



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end-of-year newsletter. We have reached the end of another action-packed year at Chesterton!

As you will now know, this is my final newsletter at Chesterton. I apologise that I have never managed to write more regular letters, but I hope that you have enjoyed reading the bumper editions that come in July! 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.

It will be very difficult to put into words my thoughts and feelings as my 11 years as headteacher come to an end, especially as I don't want to make the newsletter too much longer than it already is!

There are certainly mixed emotions as I prepare for my final few days. There is obviously huge sadness about the people that I am leaving behind; the children, colleagues, parents and carers who I have come to know so well during my time here. People talk about the 'community feel' of a village school and I have genuinely loved being a part of that - and hopefully contributing towards it too. Working in a school, you are privileged to be part of the lives of the families that you work with, to be there to both share in the highs, and provide support during tougher times. I have also felt that these relationships have been mutual, with so many of you taking an interest in me as a person, beyond the role of headteacher. When my daughter was born five years ago, the outpouring of kindness from the staff, children and families is something that I will never forget. I have also enjoyed the regular catch-ups on the school gate, discussing everything from holidays to football, from new pets to house renovations, and everything in between!

There is also excitement about the next chapter in my career. As I move onto Southwold and Gagle Brook, I am looking forward to the challenge of working in a different environment, to 'stepping out of my comfort zone', as we often encourage the children to do, and of taking what I have learnt at Chesterton to somewhere new. I will obviously not be far away, and I certainly look forward to crossing paths with my former pupils and colleagues in the future.

Finally, I feel proud of the school that I am leaving behind. There is no such thing as continuous progress in schools; you can never just move on an endless upward curve of improvement. However, as I look back on the past 11 years, I believe there have definitely been more ups than downs and I hope that the school has changed for the better. I am proud of the changes to the physical environment; our expansion to a single-form entry school with the 2020 building project; the addition of the Nature Meadow, our brand new 'garden office', the redecorated and improved classrooms, the play trail and the Hope Garden to name but a few. Even more so, I am proud of the opportunities that we have offered our pupils, both inside the classroom with an engaging curriculum and high expectations, and with so many activities and events. I have said my thanks to the staff, as it really requires a team effort to make this possible. I know that sport may well be uppermost in people's minds when they think of extra-curricular activities (and you will see that it takes up a good chunk of the newsletter!), but Chesterton is about far more than that. The pages below detail exploits including music, drama, school councils, film making, educational visits, May Day, Forest School...the list goes on. When we talk about 'Building Firm

Foundations For Life', we hope that opening all these doors to children will give them the platform for a rich, varied and fulfilled life when they leave us. The diversity of primary school education is what made me want to become a teacher in the first place and I have very much tried to instil that during my time at Chesterton.

Thank you also to the Governors and the School Association. Although the personnel have completely changed since 2016, both groups have provided enormous support to me as headteacher. The amount of time that the members give up as volunteers is truly amazing. Although they are often in the background, so much of what you hopefully value at Chesterton is down to the work that they do.

Lastly, I am confident that the school is in safe hands with Mr Gratwohl taking over. He has been a regular visitor during the Summer Term and I know that he is very much looking forward to taking over the reins. I am sure that you will afford him the same kindness, respect and support that you have to me.

I wish Rory, the staff, pupils, parents, carers and the school as a whole all the very best for the future. Chesterton has been, and will always be, a very special place to me. Thank you.

Mr Horner

Leavers 2026

Over the last two weeks of term, the 29 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, Hoodwinked, another dramatic triumph, including use of our fantastic new stage and lights. As I said on the evenings, I was so impressed with the confidence and talent of our young actors, who took on their roles with such enthusiasm. 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! As I have said this week, I couldn't have asked for a better cohort to leave with. They epitomise our vision and values, balancing hard work and attainment in the classroom, with enormous contributions to the wider life of the school. I know that they are more than ready for the next step in their education, and I very much look forward to hearing about their adventures and achievements in the future.

A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers can only be possible through teamwork, whether that be families, children, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Governors, the School Association or the wider community. I would like to thank everybody for their invaluable contributions to the Year 6's time in school.

Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2026

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

<u>Autumn Term 1</u>	Tuesday 1 st September to Friday 23 rd October 2026 INSET Days: Tuesday 1 st September and Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 INSET Day: Friday 23 rd October 2026 October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
<u>Autumn Term 2</u>	Monday 2 th November to Friday 18 th December 2026 Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 st December 2026 to Friday 1 st January 2027

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 will receive their certificates for Term 6 in Friday's celebration worship. Each teacher has also chosen two winners for each half-term throughout the year. Each Gold Certificate winner earns 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few so far this year have been:

