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# CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

After a chilly start to the term, it has been lovely to see the sun starting to shine more and temperatures rising ever so slightly!

We have had a busy start to the year with lots of learning happening in each class throughout the school. With lots of exciting events coming up, please take a look at upcoming dates for the diary this term.

Lots of children have been learning about Chinese New Year last week and we celebrate National Story-telling Week this week with many activities that have been arranged by teachers and our phonics lead, Mrs Grant-Dawson. We look forward to sharing what we have done in our next newsletter.

I have attached some guidance on Youtube to offer advice to parents are appropriate use as the site does have an age restriction of 13+.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Harris

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### February

Thursday 13th  
Junior Music Festival rehearsal

Friday 14th  
End of Term

Monday 24th  
Start of Term

Tuesday 25th  
Yr4–Winchester Science Ctr Trip

### March

Tuesday 4th  
Wrens–NCMP & Hearing

Thursday 6th  
World Book Day (info to follow)

Wednesday 12th  
Author Simon Murray in school

Thursday 13th  
Yr5–Cadbury World Trip

Tuesday 18th 9.20  
Yr4 play to parents

Wednesday 19th 2.15  
Yr4 play to parents

Tuesday 25th  
Cross Country Competition  
(info to follow)

Tuesday 25th  
Owls–Warner Bros Studio Trip

Friday 28th  
Junior Music Festival (The Hexagon)

## TERM DATES CONSULTATION

West Berkshire are currently consulting on term dates for 2026. If you would like to share your views, please visit this website:

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/43749/Proposed-School-Term-and-Holiday-Dates-for-Community-and-Voluntary-Controlled-Schools-2026-27>



## 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.

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Thank you!

# GEARS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 22nd January Year 5 and 6 had the privilege of taking part in a gears workshop run by a company called Xtrac, a large STEM company based in Thatcham that designs and manufactures transmission systems. They worked in small groups, guided by STEM ambassadors to assemble individual gearboxes and to handle ready-assembled units. It gave them the opportunity to operate gear changes and understand how this works. The children had a great time and hopefully it might inspire some future engineers!



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# WRENS CELEBRATE...

Wrens have been learning about Chinese New Year. They found out it was the year of the snake. They have tasted Chinese foods, made a dragon and did a parade around school, created lanterns, played games in the theme of the Great Race story and role played making Chinese foods with playdough. They found out that red is a lucky colour and people receive red envelopes filled with money and made great comparisons to Christmas traditions, describing a fortune cookie as similar to a Christmas cracker.



## 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.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- We are looking for clothes hangers for our second hand uniform. If you have any going spare please could we have them.
- Wrens & KS1, if your child has come home wearing Chieveley items could they be returned. We are running out of our supply of trousers, underwear and sock. If you have any spares that you would like to donate they are also welcome.
- Polite reminder to label your child's items.



## NETBALL MATCH REPORT: Owls and Jays

Earlier this month after school, Mrs Clark took a combined team of seven Owls' and Jays' girls to play in the Stingers Netball Tournament at Park House School in Newbury. There were thirteen West Berkshire schools taking part, with each school playing three matches within a smaller group. There was stiff competition from Brightwalton and Chaddleworth, with Burghclere coming first in our group. Despite not winning any of our matches this time, we had lots of fun and were happy to get some practice playing against other schools in a higher level competition that Chieveley has not entered for at least 5 years.

Well done to Olivia, Daisy, Evie, Charlotte B, Tess, Grace and Holly for putting all of Chieveley's five Rs to work by taking part, working as a team, encouraging one another and having fun throughout. Thank you to Lorelei for coming to support her school team and to parents for enabling it to happen with transport help.

Mrs Clark

# IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..

## Smart Art Club

Art club for ages approx 5-10  
year olds

A place for imagination and  
creativity. This is a relaxed  
environment where we explore a  
range of techniques, media,  
colour, texture, craft, design,  
line, form and shape through fun  
themed sessions

Every **Monday 4pm-5pm** or  
**5:15pm-6:15pm**  
Chieveley Village Hall term time  
£9 a session.

I have an enhanced DBS with  
safeguarding and first aid  
training.

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