



CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Jan 2026

I hope everyone has had a lovely start to the new year, despite the cool temperatures! We have had a busy start to the term with trips and visitors already taking place in the first few weeks of term.

The Spring term is always one that rushes by, but we have many exciting events coming up, including the PTA film night before half term and our Y3/4 spring production—lots to look forward to!

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.

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

Monday 2nd
Fire service visit Yr5

Thursday 12th 3.30-5.30pm
PTA Movie night

Friday 13th
End of Term

Monday 23rd
Start of Term

Tuesday 24th
Yr4—Winchester Science Ctr Trip

March

Wednesday 4th
Yr5 — L1 Bikeability
(info to follow)

Thursday 5th
World Book Day

Tuesday 10th
Yr6 Warner Bros Trip

Weds 11th & Thursday 12th
Yr6— L2 Bikeability
(info to follow)

Tuesday 17th at 9.20am
Y4 Performance (supported by Y3)

Tuesday 17th PM
KS2 Cross Country — The Showground

Wednesday 18 at 2.15pm
Y4 Performance (supported by Y3)

Tuesday 24th March — 3.30-6.30pm
Parent Evening (info to follow)

Wednesday 25th March — 4-7pm
Parent Evening (info to follow)

Friday 27th at 1.25pm
End of Term

Staffing News

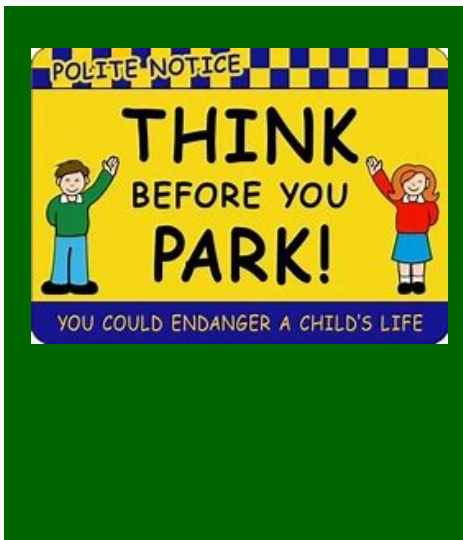
We will be very sorry to say ‘Goodbye and good luck’ to Mrs Chandler, who will be leaving Chieveley after Easter. We would like to congratulate her on being appointed as a Virtual School Advisor at West Berkshire Council and wish her the best of luck in her new career path. We know the children and class will miss her dearly. We will share an update for staffing in Robins after Easter in due course.



PARKING REMINDER

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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.



SKYLARKS NEWS

Last week, Rabbi Zvi visited Sparrows and Skylarks to do a Passover workshop. A 'dining table' set up was created in the classroom with chairs around the outside. The Rabbi introduced the workshop by singing a traditional song in Hebrew before telling the story about the Passover and why it is celebrated. He talked the children through the Seder meal and the significance of the different items, before offering grape juice (to represent the wine) and matzah (flat bread) for the children to have a little taste of. The children were all very respectful and asked some great questions to improve and deepen their knowledge and understanding.



RAPID NEWS:

Owls: Owls have been getting to grips with the Bard himself. As part of our "flip the genre" focus in English, we will be recounting, in a newspaper article, the events of Macbeth pertaining to King Duncan's murder. The Owls are looking forward to describing the gruesome goings on in Glamis Castle.

Wrens:

Wrens Woodwork Learning

This term the Wrens class have been enjoying hands-on learning in the woodwork shed. The children have been practising how to use tools such as screwdrivers and hammers safely. Working in small groups, they explored different tools, discussed how and why we use them, and had opportunities to practise their skills. These experiences support the children in developing concentration, focus, fine motor skills, and valuable life skills.

Exploring Frozen Lands

The Wrens have been enjoying learning about frozen lands. We have developed our understanding of a globe and where we are in the world, before exploring the Arctic and Antarctica. The students loved learning about penguins, discovering how they stay warm, and demonstrating their perfect penguin waddle! They also enjoyed playing in the snow and learning about the many fun activities people can do in snowy environments.

