



# CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dec 2025

We have come to the end of a busy term! It has been brilliant to see so many events happening over the last half term, including our Y5 trip to Ufton Court, the choir singing at the Christmas Fayre, the brilliant Nativity play and so much more. Thank you to families for your help and support in making these events so special.

I have been immensely proud of how our children have represented the school on their trips and events. We had a brilliant time at the Watermill Theatre and our sports teams have taken part in a range of competitions over the Autumn term. Well done to all involved!

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you! To staff, parents and the Chieveley community. It has been wonderful to come together again and celebrate what a special school we are! I hope everyone can take some time to spend with loved ones and enjoy the festive season.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and restful winter break!

Mr Harris



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### January

Monday 5th  
Start of term

Tuesday 6th  
Wrens—Vision checks

Tuesday 20th  
Rabbi visit (Yr2 & Yr4)

Thursday 29th  
Yr2 Windsor Castle Trip

### February

Thursday 12th  
PTA – Movie night

Friday 13th  
End of Term

Monday 23rd  
Start of Term

With budget restrictions affecting schools all over the country, we rely more than ever on support from parents, our local community and businesses. Parents, family members, visitors to the school or members of the public may wish to help us by purchasing books, learning resources or other items through our whole school wish list on Amazon using the link below. Every purchase and donation helps us to have an exciting, broad range and choice of texts in our school library or new resources and equipment to support learning in classes. We would all be very grateful - no matter how big or small.

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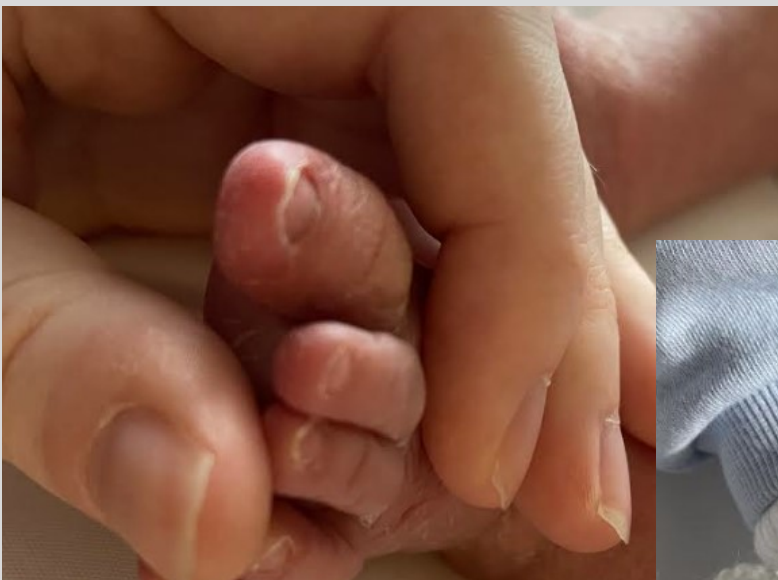


## THERAPY DOG VISITS

We have been very lucky to have had visits this term from our therapy dog, Archie alongside volunteer Mrs Bushall. Children have loved seeing Archie in class over the past term, sometimes helping in music and art and even popping up to say 'Hello' in one of our assemblies! Here are a few pictures of Archie's visits over the past few weeks. Thank you Archie!



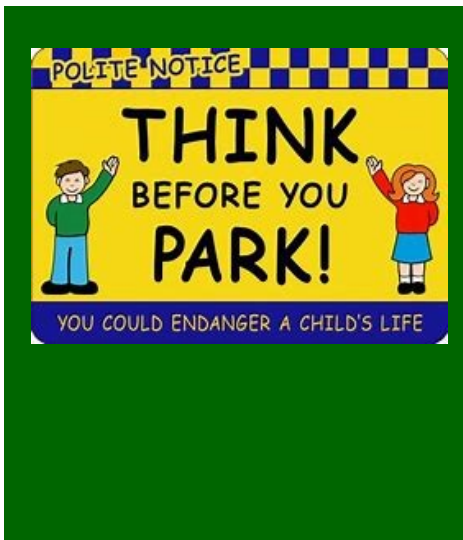
A huge congratulations to Mrs Grant-Dawson on the arrival of her baby boy, Arnie, who was born earlier this term. We send lots of well-wishes from the Chieveley family and can't wait to hear more about how Arnie is getting on in the upcoming weeks! We have been treated to a few pictures of the new arrival!



