CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

July 2026

As another year draws to a close, it is often a time for reflection on the past 12 months. So much has happened with too many school events to mention, celebrating children's successes in all parts of life. Form our fantastic performances to our brilliant sports competitions—we hope every child has had a chance to truly shine this year at Chieveley.

This is the perfect time to thank our dedicated staff team; from our office staff to those who support in out kitchens—we are incredibly lucky to have such a brilliant team supporting the children here. Thank you!

A huge thank you to our parents too—including our outstanding PTA team. Thank you for your support over the last year, working in partnership with you truly means we can achieve the best for the children each day.

I hope every child has had a brilliant year and is looking forward to building on their achievements in their next adventure too!

A special goodbye to our Owls, they have all grown into such fantastic people- ready for the next stage of their journey from September. Thank you for brining so much to our school.

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 relaxing summer break!

Mr Harris and the Chieveley team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September

Thursday 3rd
Start of term

Friday 25th
Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 30th
School photographs

October

Friday 2nd
Inset day

Thursday 22nd
End of term

November

Tuesday 3rd
Start of term

FOND FAREWELLS AND HELLO AGAINS

We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team of staff at Chieveley and recognise the difference they make everyday to the children they teach. Every year, we thank them for the incredible job they do; but we have a few bitter-sweet goodbyes to staff who are moving on this year and some who will be re-joining us too!

Mrs England

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Mrs England who has been supporting children at Chieveley for the past 9 years. She is an incredible asset and will be deeply missed by staff, children and parents. She knows so many of the classes at Chieveley and her warm, gentle spirit always puts a smile on everyone's faces. We hope she will visit us soon—but wish her a very happy retirement, relaxing in her garden for a well-deserved rest! Thank you Mrs England for all your hard work!

Miss Losty,

We also wish a fond farewell to Miss Losty. Miss Losty has been with us for two years, covering two maternity leaves during her time with us. She has led phonics this year and she will be very much missed by the whole Chieveley community. We wish Miss Losty the best of luck with her new teaching position in Reading and hopes she will keep in touch!

Mrs Chichester

Whilst only with us a short time, we thank Mrs Chichester for stepping in to cover Robins for the summer term. She has quickly got to know the class and taught them brilliantly for the term. Thank you Mrs Chichester for all your work this busy term—it has been fantastic having you as part of our team!

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Mrs Grant Dawson

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Grant-Dawson back from her maternity leave too! She has been visiting the new Wrens children this month and it is so lovely to have her back in school. She will be working part time in Wrens, alongside Mrs Shaw and is looking forward to getting to know the new starters soon! We hope she settles back in well and I know all the children, parents and staff will be very happy to see her back too! Welcome back!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS HOGAN!

From all staff, children and parents, we wish Miss Hogan a very happy wedding day over the summer holidays! We send congratulations from the whole Chieveley community and hope you both have a wonderful day and start to married life together!

CHIEVELEY PTA

WE NEED A NEW SECRETARY!

Chieveley PTA is on the hunt for a new Secretary.

As PTA, our goal is simple: Raise as much money for the school – for the children – as possible.

So far this year we've raised **£7,575** – with two events still to go!

We're full of ideas for next year and are looking for someone with enthusiasm, strong organisation skills and who is passionate about giving the children the best experience possible.

This is a key trustee role, working closely with PTA Chair (Nicki) and Treasurer (Pam).

The role will include:

- Approving payment transfers
- Maintaining lottery and alcohol licenses
- Sourcing sponsors and raffle prizes
- Minute taking

If you think you could be a good fit – *or are even the slightest bit curious* – we'd love to hear from you!

WhatsApp Nicki: 07917 182299

Email: chieveleypta@outlook.com

NEW CLASS NAMES

We're delighted to share our class structure for the next academic year. Our Year 3/4 and 4/5 classes have been discussing new names for their classes and have decided on 'Woodpeckers' for our Year 3/4 class and 'Starlings' for our Year 4/5 class. Thank you to all children for their ideas and suggesting in selecting their new class names!

SPORTS DAY REPORT!

Our postponed Sports Day this year was worth the wait. The children had a brilliant time taking part in their running, throwing and relay events, producing a consistently close competition between the two top scoring houses and between Saxons and Normans for third place from quite early on in the morning. It really wasn't until the final event that Romans pulled away enough to overturn Viking's successful run of several years. Congratulations to Romans and a big well done to all children for all playing their part on the day and making it so much fun.

