



# CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2026

I hope everyone has a restful Easter break—we are very excited to have started the term with children settling in so well.

The summer term is always a busy time; the Chieveley Chase, Sports Day and our Move Up Day are particular highlights of the term which I know everyone will look forward to. Well done to all children (and families!) who worked on the grow a £1 initiative, we had some brilliant ideas, we definitely have some budding entrepreneurs in our midst! Thank you to the PTA for organising such a brilliant event.

It has been great to capture some of the events we held last term too! The Jays trip to Cadbury World and fantastic cross country competition which Chieveley performed so well in! Congratulations to all the runners for representing the school so well!

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

Thank you,

Mr Harris



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### APRIL

Wednesday 29th  
Class photos

### MAY

W.C 11th—YR6 SATs

Thursday 14th  
Wrens—Bucklebury Farm trip

Tuesday 19th at 2.40pm  
STEM Showcase

Thursday 21st  
PTA Parent Quiz

Friday 22nd  
END OF TERM

Sunday 31st—3rd June  
Owls PGL Trip

### JUNE

Monday 1st  
START OF TERM

W.C 8th—Yr1 Phonics check

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



## Grow a £1 Challenge – Chieveley Primary School

Over the past six weeks, pupils at Chieveley Primary School have taken part in our exciting “Grow a £1” entrepreneurial challenge, and what an incredible success it has been!

Starting with just £1, children were encouraged to think creatively, work independently or in teams, and develop their own money-making ideas. We were thrilled to receive 23 entries, with a fantastic mix of individual efforts and group collaborations.

Thanks to the enthusiasm, creativity, and determination of our pupils, we are proud to announce that together they raised an amazing:

£1,205.49

The range of ideas was truly inspiring. Pupils organised:

- \* Cake, sweet, and plant sales
- \* Fun games such as “Name the Bear”, “find the tiger” and “Guess how many marbles in the jar”
- \* Step challenges and raffles
- \* Art galleries
- \* And even earned money through helpful tasks and odd jobs

Their entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to try new ideas made this challenge both fun and meaningful.

Top Fundraisers

- \* **1st Place: Seren D (Yr5) – £228 raised through an online quiz**
- \* **2nd Place: Nathaniel B (Yr2) – £199.69 raised through a cake and toy sale (Sparrows)**
- \* **3rd Place: Charlotte, Emily and Xavi (Yr5) – £118.25 raised through a cake and sweet sale**

This is a fantastic amount of money raised for our school, and we are incredibly proud of all the children who took part.

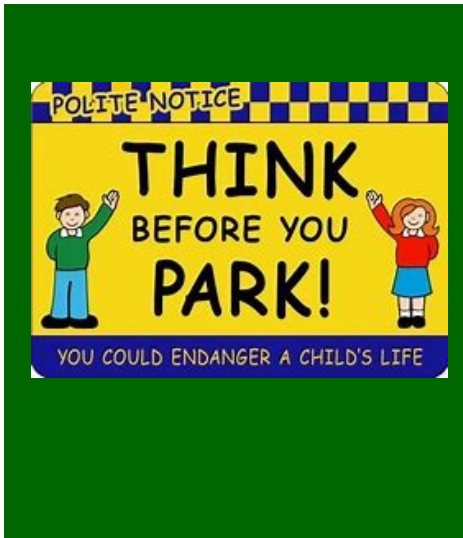
A huge thank you goes to everyone involved—not only to those who entered the challenge, but also to the parents, families and friends who supported the children by donating, buying from stalls, and encouraging their efforts.

Your support has helped make this challenge such a memorable and successful experience for everyone involved. - Chieveley PTA team

# PARKING REMINDER

## PARKING

We offer a 'kiss and drop' for pupils in KS2, where children can be dropped off in the bays at the front of the school. KS1 children should be collected from their classroom. Parking is available at the village hall, a short walk away. Parking bays are not for cars to idle with their engines turned on as is not safe for pupils walking to and from school. We have also had a number of residents share concerns around parents parking on double yellow lines or leaving their cars running for long periods of time. Please be conscious of Chieveley residents and our environment.



## 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>



Towards the end of last term, Mrs Theunissen, Mrs Clark and Miss Gilpin accompanied a large group of KS2 children to the annual West Berkshire and North Hampshire Primary Schools Cross Country event at Newbury Showground. It is the largest primary school running event of its kind in the country, with nearly 1500 children from 49 different schools taking part, organised and staffed by volunteers from Team Kennet Athletics Club. We entered a team into each of the 4 races, with each running the same 2.35km course with approximately 350 children in each race.

This year we were thrilled to be second placed 'small school', taking our largest group of children to date, with a record number of children placing in the top 100 in their races! A huge well done to all those who took part, particularly those who trained so hard with Mr Keith each week or did their own training to improve their fitness. Many thanks to Team Kennet and to parents for their support, including for transporting children.

