



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Welcome to the end-of-year newsletter. We have reached the end of another action-packed year at Chesterton! As always, it is not possible to include everything in the newsletter, but remember that the school website is the place to visit for all the photos and updates from your child's class. For the first time since 2018-19, we have enjoyed a complete school year without the impact of a Covid lockdown or an impending Ofsted inspection! It has been lovely to focus on everyday school life and we have certainly been active in terms of extra-curricular events and opportunities – many of which you can read about below.*

*Although we have said goodbye to some staff this year, we have welcomed some wonderful new colleagues into our team. The new additions have fitted in seamlessly into the values and ethos that we try to create at Chesterton and, as they reach the end of their first academic year here, I would like to thank them for their contribution.*

*As you may know, the school has continued to grow and we will have over 200 pupils on roll in September (the largest number in the school's history). Budgetary pressures notwithstanding, the future looks bright for our school as I enter my tenth year as Chesterton headteacher.*

## **Leavers 2024**

*Over the last two weeks of term, the 16 pupils in Year 6 have celebrated and reflected on their time at Chesterton in the annual Leavers' Service and Assembly, along with their parents and the Oak Class staff. They have also performed their production, *The Key Master*, which showcased the talents of our leavers and gave us a glimpse of the future in the form of our fantastic performers from Year 5. I can safely say that this was up there with the very best performances that Chesterton has staged in my time here, with many audience members commenting on the standard of the singing and confidence of the acting. As is customary, I have written comments on the Year 6 pupils' end of year reports and I certainly wasn't short of things to say! Although they have always been a small cohort, they are packed full of personality and have been a lovely group throughout their time here – welcoming new members with open arms. As I mentioned at the end of *The Key Master*, quite a few of this cohort have joined us along the way, but have still managed to quickly become part of the fabric of school life – offering so much to the year group, and to Chesterton as a whole.*

*A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers and all our pupils, can only be possible through teamwork, whether that be families, children, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Governors, the School Association or the wider community. The school certainly wouldn't be the successful environment that it is without everyone working together for the benefit of the pupils. I would like to thank everybody for their invaluable contributions.*

*I wish you and your families a healthy, happy (and hopefully more sunny!) summer together.*

*Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2024*



**Chesterton CE Primary School**  
Respect Compassion Resilience Hope Integrity Humility

## BACK TO SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN TERM (see School Website for further dates)

Autumn Term: First Half	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 INSET Days: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Autumn Term: Second Half	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025

## AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

### Gold Certificates

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and our final winners of the year received their certificates for Term 6 in last Friday's celebration worship. Each teacher has also chosen two winners for each half-term throughout the year. Each Gold Certificate winner earned 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few in the Summer Term were:

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
Summer Term 2	Amy Neal Chester Hawes	Katie Kerswell- Jensen Twiggy King	Maisie Watkins Lili-Rose Moulinet	Josh Jacobs Millie Micallef	Oliver Walters Maya Sumner	Nikola Rys Beatrice Dancer	Holly Burlow Dotty Powell



Here are our other major certificate winners for this academic year:

### Amazing Authors 2023-24

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
December	Sebastian Kruse	Effie Beecroft	Grace Powley	Charlie Hawes	Cariad Evans	Harold Morley	Luca Steptoe
April	Isla Walsh	Andres Garcia	Arthur Wells	Lucas Walsh	Bethany Hornby	Robyn Brandram	Bella Williams
July	Harriet Bremner	Evie Cooper	Summer Rooks	James Nickson	Harry Hall	Jacob Wierchowicz	Toby Welch

## Marvellous Mathematicians 2023-24

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
December	Tommy Pullen	Henry Rudman-Hawkins	Felix Sumner	Matthew Evans	Sienna Tiwana	Edward Messum	Dotty Powell
April	Sam Brewerton	Theo Comas	Aurelia Boxall	Alice Tylor	Caden Hawes	Maddie Lee	Jacob Taunton
July	Lily-Pip Hawes	Charlie Bottomley	Rowan Milton	Henry Pomeroy	Joshua Donwa	Bea Abbey	Valentina Lee

## Resilient Runners 2023-24

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
July	Megan Rees	Annabelle Jardine	Charles Pomeroy	James Hales	Isabella Atkins	Ivo Szkonter	Ruby Blackman