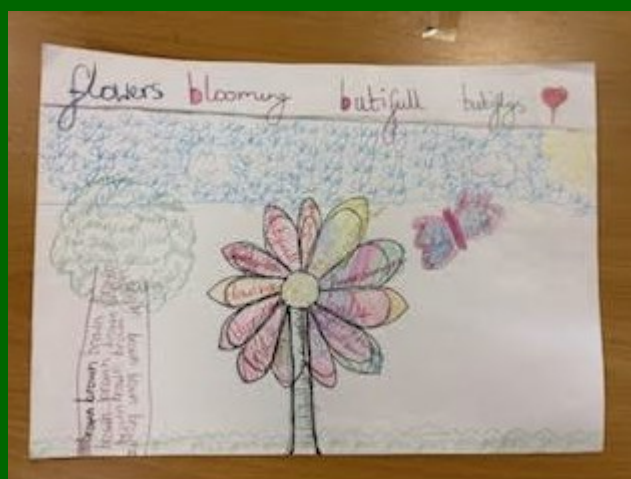
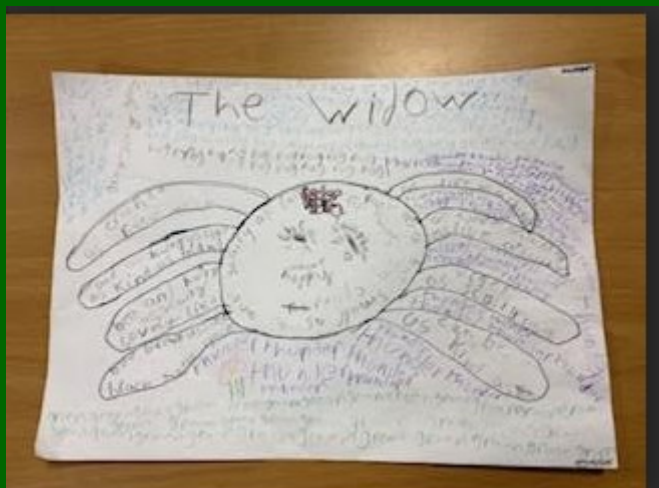


RAPID NEWS: Sparrows went on an exciting trip to Windsor Castle this week and had a fantastic time learning about castles and exploring the site. We particularly enjoyed seeing Queen Mary's doll house and the changing of the guard!



RAPID NEWS:

In Kingfishers we have been writing poems about Nature. We had great fun creating some amazing shape poems, or Calligrams and used our artistic skills to make them look amazing! Here are a few examples:



Jays:

This term, Year 5, I have been reading the book 'Holes'. The children have loved exploring Camp Green Lake and have been enchanted by the characters in the story. They wrote their own letters to their families, asking for their help to get out of the Camp and revealing what actually happens there- some of the letters written were exceptional!

They have also been studying fractions, where they have learnt to convert, add and subtract them. All children have shown great resilience in this!

A fantastic first term back for Year 5 and lots more to look forward to!

Book News!!

Coming soon...The Big Book Swap' is back! Please have a look through all your books at home and see if there are any you would like to pass on during our swap in March. Also, World Book Day dress up is back, you won't need to buy anything new for this year's theme, more details to follow on both of these things soon....!



We're so lucky to be running our Forest school club here at Chieveley each week. Here is a picture from our latest session!

From Mrs Clark:

On Friday last week, a group of KS2 children had the opportunity to take part in a netball training session run by Newbury Netball Stars. Despite the recent very wet weather, we managed to escape the rain right at the end of the day and the group had fun practicing different netballing activities together. A small number of our KS2 girls already attend weekend training with Netball Stars - please see the attached flyer. A big thank you from Chieveley Primary School to Maria from Newbury Netball Stars who came and led the training.

PRIMARY INCLUSIVE NETBALL CLUB

CLICK ON WHITE BOXES TO BOOK

<p>JUNIOR MATCHES</p> <p>17.00 - 18.00</p> <p>YEARS 4 - 6</p> <p>THURSDAY NIGHTS</p> <p>NUFFIELD HEALTH</p> <p>7TH NOVEMBER - 6 SESSIONS</p>	<p>SATURDAY MORNINGS</p> <p>9.15 - 10.00</p> <p>YEARS 3 - 6</p> <p>ALL YEAR TERM TIME</p> <p>KENNET SCHOOL OUTDOOR COURT</p>	<p>HALF TERM NETBALL CAMP</p> <p>10.30 - 16.30</p> <p>YEARS 4 - 6</p> <p>31ST OCTOBER SPOOKY FUN</p> <p>NUFFIELD HEALTH</p>
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Match Stars REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT WWW.NETBALLSTARS.COM

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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