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
Term 1	Maeva Dubert-Granados Ibrahim Gurbanov	Dimitri Wills-Vujisic Anoushka Teare	Eleanor White Megan Rees	Aaliyah Kearney Sadie Walters	Felix Sumner Holly Beever	Matthew Evans Lucy Kerswell-Jensen	Jacob White Sophie Taunton
Term 2	Mimi Burdett Arlo Jeacock	Freya Tyrrell Felicity Holton	Noah Dubert-Granados Ben Lee	George Dancer Charlie Bottomley	Aurelia Boxall Harry Edwards	Ivy Ward Charlie Hawes	Lily Davies Yeva Tsurkan
Term 3	Enzo Viveiros Maahi Chohan	Freya Cheung-Wood Eliza Wilson	Emily Powley Linus Cain	Coen Mulcahy Katie Kerswell-Jensen	Olivia Rees Sloane Kruse	Reeva Mulcahy Aidan Hanna	Sophie Brennan Bethany Hornby
Term 4	Octavia Boxall Jack Edmonds	Millie Ayris Indra Miller	Sienna Rajaruban Chester Hawes	Grace Bremner Eva Catling	Rowan Milton Gus Burdett	Primrose Wilson Noah Archer	Harry Hall Jude Twiselton
Term 5	Luca Hulbert Rosie Milton	Oscar Varney-Clarke Ivy Edwards	Imogen Gibbins Omar Habibi	Twiggy King Deanna Sagala	Noorie Chohan Samuel Watson	James Nickson Benjamin Evans	Alfie Jardine Sebastian Dibsall



Term 5 Gold Certificate Winners

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

Amazing Authors 2025-26

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Nina McInnes	Sophie Harris	Florence Hulbert	Toby Jaycock	Chloe White	Bella Reeves	Sienna Tiwana
March	Leo Bullivant	Anoushka Teare	Harry Chubb	Annabelle Jardine	Sloane Kruse	Alexa Larrain	Joshua Donwa
July	Oliver Jaycock	Millie Ayris	Joshua Ashby	Florence Shouler	Harry Edwards	Primrose Wilson	Sophie Taunton



July's Amazing Authors

Marvellous Mathematicians 2025-26

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Thomas Bottomley	Tadiwa Denhere	Sebastian Kruse	Annabelle Fraser	Nora Lau	Erin Steptoe	Maya Sumner
March	Isla Evans	Freya Tyrrell	Imogen Gibbins	Harper Pink	Callum Payne	Reeva Mulcahy	Chloe Lam
July	Enzo Viveiros	Oliver Chapin-Davis	Caspian Milne	Jasmine Brown	Amber Leeson	Rocco Morgan	Aisha Gurbanova



July's Marvellous Mathematicians



July's Resilient Runners

Resilient Runners 2025-26

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Amelia Jardine	Ollie Sharman	Emily Powley	George Dancer	Olivia Rees	Aidan Hanna	Evalyn Wyatt
February	Winnie Lee	Freddie Watson	Linus Cain	Kyra Petrovic	Jake Chubb	Benjamin Evans	Bethany Hornby
July	Octavia Boxall	Kayden Moffat	Tommy Pullen	Effie Beecroft	Samuel Watson	Lucas Walsh	Yeva Tsurkan

Handwriting Heroes 2025-26

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Mimi Burdett	Leo Lovelace-Sharpley	Imogen Lee	Katie Kerswell-Jensen	Holly Beever	Benjamin Evans	Edie Wells
February	Albert McPhee-Leach	Jack Beever	Henry Hough	Theo Comas	Noorie Chohan	Oliver Wierchowicz	Sienna Tiwana
July	Penelope Wilson	Ivy Edwards	Lily-Pip Hawes	Evie Cooper	James Brewerton	Noah Archer	Cariad Evans



July's Handwriting Heroes



July's Magnificent Musicians

Magnificent Musicians 2025-26

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Astrid Largu-Cioclu	Sebastian Cooper	Joshua Ashby	Aaliyah Kearney	Teddy King	Charlie Hawes	Aisha Gurbanova
February	Brycen Mulchahy	Oscar Varney-Clarke	Isla Walsh	Izzie Cobb	Nora Lau	James Nickson	Lily Davies
July	Ibrahim Gurbanov	Eliza Wilson	Imogen Gibbins	Francis Bullivant	Gus Burdett	Sewa Omer	Alfie Jardine

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 nine this year. Congratulations to Chestnut Class, who have contributed nearly half!