## Handwriting Heroes 2023-24

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
December	Stanley Madge	Aaliyah Kearney	Hamish Warland	Cherry Bartholomew	Alfie Jardine	Tori Parker-Hunt	Valentina Lee
April	Saske Warriar	George Dancer	Samuel Watson	Noah Archer	Harry Hall	Jacob Wierchowicz	Connie Brennan
July	Saachi Chohan	Florence Shouler	Henry Colledge	Keagan Petrovic	Caden Hawes	Bella-Rose Pearson	Bella Williams

## Magnificent Musicians 2023-24

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
December	Eleanor White	Bethany Young	Amber Leeson	Aidan Hanna	Henry Houghton	Bea Abbey	Jacob Williams
April	Ben Lee	Hayden Jacobs	Ava Gagel	Gracie Eilertsen	Olivia Berridge	Carina Lee	Illy Petrovic
July	Henry Hough	Coen Mulcahy	Olivia Rees	Lucy Kerswell-Jensen	Yeva Tsurkan	Sam Couling	Barney Taylor



Marvellous Mathematicians



Reading Golden Ticket Winners



Amazing Authors



## Headteacher's Awards

Our ultimate certificate, which is awarded for: outstanding pieces of work; extraordinary effort over a period of time; other reasons where a pupil has performed significantly above expectations. These awards don't come along too often and we have only had four this year!

<b>Lucy Kerswell-Jensen</b>	<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>Jersey</b>	"For really challenging herself in Year 3 so far. Lucy is also kind to absolutely everyone and genuinely makes the adults' lives easier."
<b>Deanna Sagala</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Buckle</b>	"For being a joy to teach for the visiting teachers in Beech Class. Deanna sets a wonderful example with her manners, helpfulness and behaviour."
<b>Leo Catena</b>	<b>Beech</b>	<b>Penrose</b>	"For working really hard in Beech Class and impressing the teachers and teaching assistants with how much he has improved."
<b>Isabella Atkins</b>	<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>Buckle</b>	"For some wonderful extra-curricular contributions this term; from cross country to clarinet, with some goalkeeping in between."

## HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has been keenly contested again this year, with another closely fought battle. All four houses have won the termly prize at least once, with **Buckle** – in search of their first House Cup win since 2019 - triumphing on two occasions.

The final Term 5 leaderboard was:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Squire (Dotty Powell / Mrs Salter) 598 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Penrose (Marshall Berridge / Miss Spencer) 547 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Jersey (Illy Petrovic / Miss Crockett) 481 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Buckle (Jacob Williams / Miss Barrett) 457 points**



Latest Term 6 leaderboard:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Buckle (Jacob Williams / Miss Barrett) 544 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Squire (Dotty Powell / Mrs Salter) 460 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Penrose (Marshall Berridge / Miss Spencer) 420 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Jersey (Illy Petrovic / Miss Crockett) 377 points**

This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2023-24 having their name engraved on the house trophy; over 10,000 points have been accumulated throughout this year. Here are the current scores...

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Squire (Dotty Powell / Mrs Salter) 2651 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Buckle (Jacob Williams / Miss Barrett) 2650 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Penrose (Marshall Berridge / Miss Spencer) 2611 points**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **Jersey (Illy Petrovic / Miss Crockett) 2552 points**

This was also the week for Dotty, Illy, Jacob and Marshall to pass on the mantle of house captaincy to their successors. These four have done a fantastic job in leading their houses this year and acting as excellent role models for the younger pupils. Their enthusiasm and amicable competitiveness has enlivened celebration worships and they have certainly picked up where **Erin**, **Emin**, **Elissa** and **Joseph** left off twelve months ago.

Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2024-25 will be...

**Penrose – Jacob Wierchowicz**  
**Jersey – Maddie Lee**  
**Buckle – Beatrice Dancer**  
**Squire – Oscar Burton**

## MAY DAY

It seems a long time since our rain-delayed festivities on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Although we were unable to complete our usual procession from the village green back to school, we were very pleased to see dry weather on the Thursday afternoon. The pupils looked very smart in their Sunday best and an enormous crowd awaited. Proceedings started with Year 6 making a grand entrance onto the school playground, where the coronation was conducted by Miss Wheatley and Miss Winstone, before the dancing and merrymaking.