Thank you to all staff and to Owls for helping run the event and making it such a success.

SPORTING SUCCESS!

NDPSA Swimming Gala Heats and Finals

Much earlier in the term, Miss Hogan and Mrs Clark took a group of twenty two KS2 children to the swimming gala heats at Northcroft Leisure Centre. There are always two separate days of heats to accommodate the large number of schools entering from Newbury and surrounding areas, culminating in finals day which took place on July 8th this year. Our children did a fantastic job in a competition that requires both stroke standards and the rules of racing to be met. Over half of the children attending from Chieveley made it through to finals day, with some only just missing out on selection and others having really exciting race finishes; it was the largest group of Chieveley children to reach the finals so far. It was brilliant to see the children so enthusiastically supporting each other and their friends from competing schools at such a large, well-organised event. A huge well done to all our children who took part:

Y3: Ben, Jackson M

Y4: Hector D (2nd, 5th), Zach F, Esme J, Annabelle J (2nd), William J, Joseph P (3rd, 5th), Ebony W (4th)

Y5: Charlotte B (4th), Florence D (4th), Mila D (3rd), Harry G (2nd, 5th), Joseph H (2nd, 4th), Matthew J (2nd, 6th), Xavi J, Robert M (2nd, 5th), Samuel P (4th), Isabel Tu

Y6: Florence J, Alicia M, Anna O

*Where the finals were reached, position is shown in brackets.

Thank you to the NDPSA volunteers and leisure centre staff who run the event and to our parents for transport and support.

St Bartholomew's Dodgeball Competitions

At the beginning of July, Mrs Clark took two Y5/6 teams to play dodgeball at St Bart's in annual competitions run by the school in partnership with the West Berkshire School Sport Network. It's a fun and chaotic sport that can be really exciting to watch. The heat made it challenging but our teams had a great time. Well done to all of those who took part. The boys team were joint runners up in their competition and it turns out that Alicia M l(Y6) has a particular talent for catching people out and that Zac M (Y6) likes to dance his way through even the most tense of matches! Thanks go to St Bart's school, WBSSN and again to parents for transporting.

ROBINS TRIP REPORT

The Robins had a lovely visit to the Museum of English Rural Life this last half term.

The weather was perfect - not too hot - and the children represented the school proudly.

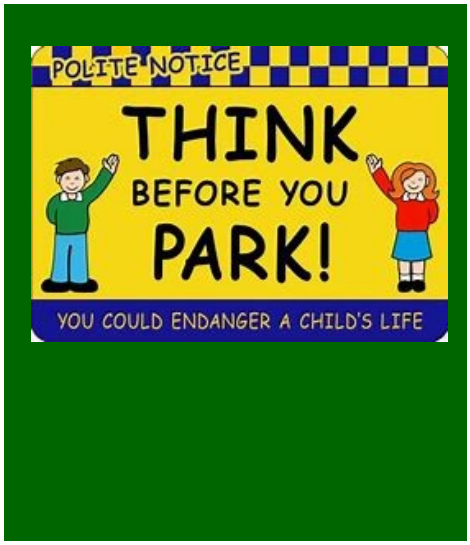
They behaved really well and were fully engaged in all the different activities. The staff at the museum said what a lovely group they were.

The learning was based on the work of the pioneer Eliza Chatterley who was passionate about taking the classroom outside and learning about nature. It also built on the learning Robins are doing in their science topic on plants and trees.

We had time to sit and listen and look at the nature around us in the beautiful garden, the children sketched flowers and chickens, listened to the bird song, identified trees and made leaf prints on clay.

After lunch we took the opportunity to go around the galleries and look at what life was like in the countryside in the past. There were many original artefacts and games and the children loved hunting for the rats which were hidden among the exhibits.

They are now excited to be writing about their trip in their English lessons!



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 cark 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

Bye from forest school club for now; we can't wait to welcome children back next year!

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.

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*All our courses are run by DBS checked, fully-qualified Bikeability Instructors.
Your child's bike must be fully road-worthy and the right size.
Our Instructors have the right to refuse training if your child's bike is deemed unsafe.

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