Date	Pupil	Class	House	Reason
October 2025	Effie Beecroft	Chestnut	Squire	"For an exceptional contribution to lessons. Effie manages to challenge herself as well as being able to support her peers whenever she can. What a wonderful approach to school."
November 2025	Leo Catena	Chestnut	Penrose	"For his exceptional history film recorded for homework. It was very informative and must have taken a lot of effort."
November 2025	Alfie Jardine	Oak	Penrose	"For always brightening Oak Class with your cheerful personality. Miss Baxter appreciates your kindness and manners, and your positivity sets a great example for the class."
December 2025	Albie Jeacock	Beech	Buckle	"For embodying all of the school values and being a pleasure to teach. Albie has been working particularly hard and is also very thoughtful and proactive around the classroom."
December 2025	Cariad Evans	Oak	Buckle	"For her talent and courage when performing an amazing solo for Singing Around The Tree. The audience was mesmerised!"
June 2026	Aidan Hanna	Rowan	Jersey	"For his exceptional effort to walk a mile every day in May to raise funds for the RNLI. Lovely to see the school values in action."
June 2026	Twiggy King	Chestnut	Jersey	"For always trying her best in lessons; coming into the classroom ready to learn and constantly contributing. Miss Crockett says that your confidence has really grown too."
June 2026	Jasmine Brown	Chestnut	Squire	"For being an excellent role model for the class; Jasmine contributes to all aspects of school and has time for everyone."
July 2026	Primrose Wilson	Rowan	Jersey	"For immersing herself in so many extra-curricular activities this year; showing enthusiasm and talent from singing to swimming and everything in between!"



2025-26 Headteacher's Award Winners

HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has been keenly contested again this year, with another closely fought battle. **Buckle** (twice), **Penrose**, **Squire** and **Jersey** have all claimed termly wins, with all teams still in with a chance as we head towards the final celebration worship of the year.

The final Term 5 leaderboard was:

- 1st: Buckle (Millie Colledge / Miss Barrett) 513 points**
- 2nd: Squire (Maya Sumner / Mrs Salter) 490 points**
- 3rd: Penrose (Sophie Brennan / Miss Spencer) 474 points**
- 4th: Jersey (James Aspley / Miss Crockett) 475 points**



Latest Term 6 leaderboard:

- 1st: Squire (Maya Sumner / Mrs Salter) 394 points**
- 2nd: Jersey (James Aspley / Miss Crockett) 393 points**
- 3rd: Penrose (Sophie Brennan / Miss Spencer) 365 points**
- 4th: Buckle (Millie Colledge / Miss Barrett) 357 points**



This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2025-26 having their name engraved on the house trophy; over 10,000 points have been accumulated throughout this year. Here are the current scores...

- 1st: Buckle (Millie Colledge / Miss Barrett) 2667 points**
- 2nd: Squire (Maya Sumner / Mrs Salter) 2663 points**
- 3rd: Penrose (Sophie Brennan / Miss Spencer) 2650 points**
- 4th: Jersey (James Aspley / Miss Crockett) 2623 points**

This was also the week for Maya, James, Sophie and Millie 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 **Maddie**, **Michael**, **Beatrice** and **Jacob** left off twelve months ago.

Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2026-27 will be...

Penrose – Noah Archer
Jersey – Charlie Hawes
Buckle – Erin Steptoe
Squire – Finley Reed

MAY DAY

It seems a long time since our festivities on the 20th May. On a pleasantly warm and sunny day, the pupils looked very smart in their Sunday best and an enormous crowd awaited. Following our procession from the village green, festivities started with Year 6 making a grand entrance onto the school playground, where I was honoured to conduct the coronation on the occasion of my final May Day, before the dancing and merrymaking began. The May King and Queen (Jacob White and Lily Davies) and Jills O' The Green (Sophie Taunton and Cariad Evans) were selected from the Year 6s who volunteered. Sophie and Cariad did a fantastic job of compèring proceedings, which included ten May Pole dances, plus the Circle Dance from Maple and Beech Class' Circassian Circle. As always, 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. There was even a rare sighting of me dancing!



Rowan Class at the village green



Our excellent Jills O' The Green



Maple Class' Circle Dance



Hawthorn Class' Single Plait

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 incredible performances of our two ballroom dancing teams**, who took to the floor at the Oxfordshire Dancing Schools UK event and the Grand Final at the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton. Featuring many children who had never taken part in any dance outside of school before, let alone ballroom, our dancers worked incredibly hard in practice, setting the alarm early for many morning rehearsals! Our Year 4 team were delighted to get their hands on a glitter ball for 2nd place at the event at Oxford High School and then narrowly missed out on the podium at the Grand Final. Our Year 6s were up against many schools who have been dancing for a number of years,

but performed fantastically at both shows. A special mention to Jessica Moulinet who stepped in to cover for an injury, attending extra rehearsals and getting up to speed in double quick time.

- **The performances of our football teams.** For the first time ever, we have won a Bicester Schools' Football League trophy.... but not just one!

First, our mixed A Team played a tough Marsh Gibbon team in the final, having beaten St. Edburg's and Bure Park in the knockout phase. In a closely-fought game, Rocco Morgan popped up at the back post with a typical poacher's finish to grab the deciding goal in a 1-0 win. A special mention to Arts Wells (Year 4) for stepping up to be our goalkeeper this year, despite it not being his favourite position, and crowning a hugely impressive first season in the A Team with being awarded Player of the Match for some heroic saves in the final.

