



April 2025

CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A happy Easter to all families— I hope everyone enjoys a lovely break after a very busy term!

So much has happened this term with the brilliant Y3/4 play, cross country competition, Hexagon performances and much more! It has been great to speak to so many parents attending these events too; thank you for your support. A huge thanks to all staff who have helped with these special event for our children.

An important note that as food waste legislation changes next month, **children will be bringing home rubbish from packed lunches.** This is to ensure we are able to successfully implement food waste policies in school from this point.

Have a wonderful break,

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

APRIL

Friday 4th at 1.25pm
End of Term

Tuesday 22nd
Start of Term

Thursday 24th
Yr2—Windsor Castle trip

Tuesday 29th—4th May
Book Fair

Wednesday 30th
Class photographs

MAY

Monday 5th
Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd
STEM Showcase (info to follow)

GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Board at Chieveley school have a vacancy for a co-opted governor to help with the strategic direction of the school. You do not need to be a parent to be a member of the governing board and we are looking for members of the community who would be interested in taking up this role. We are particularly interested in those with finance skills. If you would like to discuss the role more, please get in touch with the office directly. Thank you!



Data reminders:

It is important that any changes to your data are updated in the office as soon as possible.

Although we ask for an annual update from parents, please do get in touch if any of your data we hold changes throughout the year.

This may be emergency contact details, address changes or email addresses.

Thank you!

BOOK DAY CONTINUES...

Tim Furr is holding a Spring Doodle Class at City Arts in Newbury on Tuesday April 8th 12.30-2.00pm.

You'll be drawing lots of Spring things including sheep, rabbits, foxes and probably a robot.

It's £15 per child and one parent joins in for free. To book your place go to:

<https://cityartsnewbury.org/2024/11/28/childrens-doodle-workshop-spring/>

From Ms.Ellis...

We had a wonderful couple of weeks celebrating books and the joy of reading! Firstly a huge thank you to our governors who came in to read to the children. It is always lovely to have different adults coming to read to us and we are so grateful to them for giving up their time. Our visits from Tim Furr and Simon Murray were hugely successful. Both authors said how engaged the children were with the activities and I heard lots of children saying 'I didn't think I could draw but maybe I can!' It was fabulous to see everyone engaging in our dress up day on World Book Day. I hope that the theme of bedtime stories took some of the stress and cost away from this event, but meant it was still really enjoyable. A final thanks goes to you all for supporting our book swap! The librarians spent Wednesday afternoon sorting over 1000 books and it was so heart warming to watch all the children choosing new books on the Thursday. This is the first time we have ever held this event and we will definitely be repeating the experience!!

Huge thanks go to our year 6 librarians who work so hard every week in the library and then work even harder to support events like the book swap and our book fairs. I have even had year 5 children approach me and ask how they can become librarians next year. Tess, Evie, Olivia, Oskar, Tilly, Lorelei and Jemima thank you for being so inspiring!

We now move on to our Easter reading competition-details to follow soon.....!

Save the date! The Book Fair returns to Chieveley on Tuesday 29th April and will be in school until Friday 4th May. This will be a 3 for 2 book fair run by our librarians in the hall after school. More details to follow after the Easter holidays.



CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS!

As part of our behaviour policy, the school are going to trial a new celebration after Easter celebrating those children who 'always do the right thing' and epitomise our Chieveley values. Every 2 weeks, adults will invite selected children to take part in 'Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher'. This special celebration will give those students who are excellent role models at Chieveley the chance to shine and further celebrate their success. This new initiative will be trialled in the summer term and after feedback will be adopted into our behaviour policy in September.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate childrens' excellent behaviour, attitudes and values at Chieveley! Look out for invitations next term!