Y3/4 Girls: **Anabelle J**, Evelyn T, Esme J, Ebony W, Emily B, Charlotte T, Georgia M-S, Poppy R, Lucy R, Annabel R, Amelia J, Alannah C

Y3/4 Boys: **Zach F**, **Jack O**, **Jake P**, Joseph P, William J, Archie G, Oscar W

Y5/6 Girls: **Charlotte B**, **Florence D**, **Holly R**, Anna O, Grace G, Tiggy L, Isabel T, Florence J, Mila D, Amelia T, Alicia M, Harriette F

Y5/6 Boys: **Matthew J**, **Charlie S**, **Joey H**, **Robert M**, Oscar C, Oscar B, Harry G, Samuel P, Logan M, Daniel S, Max P

**Placement within the first 10**

**Placement within the first 100**





CONGRATULATIONS RUNNERS!



## SUBLIME SCIENCE DAY

On Monday 23rd March we had an exciting visit from Fern from Sublime Science. All classes took part in learning about forces, states of matter and sound, where they made slime and finished the day with some water rocket explosions which caused a great deal of excitement!



## Jays Cadbury's World Trip

On the last Thursday of the spring term, Jays went on their annual trip to Cadbury's World. This trip followed our spring term topic of the Maya. The children had been learning about the Maya all term, understanding who they were and what life was like during that time. They learnt that the Mayans played an important role in the invention of chocolate and valued it so much that they worshiped it and used cocoa beans as money.

The trip started off with a workshop all about the Mayans, where the children got a chance to hold real cocoa beans, Maya books and dress up in traditional clothing. We then toured and explored the factory, where we got to taste chocolate and understand how it was made. The children were happy to leave with free chocolate as souvenirs- just in time for Easter!



## Owls Update

This week in Owls, as we continue to learn about the circulatory system, we investigated how nutrients are transported around animal bodies. We learnt that this was called diffusion. We also found out that water moves by an operation called Osmosis. In order to better visualise these processes, we undertook two investigations: the first involved skittles, water and observations of rainbows; the second involved jelly babies and jelly snakes, water and an overnight wait. Here are some pictures of what we observed!



## BOOK NEWS

The Book Fair returns this week! Do please come and visit us in the hall. We are open from Tuesday 21st April until Monday 27th April at 3.15 until 3.45. Remember, our book fair is cashless and a QR code can be used for payment. At this point in time we cannot accept Apple Pay so you will need your actual card with you. Our fantastic team of librarians look forward to seeing lots of you there!

## PTA News:

We have lots of exciting PTA news and events to share!

**10k!**

Now in its 13th year, the Chieveley Chase has become a well-known fixture on the Berkshire running calendar.

Join us, Sunday 26th April, at the Chieveley village hall!

The Chieveley Chase (Adults): A single, multi-terrain lap of the surrounding countryside, over approximately 10k.

The Childrens Chase (KS2) - a 1 mile course, run on the Village Hall playing field

The Mini Chase! (KS1) - a 400m lap, run on the Village Hall playing field

# CHIEVELEY CHASE

Register Here!

**ICONS FITNESS**

**jones robinson**  
SIMUL MOVERE

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL

SAVE THE DATE—PTA Quiz: Please save the date for May 21st, which will be our PTA quiz—more info to follow shortly.



## Support for Families: Breakfast Clubs and School Age Childcare

We know that reliable childcare before and after school is really important for many families.

There is currently a national programme to introduce free breakfast clubs in schools across England. At this stage, the programme is being rolled out first to schools with the highest levels of disadvantage, based on national criteria set by the Department for Education.

Because of this, most schools in our area are not eligible to take part at the moment. One local school is currently involved in the programme, and the local council is supporting that school with delivery.

Alongside this national programme, the council is continuing to work with schools and local childcare providers to make sure families can access:

- Before school care
- After school clubs
- Holiday childcare

The council's main priority is helping to maintain and protect existing childcare provision, which many parents and carers rely on for work, training, and family life.

The council will continue to keep in touch with schools and monitor any future changes to national funding or eligibility for breakfast clubs.

If you have any questions about arrangements or availability, please contact the school office, who can advise or signpost you to our provider.





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..



## Not all superheroes wear capes\*... ours drive cars!

The Downland Volunteer Group urgently needs caring, reliable volunteer drivers to support local people who are elderly, sick, disabled or otherwise in need.

Even just a few hours per month could help someone attend a vital medical appointment or stay connected in their community.

**Got a car and a little spare time?**

**Want to make a real difference  
in your local area?**

Then we'd love to hear from you!

Mileage expenses reimbursed – full support, friendly team and feel-good factor included!

If you don't want to drive but can offer a couple of hours or more per month, we also need some admin and phone help in our Compton office.

“ Volunteer work  
that is hands-on,  
providing practical  
help. ”

Sandra, DVG Volunteer

Your spare time could be someone's lifeline

Drive  
with **DVG**

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