Then, after two heat-wave postponements our Girls' A Team took on King's Meadow for an 8.30am KO on the last Wednesday of term. The girls had enjoyed an unbeaten league campaign, before knocking out last year's champions Marsh Gibbon in the Quarter Finals and Langford Village in the Semis. The girls saved their best performance until last and ran out convincing winners with a 6-0 win! A special mention to Sophie Brennan, who broke her wrist between the Quarter and Semi-Final and seemed destined to miss the rest of our season.

However, the weather delay worked in our favour and Sophie returned for the final, capping a typically excellent display with a top-corner screamer for our final goal.



The Football A Team



The Girls' Football A Team

- Another first – this time a first team county title for our Year 3/4 Quadkids athletics team. Despite the cancellation of the Bicester competition due to rain (remember that?!), we manage to persuade the organisers to give us the chance to compete at the District Final in Banbury at the beginning of July. After finishing in second place, we were back out on the track at the County Final (held at Tilsley Park, Abingdon). The five girls and five boys certainly rose to the occasion with some fantastic performances across the four events. Despite a hitch with the results on the day, we eventually found out that we had gone one better and finished as team champions! As all of our team have at least two more years left at Chesterton, the athletics future of the school looks to be in safe hands.



Here are some of the other sporting events that we have taken part in this year:

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/ competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/ competitors	Results		Certificate Winners
25 th Sept 2025	Bicester Cross Country	Year 3-6	8 schools Approx. 300 runners	40 runners	Overall Year 3&4 Girls – 5 th Place Year 3&4 Boys – 2 nd Place Year 5&6 Girls – 1 st Place Year 5&6 Boys – 3 rd Place	<u>Year 3-4 Girls</u> Olivia Rees – 8 th Place <u>Year 3-4 Boys</u> Henry Day – 3 rd Place Arthur Wells – 5 th Place James Brewerton – 9 th Place <u>Year 5-6 Girls</u> Evalyn Wyatt – 1 st Place Isabella Atkins – 4 th Place <u>Year 5-6 Boys</u> Alfie Jardine – 9 th Place	
16 th Oct 2025	Bicester Year 5/6 Girls’ Football	Year 5-6	11 teams	2 teams	A team – Champions B team – joint 5 th place A team – Champions 8 wins, 0 draws, 0 defeats. 30 goals scored, 0 conceded. B team – 4 wins, 1 draw, 3 defeats 15 goals scored, 13 conceded	Sophie Brennan Maya Sumner (Teamwork)	
13 th Nov 2025	Year 5/6 Girls’ Football @ Oxford City FC	Year 5-6	9 teams	1 team	Group Stage Winners Semi-Finalists 5 wins, 3 draws, 1 defeat, 16 goals scored, 2 conceded.	Ivy Ward (Teamwork)	
13 th Nov 2025	KS1 Multi Skills	Year 2	30 children	12 children	N/A	Nyah Ashby (Self-Belief)	
20 th Nov 2025	KS2 Multi Skills	Year 4	30 children	12 children	N/A	(Self-Belief) Callum Payne Sloane Kruse	
11 th Dec 2025	Bicester Cluster Sportshall Athletics	Year 5/6	4 other schools – 2 teams	40 children	Girls Chesterton A – 2 nd Place Chesterton B – 7 th Place Boys Chesterton A – 2 nd Place Chesterton B – 7 th Place	N/A	
15 th Jan 2026	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala	Year 5/6	9 schools	10 individuals	Overall 3 rd Place	Edie Wells (Passion)	
5 th Feb 2026	Benchball	Year 4	3 schools/ 6 teams	1 team	Overall 3 rd	Amber Leeson (Self-Belief)	
10 th Feb 2026	Wade Gymnastics Competition	Year 1-6	6 schools/ 68 competitors	12 individuals	Winners of the Level 1 skills competition Level 1 overall winner - Isla Walsh	N/A	
1 st March 2026	Dancing Schools UK Competition	Years 4 & 6	12 teams in each age group	22 dancers	Year 4 Team - 2 nd Place Year 6 Team - 7 th Place	Certificate and medal received by all.	
9 th March 2026	Oxfordshire County Cross Country Final	Year 5/6	80 runners	1 girls’ team	Evalyn Wyatt - 16 th Place	Evalyn Wyatt (Determination)	
9 th March 2026	NOSSP District Yr 5/6 Girls’ Football	Year 5/6		1 team	Champions 5 wins and 1 draw (16 goals scored, 0 conceded)	Millie Colledge (Teamwork)	