# 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.



## YEAR 3 NEWS

The Year 3 class have recently enjoyed a historical trip into Newbury town centre. This included an historical treasure hunt around the important historical monuments in the town. We found the mosaic outside the library, which depicted the Battle of Newbury, Donnington Castle and we found out when St Nick's church was built. We then moved to Victoria Park to count the lion's paws around Queen Victoria's statue. On to the Clock tower and down Northbrook Street - which included a look at Jack O'Newbury's house and the oldest existing shop - Camp Hopson. The children enjoyed finding out about the history of Newbury and the adults learnt a thing or two as well!



# NATIVITY NEWS

We were so proud of our Wrens, Robins and Sparrows for their fantastic performance in their Nativity! From stars to snowdrops, the performances had it all! We hope families take away special memories from the shows! I also want to extend a special thank you to all the staff who helped in organising, directing and putting together such a fabulous show! Here are our wonderful cast!



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### Jays Residential:

Year 5 returned from their residential at Ufton Court with incredible stories after spending two days fully immersed in Tudor life. The trip brought history to life in the most exciting ways, giving the children the chance to experience the past.

During their stay, the pupils enjoyed a grand Tudor banquet, complete with traditional entertainment and Tudor style food, where the children had to eat without knives and forks!. They also tried their hand at a range of Tudor games, discovering just how creative – and competitive – people were before modern toys and screens!

One of the favourite activities was taking part in a dramatic Tudor courtroom, where the children stepped into the roles of nobles, villagers, and even the accused. Unfortunately, some had to endure Tudor themed punishments for their crimes!

The adventure ended with a thrilling raid on the house, as pupils explored hidden spaces and learned more about the real stories behind Ufton Court.

It was a fantastic trip filled with learning, teamwork, and laughter – and Year 5 have certainly brought their enthusiasm for Tudor history back to school!

### F1 Trip:

This term, Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Williams Racing, diving into the fast-paced world of Formula 1. The day began with an exciting STEM workshop, where the children created and tested their own nose cones, to see whose creation survived best if crashed into a wall.

Next, the class toured the impressive Williams Racing Museum, discovering legendary cars and holding iconic pieces of equipment, such as a helmet and a F1 steering wheel. I bet you can't guess how much the steering wheel cost!

The highlight for many was the chance to take the wheel in the F1 simulator. The room was filled with competitiveness as the pupils battled for the fastest lap, experiencing the thrill of high-speed racing in a safe, virtual environment.

It was a day full of learning, inspiration, and excitement—one that has certainly sparked plenty of future engineers and racing fans!







As part of their design and technology curriculum this term, Owls worked incredibly hard to design, resource and set up their stalls for the Christmas Fayre. With a Target game, Mystery Object, Find a Prize, Pin the star on the Christmas tree and Guess the sweets in the jar the games appealed to all visitors, young and old. In addition, to designing their own stalls, several members of Owls helped to set up and man the ever popular Chocolate Tombola. The teamwork and hard work displayed by our Year 6 students was a wonderful example of our school values of relationships and resilience in action!



"it's behind you...."

# Panto is coming to Chieveley!

"Oh no it isn't!"



## Dick Whittington

Sunday 11th January 2026, 2pm

A magical show performed by the Chaplins touring company  
Fun for kids, joy for adults!

Tickets on sale  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

£10 Adult/£5 Children (under 16)\*

The Chieveley Village Hall Trustees are excited to be organising this new event bringing together our village community both young and old. For more details please contact [panto.crc@outlook.com](mailto:panto.crc@outlook.com)

Performed by Chaplins Pantos 4 kids

\*Plus booking fee

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# 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!**

# Parents of 3 or 4 Year Old Children

## Apply now for a Reception Year school place

**For September 2026**

Closing date for applications  
15 January 2026



# Applying for a secondary school place

**For September 2026**

Closing date for applications  
31 October 2025