Miss Grant-Dawson and Mrs Clark took 35 key stage 2 children to the showground last Tuesday to compete in the annual West Berks and North Hants cross-country competition - the largest primary school event in the country. Every child ran 2.35km to complete the race, with between two and three hundred children taking part in each race. Miss Grant-Dawson is very proud of how her cross-country club team enthusiastically trained for and took part in such a big event and of how the children supported each other. A huge well done to every child who ran, with particular congratulations going to Matthew (Y4) who came 2nd in the boys Y3/4 race; Annabelle (Y3), who came 11th in the girls Y3/4 race and Charlie (Y5), who came 40th in the boys Y5/6 race. Thank you to parents for transport and supporting our Chieveley team and to Mrs Gilpin for helping Chieveley staff on the day.



On Monday Kingfisher class had a great time creating tote bags. We used a screen printing technique, which involved cutting out a stencil of our choice. Then we choose a screen with a pattern and printed our background using ink and a squeegee.



We dried our back ground with a hairdryer!

Then it was time for our picture to be printed on our bag.



I think you'll agree all the bags look fabulous!

Thank you so much to Berkshire Print makers for a great day!



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Please remember to order school meals before the first day of term.
- All emails should be sent to office@chieveleyschool.co.uk even if they are for Mr Harris. Please mark it as confidential if it is of a sensitive nature.
- If your child requires medication at school please complete a medication request form and hand into the office along with the medication. No medication should be placed in book bags. You are responsible for replacing out of date medicines/ keeping a log of expiry dates.

SPORTS ROUND UP FROM MRS CLARK

Netball Tournament

Over two weeks at the end of February and beginning of March, we hosted a number of netball matches as part of the Newbury District Primary School Netball League. A team of 8 Owls and Jays played against Hermitage, St Finians and Brightwalton in 3 extremely tough matches. The standard of play was very high and has spurred us on to keep improving our skills. Mrs Clark would like to commend the Chieveley team for their determination, the progress in their play across their matches, their impeccable behaviour towards our visiting schools and the delight they showed on the court in having the opportunity to take part. A big well done to Charlotte B, Daisy, Evie, Grace (Y5), Lorelei, Olivia, Oskar (2 nets scored) and Tess. Many thanks to parents for their wonderful support of our team and of the event.

Year 3/4 Football

Our Year 3/4 football team should be incredibly proud of themselves. Earlier this year, they made it through to the final 8 teams (out of over 40 competing primary schools across West Berkshire) with confident wins against Burghclere, Speenhamland and St Finians. On March 11th, the finals were held at Park House School in Newbury, where we played three hard-fought, low-scoring games against strong teams from St Nic's, John Rankin and The Willows. A huge well done to our Year 3/4 team for getting further in this tough competition than any previous Chieveley team - Harry, Joseph H, Matthew and Robert (Y4) and Archie, Jack, Jake, Joseph P, William and Zach (Y3). Many thanks to parents for transport and their support of the children.

KS1 Cricket Skills

Eight Sparrows had a fantastic sunny morning out at The Willows last Wednesday, taking part with eight other schools in a variety of different cricket skills activities run by the Berkshire Cricket Foundation. Games involving running, throwing and catching gave the children a fun opportunity to practise the skills needed for the game ahead of the summer term which will bring more opportunities in school. Well done to Adelyn, Arthur, Emily, Holly-Rose, Louis P, Tobias, Violet and Zac for taking part. Thank you again to parents for supporting our participation with transport help.

Please could any remaining green Chieveley sports team shirts or football shirts be returned to Hayley in the School Office before the end of term please.



Jays Trip to Cadburys World!

On Thursday 13th March, Jays went on our trip to Cadburys World. We started the day with a special Mayan workshop, where we learnt more about why cocoa beans were so important to them and the Mayan famous ball game- Pok-a-Tok. Our workshop guide was very impressed with how much we knew about them already!

We then had our tour of the factory which consisted of lots of chocolate! We learnt about how Cadbury's started, how they make their delicious chocolate and even got to try some! We had the best day, the children were amazing, and we brought home chocolate to share with the family.