19th March 2026	Year 3/4 Football Tournament	Year 3/4	6 schools	2 girls teams and 1 boys team	Year 3/4 Girls A Team - 2nd Place B Team - 5th Place Year 3/4 Boys 1st Place	Arts Wells Amber Leeson (Teamwork)
22nd April 2026	Chesterton Sportshall Showdown	All Years	5 teams	80 athletes	Champions: Baxter's Bears Runners-Up: Spencer's Superstars	Nyah Ashby, Max Cole, Aisha Gurbanova, Olivia Berridge, Felicity Holton (Self-Belief)
14th May 2026	Inter-House Football	Year 4-6	4 houses/ 8 teams	48 players	Champions: Sporting Penrose Runners-Up: Real Jersey	Jersey: James & Lucy Penrose: Oliver & Lily Squire: Gus & Alexa Buckle: Henry & Lucie (Teamwork)
18th June 2026	Inter-House Cricket	Years 5/6	4 houses/4 teams	32 players	Winners: Penrose Pirates Runners Up: Jersey Jets	Benjamin Evans Felix Sumner Georgina Hales (Teamwork)
27th June 2026	Dancing Schools Grand Final	Years 3-6	18 schools	22 pupils	Year 3/4 Finished 5th overall Year 5/6 Finished 15th overall	Certificate and medal received by all.
1st July 2026	County Dynamo Cricket Final	Years 5/6	8	8 pupils	Didn't qualify after round robin.	N/A
2nd July 2026	Quadkids District Final @ NOA	Years 3-6	6 schools	39 pupils	Top individuals: Year 3/4 Boys Teddy King – 1 st Arts Wells – 3 rd Year 3/4 Girls Florence Shouler – 6 th Year 5/6 Boys Alfie Jardine – 2 nd Year 5/6 Girls Evalyn Wyatt – 3 rd	Cherry Bartholomew Benjamin Evans Teddy King (Self-Belief)
8th July 2026	Quadkids County Final @ Tilsley Park	Years 3-6	10 schools	1 team - 10 pupils	1st Place County Champions!	N/A
6th July 2026	Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala	Years 3-6	4 teams	35 pupils	Winners: Wahoos (B. Beecroft)	Evalyn Wyatt Izzie Cobb Twiggy King (Passion)



**Our dazzling Year 6 Ballroom
Dancing Team at the Grand Final**



**The Gymnastics Team at Wade
in February**

Football Fixtures and Results 2025-26							
Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
30 th Sept 2025	Friendly	Bruern B	2	Chesterton B	2	Atkins, Brennan	Millie Colledge
30 th Sept 2025	Friendly	Bruern A	2	Chesterton A	3	Wyatt, Morgan, Donwa	Charlie Hawes
16 th Oct 2025	Year 5/6 Girls' Friendly	Baxter's Ballers	4	Battling Barretts	1	Berridge 2, Larrain, G. Hales, Ward	Lily Davies Olivia Berridge
23 rd Oct 2025	Year 2-4 Girls' Friendly	Hawtin's Hotshots	4	The Tuff Tacklers	4	Leeson 3, Gagel, L. Moulinet, L. Hawes, E. Beecroft, O. Rees	Maya Cole Florence Shouler
6 th Nov 2025	Bicester Schools' Football League	Chesterton	5	Fritwell	0	L. Walsh 2, Milton, Wyatt, Donwa	Alfie Jardine
13 th Nov 2025	Bicester Schools' Football League	King's Meadow B	0	Chesterton	2	Morgan 2	Isabella Atkins
20 th Nov 2025	Bicester Schools' Girls' Football League	Southwold Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	12	Brennan 5, Wyatt 3, Atkins, Colledge, B. Beecroft, Hornby	Sophie Brennan
21 st Nov 2025	Bicester Schools' Girls' Football League	Langford Girls B	0	Chesterton Lionesses B	6	J. Moulinet 2, Larrain, Ward, E. Wells, Gagel	Cariad Evans
14 th Jan 2026	Bicester Schools' Girls' Football League	Langford Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	4	Wyatt 4	Evalyn Wyatt
22 nd Jan 2026	Bicester Schools' Girls' Football League	King's Meadow Girls	5	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Lily Davies
22 nd Jan 2026	Friendly	King's Meadow C	0	Chesterton B	1	Wierchowicz	Max Gardner
2 nd Feb 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Langford B	2	Chesterton	8	Morgan 3, L. Walsh 2, Donwa, Hawes, Alfie Jardine	Arts Wells
27 th Feb 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Brookside Girls	2	Brennan, Wyatt	Sophie Brennan
5 th Mar 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Bure Park Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	5	Wyatt 3, Brennan 2,	Edie Wells