The May King and Queen (Luca Steptoe and Ruby Blackman) and Jack O' The Green (Jacob Taunton) were selected from the Year 6s who volunteered. Jacob did a fantastic job of compèring proceedings, which included nine May Pole dances, plus offerings from Maple and Beech Classes. The afternoon finished with some audience participation as Year 6 family members joined the rest of the school for a massed performance of the Pat-a-Cake Polka!



Hawthorn Class' Single Plait



Oak Class' Spider's Web



Jacob Taunton: Jack O' The Green



Maple Class' Circle Dance

## SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

As always, it has been wonderful to see our children take part in such a range of competitions, matches and festivals around the local area as part of the NOSSP offer. As always, Chesterton has supplemented this with our own offer of intra-school events and clubs to satisfy our pupils' insatiable appetites for sport and physical activity. I am delighted with how many children have been keen to take part and their attitude when doing so. Please check out the sports page of our website for all the photos and details.

[P.E. & Sport Gallery](#)

### Highlights:

- The Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala. As always, it was lovely to see 36 enthusiastic swimmers of different levels enjoying some friendly competition. Oliver Gibb's winning Swordfish team were impressive throughout, with multiple race wins. Joshua Neal (Rowan) added two more school records to his growing collection (Freestyle and Breaststroke) and Alfie Jardine, Dotty Powell and Sam Couling set new marks in one event each.





- Penrose achieving the 'Quadruple'. Having won the Inter-House Cross Country in the Autumn, Penrose followed it up with a trio of summer sporting successes: Sporting Penrose triumphed for the first time ever at the Inter-House Football to break Jersey's five-year winning streak; Penrose were again victorious at Sports Day, with fantastic contributions to their total from all year groups; and Penrose Pirates won the Inter-House Cricket Tournament, meaning that all four houses now have their names on that trophy.

- The performances of our girls' football teams. Our Year 5/6 girls' team made it to the semi-final of the Bicester Girls' Football League, where they lost narrowly to St. Mary's. Our Year 3/4 girls achieved a stunning victory at the Bicester 5-a-side tournament, where they won all 8 matches, scoring 22 goals! Many of the same players took on the challenge of playing at the Kidlington Youth 5-a-side tournament against club sides, where we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 7 in the group phase, before another narrow semi-final defeat. There were many other girls' football matches and events, with more girls than ever taking part.



- Two firsts....The first ever Climbing Festival at Clip 'N' Climb in Bicester. Mrs Tuffrey and the Year 3/4 pupils taking part had a fantastic time tackling the range of challenges, with many achieving more than they thought possible. The first ever NOSSP Gymnastics Festival, held at Wade in Banbury was also a huge success, with the children really enjoying the chance to represent the school in a purpose-built gym venue.

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2023	Bicester Cross Country	Year 3-6	14 schools, approx. 351 runners	32 runners	Year 3/4 Girls' Team - 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Year 5/6 Girls' Team - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Evalyn Wyatt: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Bea Beecroft: 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Sophie Brennan: 7 <sup>th</sup> Place Isabella Atkins: 8 <sup>th</sup> Place - Year 3/4 Girls Alfie Jardine: 6 <sup>th</sup> Place - Year 3/4 Boys Robyn Brandram: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place - Year 5/6 Girls Freddie Nunn-Reeve: 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Toby Welch: 7 <sup>th</sup> Place - Year 5/6 Boys	Rocco Morgan Dotty Powell Edward Messum Isabella Atkins (Determination)
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	Bicester Tag Rugby	Year 5-6	6 schools, approx. 72 competitors	2 teams	Both teams - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in their group	Connie Brennan Esme Queralt (Teamwork)
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	Bicester 5-a-side Girls' Football	Year 5-6	9 teams	1 team (Year 4 girls)	4 <sup>th</sup> Place 6 wins, 1 draw, 1 defeat (18 goals scored)	N/A
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023	Year 1 & 2 Multi Skills	Year 1 & 2	6 schools, approx. 90 individuals	20 individuals	N/A	N/A
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Year 3 Boys' Festival	Year 3	6 schools, approx. 60 individuals	10 individuals	N/A	Benjamin Evans Matthew Evans (Passion)
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2023	NOSSP District Cross Country Final	Year 3-6	Approximate ly 360	26 runners	Year 3/4 Girls Team - Winners Evalyn Wyatt: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Year 3/4 Girls	N/A

