



Nov 2025

CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

I hope everyone had a lovely half term and a chance to rest and reset! We've a busy second half of the term with nativity plays starting rehearsals and our choir practicing for their performance at the Chieveley lights switch-on! How exciting!

Over the past few weeks we have raised awareness during anti-bullying week and Y6 led our remembrance assembly which filled me with such pride.

I'd like to also thank the PTA for all their ongoing work both at the Halloween Disco and in preparing for the upcoming Christmas Fayre—make sure you have saved the date as it is sure to be a fantastic event.

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

Have a fantastic term all!

Mr Harris



DATES FOR THE DIARY

November

Tues 18th–24th
Book Fair in hall

Tuesday 25th
Jays—Williams Racing trip

Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm
PAN Meeting

Wednesday 26th
Kingfishers—Newbury trip
Wednesday 26th at 6.30pm
PAN Meeting

Wednesday 26th at 7.30pm
PTA meeting (online)

December

Wednesday 3rd
Watermill Theatre Trip

Friday 5th
Christmas jumper day

Friday 5th at 5-7pm
Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9th at 2.15pm
KS1 performance

Wednesday 10th at 9.30am
KS1 performance

Tuesday 16th
Christmas lunch

Wednesday 17th at 2pm
KS2 Carol service at the church

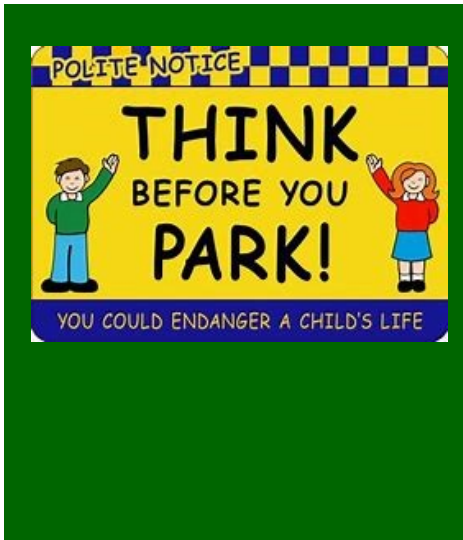
Thursday 18th at 1.25pm
End of term

Book News!!

In exciting news we have been able to purchase £500 worth of new books for our libraries. This money has come directly from profits from the last two book fairs. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' for supporting us in this.

The Book Fair returns next week! Do please come and visit us in the hall. We are open from Tuesday 18th November until Monday 24th November at 3.15 until 3.45. Remember, our book fair is cashless and a QR code can be used for payment. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.





PARKING REMINDER

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.

WRENS NEWS

This week, Wrens have spent time reflecting on what it means to be grateful and learning all about Remembrance Day, why we celebrate it and what it represents. The children showed great empathy and creativity as we explored the significance of Remembrance Day through activities about poppies, learning the origin story behind the poppy symbol and the importance of remembering all the soldiers who gave their lives to help protect us.

We have also been celebrating National Nursery Rhyme Week! The children loved exploring some of our favourite rhymes, including Sing a Song of Sixpence, where we made our own blackbirds; Humpty Dumpty, where we experimented with building strong walls to stop Humpty from falling; and When I Was One. The children showed fantastic memory skills and enthusiasm as they sang, acted out, and shared their favourite nursery rhymes with friends. To learn more about national nursery rhyme week you can visit here: <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>



Food bank update:

Thank you to all families who donated food as part of our harvest festival. We were so grateful to Rosie from West Berkshire Food Bank, who came in to discuss where our donations go to. Rosie was delighted to let me know that our Harvest Festival collection for West Berks Foodbank weighed in at 121.0kgs. This is roughly the weight of a panda and they're big!

More importantly, our donation is the equivalent of 254 meals for local people who are currently experiencing extreme hardship.

Thank you too to our Year 6 Charity Committee members who helped support the Harvest Festival.



Anti-Bullying Week from Miss Parsonson

'Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow. '

The Anti-Bullying Alliance

That's why, during this week, we have used it as an opportunity to help our school shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. We have focused on encouraging children to use their 'Power for Good' to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, whether face to face or online; to be an Upstander, not a Bystander.

The children took on the role of becoming 'Anti-Bullying Agents' to understand what bullying actually is, how to help 'spot it and stop it' and spread kindness throughout our school community. They embraced the idea that we all have 'powers' to help, such as the powers of respect, friendship, using our voices, fairness and courage. We have role played scenarios and thought about how we could use our powers to help in each situation. The children have also made some hands of friendship wreaths, created hearts of kindness and used the odd socks theme to highlight how we are all wonderfully different and unique.





In the quiet of this daily second,
when poppies bloom and spirits reckoned.

We congregate here on this day,
to commemorate soldiers who in poppy fields lay.
Their courage glistened like a fire, scorching bright.
They fought for us, guiding us with their gleaming light.

With hearts strong, scabbed and scarred,
they fought for peace, silenced in the graveyard.

As bombs whistled and banged,
while soldiers thudded to the floor,
they paid an expense,
we cannot afford.

Let's remember them,
on the honourable day.

by Owls Class



On Tuesday, 11th November, Owls Class walked to Chieveley Church to learn more about the impact of the World Wars on our village community. We began by investigating the information recorded on the Chieveley War Memorial and what it told us about the servicemen who were listed. Our Head and Deputy Head Students and Rev'd. Toogood then led the class (and some members of the public) in a time of reflection, a two minute silence and prayers for the fallen.

We were then privileged to explore the church to see records of the stories of the fallen forces personnel of Chieveley, which enabled the children to relate to this significant time in our history on a more personal level. Rev'd. Toogood showed us some of the letters soldiers had written to their families, telegrams, service records and photographs of the fallen in happier times.

The Owls were wonderful ambassadors for the school, displaying their respectful, kind and attentive natures throughout the morning.

In the afternoon, we shared our new understanding of the significance of Remembrance Day with the rest of the school as we led the afternoon assembly.



In the middle of last month, Mrs Clark and Mrs Sampson took two teams to take part in Hungerford Rugby Club's annual tag rugby festival. It's a large, fun event with around 8 teams in each of the two competitions (Y3/4 and Y5/6). Both teams had a great time and did really well in their matches; our Y5/6 won all their matches bar one draw and Y3/4 were not far behind in their number of wins. The more they played the better they got and it was great to see so much good team-work. Well done to Chloe, Oscar C, Zac, Jorja, Max, Charlie, Harry, Alfie, Thomas, Robert, Lucy, Esme, Jake, William, Archie, Jack, Zack, Jackson and Ben.

Thank you to parents for transportation, support and help offered or given during the event.





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



"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
5th 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

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



IN AND AROUND CHIEVELEY..



relieving hunger
restoring dignity
reviving hope



West Berks
Foodbank
Together with Trussell



THANK YOU!

This certificate of appreciation is presented to

Chieveley Primary School

in acknowledgment of your kind harvest donations to
the West Berks Foodbank,
a total of

121 kg of food & essentials

Your generosity has provided **254** meals,
helping to feed **12** people with three meals a day for 7 days

West Berks Foodbank supports people in food crisis, additionally
providing essential items such as toiletries, sanitary products, baby
food and pet food, only possible because of the kindness of others.