6 th Mar 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Chesterton Lionesses B	1	St. Mary's Girls	3	J. Moulinet	Maya Sumner
16 th Mar 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Launton	0	Chesterton	7	L. Walsh 2, A. Jardine, Brennan, Morgan, Hawes, Donwa	Sophie Brennan
17 th Mar 2026	Girls' Friendly	St. Edburg's Girls A	1	Chesterton Lionesses A	0	-	Sophie Brennan
17 th Mar 2026	Girls' Friendly	St. Edburg's Girls B	3	Chesterton Lionesses A	1	Jessica Moulinet	Cariad Evans
26 th Mar 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Fritwell Girls A	0	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Amber Leeson Primrose Wilson
14 th Apr 2026	Bicester Schools' Football League	Marsh Gibbon Girls A	11	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Sophie Taunton
17 th Apr 2026	Bicester Schools Football League	Glory Farm	0	Chesterton A	6	L. Walsh 2, Morgan 2, Jardine, Reed	Finley Reed
6 th May 2026	Girls' Friendly	King's Meadow B	3	Chesterton Lionesses B	1	Gagel	Cariad Evans
13 th May 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Quarter Final	Chesterton Lionesses A	6	Marsh Gibbon Girls	2	Wyatt 2, M. Colledge 2, Atkins, Brennan	Isabella Atkins
15 th May 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Quarter Final	St. Edburg's A	2	Chesterton A	8	Morgan 3, Jardine, L. Walsh, A. Wells, Donwa, Hornby	Arts Wells
11 th June 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Semi Final	Langford Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Wyatt 2	Jessica Moulinet
12 th June 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Semi Final	Bure Park B	1	Chesterton A	3	Morgan 2, Jardine	Charlie Hawes
30 th June 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Final	Chesterton	1	Marsh Gibbon	0	Morgan	Arts Wells
15 th July 2026	Bicester Schools Football League Final	King's Meadow A	0	Chesterton Lionesses	6	Wyatt 2, Atkins 2, M. Colledge, Brennan	Millie Colledge

Football Top Scorers 2025-26

Player	Games	Goals
Evalyn Wyatt	19	47
Sophie Brennan	16	24
Rocco Morgan	10	19
Millie Colledge	15	18
Isabella Atkins	18	16
Lucas Walsh	10	10
Alfie Jardine	10	10
Arthur Wells	7	9
Edie Wells	11	8
Jessica Moulinet	10	6



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



**Year 2,3 & 4 Girls' Football @
Oxford High School**

Sports Day 2026 Results

	Buckle	Jersey	Penrose	Squire
Field Events	122	161	177	122
Track Events	201	207	238	191
Relays	6	12	15	3
Adjusted Total	358	396	439	316
Position	3rd	2nd	1st	4th

***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 11th Annual Sports' Awards took place on Monday 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. This year, there was a new award which was very kindly organised without my knowledge. The 'Mr Horner's Spirit of the Games' trophy went to Edie Wells.

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 former 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 2026, **Alfie Jardine** and **Bethany Hornby** have been presented with an impressive trophy each.

Class Sports Personality of the Year Winners	
Maple Class	Octavia Boxall & Jack Edmonds
Beech Class	Ivy Edwards & Freddie Watson
Ash Class	Megan Rees & Chester Hawes
Chestnut Class	Maya Cole & Coen Mulcahy
Hawthorn Class	Amber Leeson & Gus Burdett
Rowan Class	Reeva Mulcahy & James Nickson
Oak Class	Sophie Taunton & Max Gardner
Club Medal Winners	
Dance	Sebastian Dibsdall & Holly Beever
Tennis	Ava Gagel & Felix Sumner
Football	Lily Davies & James Brewerton
Girls' Football	Evelyn Morley & Lucie Wills-Vujisic
Football Award Winners	
Golden Boot	Evalyn Wyatt (68 Matches, 127 Goals)
Boys' Player of the Year	Joshua Donwa
Girls' Player of the Year	Isabella Atkins
Mr Horner's Spirit of The Games Trophy	
Edie Wells	
Andy Reading Cup – Outstanding Contribution to Sport	
Girls	Bethany Hornby
Boys	Alfie Jardine

Our Sports Personality Awards Winners



Maple Class



Beech Class



Ash Class



Chestnut Class



Hawthorn Class



Rowan Class



Oak Class



Dance Club



Football Club



Tennis Club



Mr Horner's Award!



Golden Boot & Footballers of The Year



The inaugural Mr Horner's Spirit of the Games Trophy

New Sports Captains

Our new Sports Captains, **Lucas Walsh** and **Ivy Ward** will be taking over from **Alfie Jardine** and **Bethany Hornby** in September. It was a very difficult decision to pick this year's captains as our current Year 5s are a very sporty cohort. Alfie and Bethany 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 Lucas and Ivy will be no different.





Amazing Animals

As part of our '**Animals**' topic, we were delighted to welcome ZooLab to school for a fascinating morning of hands-on learning. Beech Class were full of excitement as they eagerly greeted our special visitors! The children loved discovering fascinating facts about a range of animals and had the opportunity to get up close to five incredible creatures: a snake, a frog, a stick insect, a giant snail and a tarantula. Many of the children even bravely held the animals, making it an unforgettable experience and, for some, the highlight of the school year. It was a wonderful morning, sparking curiosity, building confidence and creating memories that will last for a long time.