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023	Year 3 Girls' Festival	Year 3	6 schools	10 individuals	N/A	Aurelia Boxall (Passion)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024	Core Skills Gymnastics	Year 2-6	5 schools	50 individuals	Level 1 – 4 <sup>th</sup> position Level 2 – 6 <sup>th</sup> position Level 3 – 4 <sup>th</sup> position Level 4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> position	Jacob Williams Alice Tylor (Self-Belief)
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala	Year 5/6	13 schools	10 individuals	Girls Team – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Position Boys Team – 8 <sup>th</sup> Position	Dotty Powell (Passion)
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2024	Bicester Cluster Sports Hall Athletics	Year 5/6	9 teams	2 teams (42 individuals)	Chesterton A – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Chesterton B – 6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jacob Wierchowicz Oscar Burton Georgia Hall Edie Wells (Passion)
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Badminton Festival	Year 3/4	5 schools	10 individuals	N/A	Yeva Tsurkan Charlie Hawes
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024	Year 5/6 Hockey	Year 5/6	6 teams	1 team	1 win, 1 draw, 3 defeats (13 goals scored)	Addy Hunt Jacob Taunton (Self-Belief)
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	Year 3/4 Girls' Football	Year 3/4	13 teams	2 teams	Chesterton A – Champions (8 wins, 0 defeats, 22 goals scored) Chesterton B – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (5 wins, 1 draw, 1 defeat)	Bethany Hornby Sophie Taunton (Teamwork)
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2024	Chesterton Sportshall Showdown	All Years	5 teams	80 athletes	Champions: Spencer's Superstars  Runners-Up: Crockett's Rockets	Georgia Hall Harriet Bremner George Dancer Holly Beever Ruby Blackman (Self-belief)
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 3/4 Boys' Football	Year 3/4	4 schools (8 teams)	2 teams	Chesterton 1 & 2: joint 6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Rocco Morgan Arthur Wells Rowan Milton Teddy Morton (Teamwork)
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 3/4 Tennis Festival	Year 3/4	2 schools	8 individuals	N/A	Georgina Hales Henry Houghton (Self-Belief)
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Inter-House Football	Year 4-6	4 houses / 8 teams	48 players	Champions: Sporting Penrose Runners-Up: Real Jersey	Alfie Jardine Bella Pearson Jude Twiselton Emily Loo Bea Beecroft Barney Taylor Ivo Szkonter Isabella Atkins (Teamwork)
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Bicester Dynamos Cricket	Year 5/6	5 schools	18 individuals (2 teams)	Year 5/6 Mixed Team – 7 <sup>th</sup> Place Year 5/6 Girls Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Dotty Powell Oscar Burton
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Cricket vs Bruern Abbey	Yr 5/6	2 schools	2 teams	N/A	N/A
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Bicester Quadkids	Year 3-6		50 children 2 x Yr 5/6 teams and 3 x Yr 3/4 teams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 3/4 A Team 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 5/6 A Team Individuals 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Evalyn Wyatt Yr 3/4 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Alfie Jardine Yr 3/4 Boys 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Robyn Brandram Yr 5/6 Girls 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Toby Welch 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Edward Messum Yr 5/6 Boys	Finley Reed Arthur Wells Gracie Eilertsen Honey Ward

14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	FAN Club Climbing Festival	Year 3/4	2 schools	15 children	N/A	N/A
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Inter-House Cricket	Year 5/6	4 houses	32 players	Winners – Penrose	Hugo Hartley Charlie Rooks Elizabeth Nickson Sam Couling (Teamwork)
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Quadkids Final	Year 3-6	10 schools	2 teams	Year 3/4: 4 <sup>th</sup> Place overall Year 5/6: 8 <sup>th</sup> Place overall	Bea Becroft Michael Tingey-Taylor (Self- Belief)
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Boccia Festival	Year 1-6	N/A	15 individuals	N/A	N/A
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala	Year 3-6	4 teams	36 swimmers	Champions: Swordfish Captain: Oliver Gibb	Sebastian Dibsall Megan Varney-Newell Elizabeth Nickson Lexi Allday (Teamwork)



