



CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

May 2026

It was lovely to see so many parents visiting the STEM fair earlier this week; the demonstrations by the children were brilliant and hopefully showcased their passion and learning in science and maths!

A huge well done to the Owls for completing their SAT assessments in the last few weeks—we are incredibly proud of their resilience and determination to do their best in all they do! We look forward to the PGL trip coming up very soon!

Our final term is always one of anticipation—as transition for the next academic year begins, we will be preparing children for their move up to their new class. Extra meetings have been planned for those classes mixing from September—please do send in questions so we can answer these for you in the scheduled meetings. These will run on Mon 8th June at 6pm and Tue 9th June at 9.10.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Hayley in the office, or office@chieveleyschool.co.uk in the first instance to arrange a time to speak to us.

Wishing everyone a restful half term break,

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

JUNE

Monday 1st
START OF TERM

W.C 8th—Yr1 Phonics check

Monday 8th 6pm
Parent transition meeting

Tuesday 9th 9.10am
Parent transition meeting

Friday 26th—AM
Sports Day (info to follow)

JULY

Friday 3rd—AM
Back up Sports Day

Tuesday 7th
Whole school 'move up' afternoon

Wednesday 8th—AM
Swim Gala final

Friday 10th
School Camp Out
(info to follow)

Tuesday 14th
Yr6 dress rehearsal to school

Wednesday 15th 2pm
Yr6 play to parents

Thursday 16th 5pm
Yr6 play to parents

Tuesday 21st 4pm
Yr6 Leavers assembly

Wednesday 22nd
Yr6 Leavers assembly to school

Wednesday 22nd -1.25pm
End of term



It is wonderful to see how excited our Wrens are to come to school! Having them run into class with such excitement in the mornings is a fantastic start to our day.

I would like to share a few important reminders regarding our morning drop-off routine.

The morning routine:

- **Gate Access:** The green gates remain locked until 8:40 AM. Please wait outside the gates until a staff member opens them. Please supervise children so they do not climb the gates or bike racks.
- **Site Safety:** During this window, many staff members are still arriving and driving onto the site. The car park is an active zone and is not a safe area for children to play.

Why This Matters:

We have received several reports of children running through the car park and playing between parked cars. Because our Wrens are still so small, they are extremely difficult for drivers in larger vehicles to see. Our priority is keeping every child safe, and we want to avoid any preventable accidents. **We ask that you please keep your children supervised and directly by your side at all times while waiting.**

Road Safety Practice

This is also a great opportunity to practice road safety with your children. Please remind them that before crossing any road or moving through the car park area, they must Stop, Look, and Listen, checking both ways to ensure there are no moving cars.

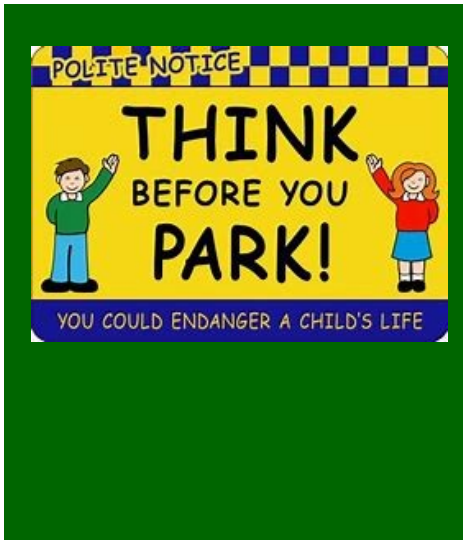
Where to Wait:

- Please wait on the designated pedestrian path.
- Ensure your child stays next to you rather than running ahead until you have entered the green gates.
- Attached: Please see the photo below highlighting the appropriate waiting areas.



Please use the yellow path to wait standing to the left of the bollards. This queue can loop all the way round to the office as it has done in the past.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping your children safe.



At the school gate...

We have noticed a number of children being left unattended prior to the gates opening at 8:40. Unless you or your child has received permission for walking to school alone, please can families stay with their children until the gate opens at 8.40.

Please also ensure families are supervising children outside the gate. The car park is in use after 8.40 so children should not be allowed to play games or run around before the gate opens. Thank you for your support with ensuring children are safe at the start of the school day.

WISH LIST UPDATE

Thank you to all parents who have supported us so far on with our 'wish list'. We have had new art supplies and colouring pens which have been used across the school.

We now have shared what year group specific items are for, so you are able to directly support your child's class if you choose to do so. We are incredibly grateful for any donation, big or small, which have a huge impact on the teaching and learning throughout Chieveley. We'll be giving regular updates in the newsletter about items we have been kindly gifted! Thank you!

The link to our Amazon wish list can be found here:

<https://amzn.eu/hHjCEXf>



After working hard throughout SATs, demonstrating admiral levels of resilience and resourcefulness, Owls Class celebrated with a Fairtrade Feast. Our Year 6 pupils researched ethical ingredients, planned menus and worked in teams to produce scrumptious treats from scratch. With a finely crafted marinade on the chicken wings, flatbreads drenched in garlic butter, Oreo and M&M brownies and homemade waffles drenched in creamy chocolate sauce, the children baked up a storm and cleared up after themselves (including washing and drying up their equipment). We enjoyed a fabulous feast followed by a gentle orienteering activity around the field to aid digestion. We are incredibly proud of The Owls with less than eight weeks to go, we are sure they will shine for the rest of their time at Chieveley.