Miss Chadwick

Festival of Voices

On Thursday 18th June, we took the Chesterton Choir to Dorchester Abbey to sing at the 41st annual Oxfordshire Festival of Voices. We were joined by six other schools from across the county to perform a range of songs in the impressive abbey. The children worked really hard to learn all of the songs and they certainly stood out for their beautiful singing voices. Amongst their favourite songs, there were some from the soundtracks of films and musicals such as Toy Story, Matilda and The Sound of Music. The children also particularly enjoyed singing some of the classic Festival of Voices Songs, such as World in Union. Well done to the Chesterton Choir; you did yourselves and the school proud!

A particular highlight of the evening was watching one of our talented pianists, Maya Sumner, play 'Someone You Loved' by Lewis Capaldi on the grand piano. It was a wonderful moment, and Maya played with great maturity, skill and confidence. It was an impressive performance in a very special venue and we were very proud of her. Well done Maya! **Mrs Salter**



More Amazing Animals!

Ash Class enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Crocodiles of the World as part of their Science topic, *Living Things and Their Habitats*. Throughout the day, the children explored a range of fascinating habitats and were amazed to see Komodo dragons, giant Galápagos tortoises, snakes and a clouded leopard, to name just a few. Some of the children even had the opportunity to hold a real crocodile egg!

The highlight of the visit was the thrilling crocodile feeding demonstration, where the children had a fantastic front-row view as the keepers fed these incredible reptiles. They also discovered that the centre is home to many different species, not just crocodiles, and enjoyed learning about how animals are specially adapted to survive in their environments.

The visit helped bring the children's classroom learning to life as they explored habitats, food chains and the ways living things depend on one another for survival. They asked thoughtful questions during the keeper talks and showed great curiosity throughout the day. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience and a memorable trip that inspired lots of excitement, and creative writing back in the classroom. **Mrs Evans**



Leavers' Performance – Hoodwinked

Our Upper School pupils delighted their audiences with their fantastic performance of *Hoodwinked*, a fun and modern adaptation of the classic Robin Hood tale. From the confident acting and lively musical numbers, to the wonderful team behind the scenes, every child played their part in making the production a great success. Brave Robin Hood was played jointly by Sienna and Alfie, who were supported by their band of Merry Men. Whilst Maid Marian was performed by Cariad and Edie, who were trying to outwit the dastardly Sheriff, portrayed by Georgina and Sebastian. All the cast's enthusiasm, creativity and dedication shone throughout and they should all be incredibly proud. **Miss Baxter**



Stupendous Science Week

In March, Science Week swept across the school once more with children eager to investigate a wide range of topics! Whilst Oak Class planned out experiments themed on light, Rowan Class were exploring air. When Hawthorn Class were researching different liquids, Chestnut Class were pondering about bones. Ash Class measured whether age changes how quickly someone can run, whilst Beech Class tried to identify the strongest cape. Finally, Maple Class were trying to help the three little pigs to find the strongest material for their house! Children from across the school created very informative posters, reflecting on the results they had found out and what they would do differently next time to improve the reliability. It was extremely difficult to choose a school winner! After a lot of deliberation, Arts, Samuel, Rowan, Ted and Teddy from Hawthorn Class were crowned champions for their detailed write-up of 'What liquids dissolve sugar the quickest?' I can't wait to see what ideas the children explore next year!

Miss Crockett – Science Co-ordinator

Film Festival: A Red-Carpet Experience!

This year, Years 2, 5, and 6 took part in the Bicester Partnership Schools' Film Festival. They worked hard over many weeks to plan, film, edit, and produce engaging films about places around the world.

The finalists for Chesterton School were all looking forward to visiting the cinema to watch the winning films on the big screen, but unfortunately the event was cancelled due to the extreme heat.

Despite this disappointment, we are incredibly proud of our students' hard work, creativity, and dedication. We are delighted to announce that we were awarded the KS1 winner for the Year 2 film about Antarctica, and the Upper KS2 winner for the Year 6 film, *Penpals In Paris*.

The Film Festival also selects one overall winning film, with the winning school receiving a Chromebook. Huge congratulations to the Year 6 team, whose film was chosen as the overall winner! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are extremely proud of everyone involved. **Ms Gould – Computing Co-ordinator**



The School Council

It has been another fantastic year for the School Council, with all the members demonstrating enthusiasm, responsibility and a real commitment to making a positive difference to our school and wider community.

Throughout the year, we have organised and supported a range of successful fundraising events for important charities.

Together, we helped raise an incredible £2,020 through events supporting Comic Relief, Children in Need, the Poppy Appeal, Harvest and Macmillan Cancer Support. We are thankful for everyone in our school community for their generous donations.

We also played an important role at our Summer Fayre by running a variety of popular stalls and raising an impressive £109.

As well as fundraising, we have taken on a range of important responsibilities across the school including: supporting our celebration worships and being involved in the recruitment process for our new Headteacher.