**Sporting Penrose – Inter-House Football Winners**



**Spencer's Superstars – Sportshall Showdown Champions**



## Football Fixtures and Results 2023-24

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2023	Intra-School Friendly	Quality Queralts	3	Welch's Warriors	6	Welch 4, B. Williams 2, Messum 2 A. Jardine,	Bella Williams Luca Steptoe Michael Tingey-Taylor
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2023	Friendly	Bruern B	2	Chesterton B	4	Morgan 3, Wyatt	Evalyn Wyatt
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2023	Friendly	Bruern A	1	Chesterton A	2	Welch, Messum	Bella Williams
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2023	Bicester Girls' Football League	Glory Farm Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	0	-	Robyn Brandram
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Bicester Football League	Eynsham B	3	Chesterton A	2	Welch 2	Freddie Nunn-Reeve
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Bicester Football League	King's Meadow B	1	Chesterton A	5	Messum 4, Welch	Edward Messum
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023	Bicester Girls' Football League	Marsh Gibbon Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	10	Brandram 4, Wyatt 2, Williams 2, Parker-Hunt, O.G.	Tori Parker-Hunt
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023	Year 4 Girls' Friendly	Hawtin's Hotshots	6	Faulkner's Fireballs	2	E. Wells 3, J. Moulinet, Micallef, O.G, B. Beecroft, O. Berridge	Lily Davies Yeva Tsurkan Isabella Atkins
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	Bicester Football League	Chesterton A	7	Charlton-on-Otmoor	2	Welch 3, Messum, Jardine, Williams, Donwa	Toby Welch
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	Bicester Football League	St. Edburg's B	5	Chesterton A	2	Welch 2	Alfie Jardine
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League	St. Edburg's Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	4	Williams 2, Brennan, Wyatt	Isabella Atkins
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League	Chesterton Lionesses	1	St. Mary's Girls	1	Wyatt	Connie Brennan
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League	Langford Village Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	13	Wyatt 4, Brandram 4, Williams 2, C. Brennan 2, Hornby	Robyn Brandram
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2024	Bicester Football League	St. Mary's	6	Chesterton A	7	Welch 5, Messum, Morgan	Jacob Williams
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Girls' Friendly	Ruby's Rockets	4	Dynamite Dots	3	J. Moulinet 2, Pearson 2, Rys, Nickson, Ward	Honey Ward Ruby Blackman
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Lionesses B	2	Charlton-on-Otmoor Girls	0	G. Hales, Ward	Bethany Hornby

7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League QF	Chesterton Lionesses	6	Brookside Girls	3	C. Brennan 2, Brandram, Parker-Hunt, B. Williams, Wyatt	Robyn Brandram
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bicester Football League QF	Launton	11	Chesterton	4	Welch 4	Toby Welch
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Friendly	Chesterton	3	Charlton-on-Otmoor	0	Messum 2, Jardine	Oscar Burton
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League SF	Chesterton Lionesses	0	St. Mary's Girls	2	-	Bella Williams
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Lionesses	1	Langford Village Girls	3	J. Moulinet	
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 5 Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Lionesses	0	Langford Village Girls	1	-	Honey Ward Layla-Mae
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 3-4 Boys' Friendly	Hawtin's Hotshots	2	Crockett's Rockets	1	Twiselton, Queralt, Reed	Hugo Queralt Charlie Hawes
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Girls' Friendly	Brookside Girls	2	Chesterton Lionesses	1	Brandram	Bella Williams
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 2 Friendly	Gould's Goalscorers	5	Tuffrey's Titans	1	Morton 4, King, Milton	Henry Colledge Arthur Wells
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 1/2/3 Friendly	Williams' Wizards	6	Welch's Warriors	6	Stewart-Smith 5, Day 5, Honey, C. Mulcahy	Kyra Petrovic Evelyn Morley