GENTLE REMINDER

A gentle reminder please to all parents as we have had reports from local residents of parents parking directly in and over resident's driveways. As we are part of the local community, it is important for us to respect residents in Chieveley and park sensibly and appropriately. We must also avoid blocking driveways or parking on private property too.

Thank you for your understanding.



IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..

From James Longhurst, Lottie's (Y6) Dad

I'm running the 2025 London Marathon at the end of April, aiming to raise £2,000 for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), the UK's leading sight loss charity. I'm supporting RNIB, as they have provided many years of support to my mum (Lottie's Grandma) as her eyesight slowly deteriorated. Being diagnosed with RP (same condition as Chris McCausland for those Strictly fans!) was life changing, and means she is now unable to watch her grandchildren growing up. Your eyesight impacts almost every aspect of your life, from driving, working, reading, watching TV, making lunch etc. - all very basic things that most of us take for granted. Any contribution you can make will therefore be hugely appreciated and go a long way towards helping countless others who are going through similar challenges, with the great support the RNIB provide.

You can make a donation through this link, or by scanning the QR code.

<https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/james-longhurst>

Huge thanks in advance for any donation you're able to make.

James



IN AND AROUND
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SUPPORT AROUND TRANSITION AND PROMOTING YOUR CHILD'S RESILIENCE

PARENT COFFEE MORNING ORGANISED BY THE MENTAL
HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Chieveley Primary School on Friday 16th May 2025, straight from
school drop-off

The Mental Health Support Team will be running a parent coffee morning on ways to support around transition and promote resilience. You are not born with resilience, you develop it as you learn and grow. Resilience helps us navigate stressful experiences and situations – like Tigger, it helps us 'bounce back'! This session will be an informal, relaxed chance to hear about ways to support and also ask any questions you might have.

For any questions, please contact Kate.Pike@westberks.gov.uk or Mrs Shaw in school.

PLEASE NOTE – for urgent support with a child or young person's mental health please contact your GP, or CAMHS Common Point of Entry on 0300 365 1234 or 0300 365 999 (out of hours).

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



 **West Berkshire**
COUNCIL

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FOOTBALL EASTER CAMPS 2025



Week 1
Robert Sandilands school
Newbury
7th – 11th April
Week 2
Francis Baily school Thatcham
14th – 17th April

Bookings:
[Footyskills4kids.class4kids.co.uk](https://footyskills4kids.class4kids.co.uk)
Email:
Footyskills4kids@aol.com

10AM - 4PM
EARLY DROP
OFF 9AM
LATE PICK UP
5PM

SIBLING
DISCOUNT

4-12 YEAR
OLDS

HALF DAYS
AVAILABLE

IN AND AROUND
CHIEVELEY..



The poster features a light blue background with several decorative elements. At the top, several colorful Easter eggs (purple, orange, green, red, blue) are hanging from strings. In the top left corner, there is a yellow square logo for 'CHIEVELEY HALL MARKET' with a house icon. The main title 'EASTER FUN DAY & MARKET' is written in large, bold, blue letters, with two white clouds on either side. Below the title, the event details are listed in bold black text: '20+ LOCAL ARTISANS SELLING HOMEMADE FOOD ITEMS & CRAFTS', 'FACE PAINTING & EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN', 'LUCKY TICKET DRAW FOR OUR EASTER HAMPER', and 'HOT DRINKS & BACON SANDWICHES AVAILABLE'. The time 'TIME 10.00AM - 1.00PM' is written in red. The date 'SATURDAY APRIL 19TH' is also in red. The location 'CHIEVELEY VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION CENTRE RG20 8TE' and the website 'WWW.CHIEVELEYVILLAGEHALL.ORG' are in red. At the bottom, there are several colorful Easter eggs and flowers.

CHIEVELEY HALL MARKET

EASTER FUN DAY & MARKET

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& CRAFTS**

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LUCKY TICKET DRAW FOR OUR EASTER HAMPER

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SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

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