We are extremely proud of everything that we have achieved this year and we look forward to seeing what the next School Council will achieve next year! **By The School Council**



The Eco Council

The Eco Council has enjoyed another incredibly successful year, working hard to make a positive difference both in school and beyond. On Climate Action Day, they proudly supported the 'Just One Tree' charity project, raising valuable funds to help combat climate change. Throughout the year, members have helped keep our school grounds clean and tidy through regular litter picks, completed weekly classroom eco-checks to encourage everyone to recycle, save energy and reduce waste whenever possible. They have also carefully tallied the results of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, and diligently managed the food bins, successfully preventing the wasp invasion that we experienced last year!

A highlight of the year was a visit to the local garden centre,

where the Eco Council selected beautiful plants to brighten up our school environment. They also designed eye-catching posters to remind everyone to care for the wonderful plants and flowers that we are so lucky to have.

The Eco Council also led the school's 'Cut Your Carbon' campaign, inspiring pupils and families to make small changes at home that, together, can make a big difference to our carbon footprint. Most recently, they delivered a fantastic assembly for World Oceans Day, raising awareness of the importance of protecting our oceans and marine life. We are incredibly proud of everything the Eco Council has achieved this year and look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and commitment continue next year with a new group of children.

Mrs Leonard – Eco Council Co-ordinator

Fabulous Fair

This year's Summer Fair (Chestival) was another fantastic event, made even better by the beautiful sunshine! It was wonderful to see so many children, families and members of the wider school community come together to enjoy the afternoon. There was plenty on offer, from the ever-popular tombolas (including the adults, children's and teddy versions!) and glitter tattoos to games, stalls and the bouncy castle. A special mention must also go to our Year 6 pupils who supported in the Oak Café - a lovely example of teamwork and responsibility. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, volunteer and support the event.

Thanks to your generosity and support this year, the School Association has raised an incredible £18,600. In

January, £10,000 was donated towards the new stage and sound system, and additional funds have supported a range of resources and opportunities for the children, including wet play resources, maths equipment, reading diaries, books, school trips and the new artwork in the hall. Thank you to everyone who has helped, contributed and supported our events throughout the year - we really couldn't do it without you!

Miss Hawtin – Staff School Association Representative





Maple Class Out and About

On Tuesday 21st April, Maple Class were full of anticipation – it was our first school trip! We all excitedly embarked onto the coach and, after lots of songs, we finally arrived!

When we arrived at the farm, we split into groups and completed various enjoyable activities. The first task 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 cheeky! 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 mixture until it was soft and stretchy. Then, we used special cutters to form the dough into a pig shape. Our final activity was milking a pretend cow; it was tricky at first but we got the hang of it in the end. We also met some other animals who live on the farm, including a gigantic turkey – Miss Spencer was very scared!

We ended our trip with an exciting puppet show. We joined in with the singing of 'Old MacDonald' and enjoyed meeting the animal puppets. We also stayed at the farm to eat our packed lunch, play on the pretend tractors and in the sandpit.

We had such a fun time at Cogges Farm. We went back to school full of smiles and happy memories!

Miss Spencer

Impressive Improvements

Hopefully, as I mentioned earlier, you have noticed the improvements to the environment of the school that we have made over the years. This year has been no different, as the Governors, Mrs Linfoot, The School Association and myself have been working hard on a range of 'capital' projects. Pictured below are our new school gates, our improved shed compound and access to Oak Class, our impressive new stage and lighting system that made its debut for Hoodwinked, and the most recent addition, our very smart 'garden room'. This will provide office space for Mrs Craig (SENDco) and Miss Norman (Home-School Link Worker), as well as a really useful group room for pupil interventions and meetings. Last, but not least, we are excited for the installation of solar panels on our hall roof and the Upper Key Stage Two building, which will take place over the Summer Holidays. This should save us money on our electricity bills and also fit with our environmentally-friendly ethos.



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



Fun at the Craft Table



Heatwave Foot Spa!



Anyone for tea?



Maple Forest School



Creative Construction Area



World Book Day

BEECH CLASS



Warwick Castle



Planting Sunflowers



Performance Poetry



Toys from the past



P.C. Ben Visit



Arts Week Printing

ASH CLASS



Visit to The Bus Museum



Experiencing a vintage car



The Maize Maze



Making flowers for Arts Week



Crocodiles of the World



Marvellous Maths

CHESTNUT CLASS



Rock Durability in Science



Crime Scene Investigation



Lego Workshop



Stone Age Day



Computing Networks



Cooking Cottage Pies

HAWTHORN CLASS



Anglo Saxon Day



Cooking in D&T



Science Week Measuring



Off to The Black Country Museum



Electrical Circuits



Marvellous Maths

ROWAN CLASS



Science Oxford



Greek Day



Crime Scene Workshop



Forest School



Mosque Visit



Active Maths

OAK CLASS



Henry Moore Art



The P Factor Poetry Team



Soak The House Captain



May King and Queen



Trip to The Living Rainforest



WWII Soup Making

Thank you for reading!
Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher

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