## Football Top Scorers 2023-24

Player	Games	Goals
Evalyn Wyatt	17	35
Toby Welch	8	22
Sophie Brennan	10	12
Edward Messum	9	11
Robyn Brandram	9	10
Bella Williams	12	10
Rocco Morgan	4	7
Jessica Moulinet	7	6
Henry Day	1	5
Caleb Stewart-Smith	1	5





**Sporting Penrose – Inter-House Football Champions**



**Year 3/4 Girls @ Banbury United**

## Sports Day 2024 Results

	Buckle	Jersey	Penrose	Squire
Field Events	92	137	155	129
Track Events	141	199	237	175
Relays	3	12	12	9
Adjusted Total	236	371	412	320
Position	4th	2nd	1st	3rd

**\*Please note that totals will not necessarily add up correctly, as scores are adjusted depending on number of children in each house taking part.**

### SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports' Awards took place last Thursday morning, complete with entrance music for the winners and the obligatory photo montages.

These awards celebrate all our participation, team successes and individual pupil achievements in sport and P.E. over the year. There were prizes presented in several different categories. The first were Club Medals, which are given for outstanding commitment, effort and performance at various sports clubs throughout the year. Then, two Sports Personality of the Year medals were presented for each class, recognising fantastic effort and attitude during school P.E. lessons. We also awarded a trophy and medal to our Girls' and Boys' Footballer of the Year.



The final awards were for Outstanding Contribution to Sport. These prizes were given to two Year 6 children, who have demonstrated exceptional effort, a positive attitude and fantastic ability in all aspects of sport during their time at Chesterton. As you may remember, these final trophies are called 'The Andy Reading Cup' in memory of our much-loved and fondly-remembered headteacher. Mr Reading was headteacher of Chesterton from 1979-1991. Amongst other things, he had a great passion for sport and outdoor activity and we felt that it was fitting to name the prize in his memory. Our deserving winners for 2024, **Connie Brennan** and **Toby Welch** have been presented with an impressive trophy each.

See below for a full list of the other winners.



Class Sports Personality of the Year Winners	
Maple Class	<b>Sienna Rajaruban &amp; Tommy Pullen</b>
Beech Class	<b>Twiggy King &amp; George Dancer</b>
Ash Class	<b>Noorie Chohan &amp; Felix Sumner</b>
Chestnut Class	<b>Finley Reed &amp; Isabella Roberts</b>
Hawthorn Class	<b>Alfie Jardine &amp; Isabella Atkins</b>
Rowan Class	<b>Maddie Lee &amp; Ivo Szkonter</b>
Oak Class	<b>Oliver Gibb &amp; Dotty Powell</b>
Club Medal Winners	
Hockey	<b>Rowan Milton &amp; Summer Rooks</b>
Running	<b>Lexi Allday &amp; Hamish Warland</b>
Tennis	<b>Oscar Burton &amp; Layla-Mae Barrett</b>
Football Award Winners	
Golden Boot	<b>Toby Welch</b>
Boys' Player of the Year	<b>Jacob Williams</b>
Girls' Player of the Year	<b>Bella Williams</b>
Andy Reading Cup – Outstanding Contribution to Sport	
Girls	<b>Connie Brennan</b>
Boys	<b>Toby Welch</b>

### Our Sports Personality Awards Winners



**Footballers of the Year**



**Oak Class**



**Rowan Class**





**Hawthorn Class**



**Chestnut Class**



**Tennis Club**



**Running Club**



**Hockey Club**



**Ash Class**



**Beech Class**



**Maple Class**



## New Sports Captains

Our new Sports Captains, **Freddie Nunn-Reeve** and **Robyn Brandram** will be taking over from **Toby Welch** and **Bella Williams** in September. Toby and Bella have certainly led our sporting teams by example this year, representing the school at just about every event, match and competition, and I'm sure that Freddie and Robyn will be no different.



