off and pick up times.

Parking and general road safety

A polite reminder to not park in the staff car park during drop off and pick up times, unless this has been previously agreed with Mr Harris.

Please also refrain from waiting in your car in the middle of the road, by the 'kiss & drop' area. Unfortunately this has been pushing traffic out onto the main road and causing unnecessary and unsafe traffic jams.

We need to keep our children safe, at all times, so your understanding and co-operation is much appreciated.

STEM SHOWCASE

It was wonderful to welcome parents to see the school's STEM activities this term. The children enjoyed sharing their learning in science, maths and technology and we look forward to more events like this next year! It was lovely to see so many families joining us to celebrate learning across the year!





Information for
parents and carers



Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Teams (MHSTs) in West Berkshire

From Friday 1 August 2025 Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust will be the new providers of the MHSTs across West Berkshire, covering West Berkshire, Reading and Wokingham localities, and we're excited to work in partnership with local schools and families to provide emotional and mental health support where it's needed most.

What does this mean for you?

If your child is currently receiving an intervention through the MHSTs, this will continue.

If your child needs support, your school already knows how to refer them to MHSTs. Simply speak with a member of staff at your child's school - they'll guide you through the next steps.

If your child is over 16, you can also refer them directly to us yourself.



What to do if you need help now?

If you need help and your child is under the care of the MHSTs as of 1st August, please contact us by using the details below:

☎ 0300 247 3002 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

@ CAMHSWestMHSTs@berkshire.nhs.uk

If you need urgent help, please go to our website which has all the information that you will need.

[I need urgent help now | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](#)



IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..



Want up to £2,000 for childcare?

Get help with childcare costs

So you can juggle work and life

We know childcare isn't just for toddlers, so Tax-Free Childcare can help you cover costs of childcare for children up to 11, or 16 for children with a disability.

Don't miss out on what you are entitled to!

Find out more about your school's Wraparound Childcare offer here or scan the QR code:

www.westberks.gov.uk/wraparound-childcare



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The Downs School Compton and
Brockhurst and Marlston House School

Autumn term Swimming lessons

- Fast pupil progression
- Very small groups
- Friendly and fun
- 30 yrs experience



**To book please visit:
aquablue.org.uk**



WELCOME



OUR NEW PTA LEADERS!

We are excited to introduce the new PTA leadership team:



Chairs: **Nicki & Jen**

Treasurer: **Pamela**



With heartfelt thanks to Lisa & Caroline for their dedicated service and tireless efforts in leading our PTA with grace and strength. Your impact will be felt for years to come.

*Thank you for supporting
our school!*

- The PTA Team



*Please note these are slightly different to the published
West Berkshire dates*

AUTUMN TERM		
Term 1a	INSET DAY - Tuesday 2 September 2025 [school closed] INSET DAY -Wednesday 3 September 2025 [school closed] TERM STARTS - Thursday 4 September 2025 INSET DAY - Friday 3 October 2025 [school closed] TERM ENDS - Thursday 23 October 2025	36 Days
Half Term	Friday 24 October 2025 - Tuesday 4th November 2025	
Term 1b	INSET DAY - Tuesday 4 November 2025 [school closed] TERM STARTS - Wednesday 5 November 2025 TERM ENDS - Thursday 18 December 2025 [1.25 finish]	32 Days
Christmas Break	Friday 19 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026	
SPRING TERM		
Term 2a	TERM STARTS - Monday 5 January 2026 TERM ENDS - Friday 13 February 2026	30 Days
Half Term	Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026	
Term 2b	TERM STARTS - Monday 23 February 2026 TERM ENDS - Friday 27 March 2026 [1.25 Finish]	25 Days
Easter Break	Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April 2026	
SUMMER TERM		
Term 3a	TERM STARTS - Monday 13 April 2026 Monday 4 May 2026 - Bank Holiday [school closed] TERM ENDS - Friday 22 May 2026	29 Days
Half Term	Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026	
Term 3b	TERM STARTS - Monday 1 June 2026 TERM ENDS - Wednesday 22 July 2026 [1.25 Finish]	38 Days