QUADKIDS

This term, Mrs Theunissen, Mr Keith and Mrs Clark took two teams to compete at the annual Quadkids athletics event held at Park House School. This large event is run by volunteers from Team Kennet with the support of the West Berkshire Schools Sports Network. This year, there were over 500 children from 23 schools taking part.

It was a brilliant day and we were very happy to be there after last year's event had been cancelled due to poor weather. The children made a brilliant team, encouraging each other and setting an outstanding example of how to represent your school during this whole-day event.

Each team takes part in four events - a sprint, a longer run, standing long jump and a vortex throw. We scored a higher number of points as a school this year than in any previous year. Well done team!

A very big well done to:

Y3: Evelyn T, Charlotte T

Y4: Lucy R, Anabelle J, Jake P, Hector D, Zach F, Archie G

Y5: Tiggy L, Joseph H, Matthew J

Y6, Grace G, Charlotte B, Holly R, Charlie S, Oscar C

A number of our children placed highly in the overall individual rankings in their age-groups.

Y3/4: Hector D (6th), Zach F (21st)

Y5/6: Oscar C (6th), Matthew J (9th), Charlie S (21st)

Please could any outstanding green shirts be returned to the office when we return to school.



Wrens adventure to Bucklebury Farm.

Last week, the Wrens went on an exciting class trip to Bucklebury Farm! The children put their learning into action, showing off what they know about farm animals, their offspring, their homes, and how to care for them. Throughout the day they enjoyed feeding the deer, a tractor ride, and stroking the sheep with the nosey goats. However, the absolute favourite part of the day was racing Miss Losty down the giant slide!



BOOK FAIR NEWS

A huge thank you to all of you who visited our book fair at the beginning of this term. As many of you will know, we are given commission on the amount of money we raise. This means any money you spent directly impacts the school in a hugely positive way.

We have just taken delivery of over £1000 worth of books from the last 2 book fairs we ran!!! These books will go into each classroom and have been chosen by the teachers to help improve their book shelves by adding exciting new choices for the children. All the books will have a gold star in them so that the children know they are books we managed to buy with the book fair money.

A really large thank you must also go to our librarians for all their hard work setting up the book fair and supporting children and parents who visited us. Thank you Martha, Harriette, Amelie, Helena and Alicia.

We really hope that your children enjoy their new books, both at home and at school and we look forward to seeing you at our next book fair in November.

Many Thanks for your ongoing support!



Our latest updates from our Forest School club!



What an incredible afternoon we had on Tuesday for our annual STEM Showcase! The children loved sharing and celebrating their learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support. It was fantastic to see you getting stuck in, testing out the children's creations and letting our pupils lead the way with some hands-on demonstrations and experiments. We definitely have some future scientists, mathematicians and engineers in our midst!





We're so lucky to be running our Forest school club here at Chieveley each week. Here are some pictures from our latest session!

DIGITAL GUIDELINES AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We have our Chieveley digital guidelines which we shared with parents last year. If any parents have concerns or questions, please direct these to the office so we are able to help and respond.

These can be found in full on our website.

Please think before you post. Avoid using the platform as a medium to air any concerns or grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school or give opinions on current affairs. Please think about how your post could come across, and about how you would feel if you were on the receiving end.

If you have any concerns about your child at school or in relation to another child, you should contact your class teacher. If your concern remains, you should contact the school's Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher.

If you are not sure about your post, please ask yourself these questions beforehand:

- Is this relevant?
- Is this necessary?
- Is it true?
- Is it helpful?
- Is it kind?
- Is this a good time to post? i.e. not late at night or very early in the morning.

IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..

PTA EVENTS



Save the Dates!



02 Oct 25

PTA Non-uniform day (£1)



23 Oct 25

Halloween Disco



05 Dec 25

Christmas Fayre



12 Feb 26

Movie Night



**01 Mar to
13 Apr 26**

**Entrepreneur task -
Grow a £1!**



26 Apr 26

Chieveley Chase



21 May 26

Parents Quiz Night!



21 Jun 26

Summer Fete



10 Jul 26

Camp out!

**Come join the fun, support our School and
make lasting memories!**

IN AND AROUND
CHIEVELEY..

Website: chieveleyvillagehall.org




YOUR NEW LOCAL COMMUNITY
COFFEE STOP
CHIEVELEY VILLAGE HALL

OPENING FROM 22ND MAY 2026
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
9.00AM - 12.30PM

 WWW.CHIEVELEYVILLAGEHALL.ORG

The advertisement features a central illustration of a blue coffee cup on a saucer, surrounded by green coffee leaves and brown coffee beans. The text is bold and black, set against a light background with a sun icon at the top right and two starburst icons on the left. The Chieveley Village Hall logo is in the top left corner.