## Forest School

Lots of parents tell me that Forest School is their children's favourite part of the school week. They love the freedom and the opportunity to play with classmates in an adventurous space. They all find something that they particularly love. It is my privilege to be the Forest School leader for Chesterton and I would love to share the joy I find in it with parent volunteers. It would be particularly helpful if you could sign up to volunteer for a term and you could be involved in following the growth of the group and share in my ideas and reflections. I wouldn't necessarily recommend signing up for the term of your own

child's Forest School as it can influence their session. The hours are 1-3pm, Wednesday afternoons, during term time. Please speak to the school if this would be of interest. If you are interested but can't do the timings, please let us know. We are also keen to run an afterschool club on Lower Field which needs parent support. **Sally-Ann Woodrow**

## Culmington Residential – Year 3/4



In March, the children of Chestnut and Hawthorn Class embarked on an exciting residential trip to Culmington Manor. The children had a fantastic time engaging in a variety of outdoor activities, including completing an obstacle course, rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, archery and orienteering. Their behaviour, attitude, teamwork and mutual support of one another was absolutely fantastic. As a school, we were extremely proud of them and they all deserve a massive well done for pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone. **Miss Hawtin**



## Leavers' Performance – The Key Master

This year, our Year Upper Key Stage Two production was The Key Master; a story which, takes the audience back through many key events in History including: The Battle of Hastings, Tudors, Industrial revolutions, WW2 and more. The plot focuses on the lessons we have learnt through these important times and how the children have the key to the future! Despite being a relatively small cast, we were very impressed with the number of confident actors who were prepared to take on speaking parts, and also the quality of the singing from the whole group. **Miss Baxter**







### Stupendous Science Week

Science Week returned to Chesterton in March. Across the school, children eagerly took part in their own investigations and then created informative posters as part of the Big Science Event competition. The overall winning team for Chesterton School was a group from Ash Class (Aurelia, Gus, Jake, Oliver and Olivia), who bravely spoke to a team of judges from the competition about their investigation looking at whether 6 year-olds are faster than 7 year-olds! Although they didn't make it any further in the competition, we were very proud of their efforts. The judges commented on how impressed they were with the children's confidence and teamwork. We're already looking forward to seeing what creative investigations the children plan next year. **Miss Crockett**

### Bicester Film Festival 2024

Chesterton took part in this year's Film Festival, in partnership with Bicester Schools. The event was sponsored by Bicester Village Value Retail, 123ICT and Bicester Vue. The children worked extremely hard to create and edit a film linked to the theme 'Staying Safe'. The Chesterton winners of each age phase (KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2) had the opportunity to go to Bicester Vue cinema to watch all the winning films.

It was extremely exciting to see their films on the big screen and it was such a fun event to see what other schools had presented. We were pleased with all their efforts and are proud to say that Lower KS2 won their group and KS1 were runners-up. Well done Chesterton, for working so well together and improving your filming and editing skills! **Ms. Gould**



### The School Council



The School Council has had a jam-packed year of fundraising for both the school and the wider community. In total, they have raised just under £2500! Most of the money has gone to support charities, such as Children in Need, Macmillan and Comic Relief. Some has also gone to revitalise playtimes with brand new equipment. We even made an appearance at Kidlington Charity Bingo to collect a large cheque, which they donated to help us with our playground equipment. All of the Councillors have enjoyed organising and running dress up days, competitions, fayre games and whole school assemblies. Well done to the whole Council for a fantastic year! **Miss Barrett**

### The Eco Council

Our Eco Councillors have had a busy time this year! Firstly, they have helped to organise various events throughout the year including, Climate Action Day, No Mow May and delivering Collective Worship about our chosen charity for this year, Just One Tree, when they promoted ways that we can reduce our carbon footprint.

Furthermore, they have had the opportunity to work with an external company Lorclon, to help plant a hawthorn hedge. Lorclon also kindly built us some planters for Gardening Club. Behind the scenes too, they have completed an environmental review of the school and created an 'Eco-Code'. Their work has been submitted to the Eco Schools board in the hope that we can retain our Green Flag status for another academic year. Thank you for all your hard work Eco Council! **Mrs Caulfield**







### Maple Class Out and About

Maple Class enjoyed a wonderful trip to Cogges Farm as part of their topic on animals. We started the day with an exciting coach journey - complete with lots of songs, plenty of 'look there is a horse!' and some snoozing! When we arrived at the farm, we split into groups and completed three enjoyable activities. The first activity was collecting some eggs. We had to search high and low for colourful eggs in a field. They were hiding in the grass, behind the chicken coops and under benches. Next, we fed some goats that lived on the farm. They were very friendly and had very tickly tongues! Then we made some Welsh Cakes in the shape of a pig. We had to mix the

ingredients to make a dough. We had to knead the dough until it was soft and stretchy. Then we used special cutters to form the dough into a pig shape. We had such a fun time at Cogges Farm. We went back to school full of smiles and happy memories! **Miss Spencer**

### Beech Class's Visiting Creatures

During the Spring Term, our topic was 'The Animal Kingdom'. Lots of different animals visited Beech classroom and the children learnt about each animal and even held some of them. There was a tortoise, chameleon, and a bearded dragon called Elvis! There were plenty of cockroaches running around inside a little box and the children held some of them. One of the class's favourites were the ten baby mice who were tiny! Every child in Beech was brave enough to hold the snake around their neck and some of the staff did too!



### Fantastic Festival of Voices

On Thursday 20th June, we took the Chesterton Choir to Dorchester Abbey to sing at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Oxfordshire Festival of Voices. We were joined by seven other schools from across the county to perform a range of songs in the impressive abbey, and we were excited to be watched by a large audience! The children worked hard to learn all of the songs and they certainly stood out for their beautiful singing voices. Amongst the favourite songs, there were a few hits from The Beatles, and some very catchy songs with parts, which we sang in a round. The children particularly loved

singing a new song about a superhero dog, as well as some classic ones, such as World in Union. Well done Chesterton Choir; you did yourselves and the school proud! **Mrs Salter**



### A Lovely Email

I wanted to share a lovely email that I recently received from a member of the public, complimenting our pupils, particularly Rowan and Oak Class, on their behaviour at the Leisure Centre. As you can imagine, I was delighted to hear that our pupils are giving such a good impression of Chesterton and displaying our value of 'Respect', even when in a different setting. Well done to all the pupils and staff involved.

Please turn over.



*"Dear Mr Horner,*

*I am writing to you to congratulate your staff and pupils on their behaviour, kindness and friendliness.*

*Every Monday, my husband and I take my granddaughter swimming at Bicester Leisure Centre. When we are preparing to leave, the children from Chesterton CE Primary are lined up, usually putting on their shoes. Our granddaughter has always been rather shy - she is not quite 2 years old yet - but over the weeks, your children have engaged with her by waving and this week 'high fiving' her. This made her day and she chatted about the children throughout our journey home. Quite often your pupils and staff have held doors open for us and showed us great respect by allowing us to pass them, despite them then being held up by us as we can only walk at toddler speed!*

*So often these days schools, teachers and young people are given a hard time, suggesting 'children aren't as well behaved as they used to be'. Well, that simply isn't true when it comes to your pupils. As their headteacher, you should be so proud of each and every one of them. They are a credit to themselves, their parents, their teachers and your school. Please would you pass on our sincere thanks to the staff and children concerned as I always believe in acknowledging when behaviour and manners are exemplary.*

*Wishing you, your staff and the children the happiest end of term possible and a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing your children again at Bicester Leisure Centre in September."*

### **AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND A VARIETY OF VISITS!**

Here are some fantastic photos to chart some of the most memorable moments in the classes across the school. There are lots more on the class pages of the school website.

## **MAPLE CLASS**



**Construction Area**



**Making a 'Farm Shop'**



**Building sand castles in the sun**



**The wendy hut becomes a vets'**



**Enjoying a good book**



## BEECH CLASS



May Day



Arts Week



Gardening



World Book Day



Smoothie Making

## ASH CLASS



Big Bird Watch



Prayer Spaces



Rainbow trees in Art



Tring Natural History Museum



Active Maths



## CHESTNUT CLASS



Roman Day



Making cottage pie



Magnets and Forces



Stone Age day at Hill End



The Story Museum

## HAWTHORN CLASS



Science Week



Culmington Manor



Black Country Museum





**Science: Digestive System**



**Forest School**

**ROWAN CLASS**



**Visit to Science Oxford**



**Ancient Greek Day**



**Forest School**



**Visit to the Mosque**



**Creativity in Gymnastics**



## OAK CLASS



**Learning about mummification**



**Science: Making Blood**



**Orienteering**



**Science: Light**



**Climbing the cliffs at Kilvrough**

*Thank you for reading – see you in September!*

*Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher*

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