

friday 9th October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Chesterton Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move further into the term, it is wonderful to see the school settling into its rhythm. Classrooms across Chesterton are busy, purposeful places where routines are now well established and children are increasingly confident, independent and ready to learn. From the moment they arrive each morning, there is a real sense of focus and enthusiasm around the school.

Over the last week, I have spent time visiting classes and have been incredibly impressed by the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes shown by our pupils.

Whether it has been children tackling challenging maths problems, developing their writing, exploring new topics across the curriculum or working collaboratively with their peers, there has been a real buzz of learning throughout the school. It is particularly pleasing to see children taking pride in their work and striving to do their very best.

Alongside this, our school values continue to shine through in daily school life. I have seen countless examples of children showing kindness, respect and encouragement towards one another, helping to create the warm and supportive environment that makes Chesterton such a special community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our children thrive. I hope you all have a restful weekend and enjoy the opportunity to recharge before another exciting week of learning ahead.



SIAMS Report

Following the sharing of our SIAMS report earlier this week, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support. We are incredibly proud of the report, which recognises the strength of our vision, values and caring school community. If you have not yet had the chance to read it, please refer to the email sent on Monday or [click here to read it on our website.](#)



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Upcoming Events

**16/10: School Association Discos
(Light Party)**

**19/10: School Photographer
(Portraits)**

**19/10 and 20/10 – 5pm – New
Maple open evening**

**20/10 – Ash – Gaydon Motor
Museum**

**21/10: Flu Vaccination Programme
(All Year Groups)**

23/10: INSET Day

10–11/ 11 Parent's Evening

Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme

The flu vaccination programme will be taking place on Wednesday 21st October for all year groups. Please look out for further information; as last year, permission will be given online.

School Photographs

The School Photography Company will be coming into school on Monday 19th October to take portrait photographs. Further details to follow. Apologies for any confusion around dates.

Newsletter

If you would like to post anything in a future School Weekly Newsletter, please email or speak to the front office for more details.

School Association updates:

For all our school association updates and news of upcoming events, please follow the Chesterton School Association on Instagram and facebook.



**Chesterton School
Association**



**Chesterton CE School
Association**

Attendance

Maple: 98.8%

Beech: 97.3%

Ash: 95.7%

Chestnut: 94.9%

Hawthorn: 99.3%

Rowan: 100%

Oak: 99.4%

Footsteps

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Oxfordshire County Council offers Footsteps, a free road safety programme for parents and carers of primary-aged children. The programme helps families support safe travel to and from school, as well as during everyday journeys.

Footsteps encourage adults to involve children in thinking about road safety decisions for themselves, helping them to develop the awareness and confidence they will need as they grow older and become more independent. The programme can be used during everyday journeys, such as walking to school, and requires no special equipment or training.

We would be grateful if you could help us raise awareness by sharing the attached information with parents and carers through your usual communication channels, such as ParentMail, newsletters, or your school website.

Footsteps Parent Guide:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/fire-and-rescue/Footsteps-Parents-guide.pdf>

Paper copies are also available free of charge if you would like to send these home with pupils.

OXPCF

Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum (OxPCF) is an impartial, independent body led by a dedicated team of volunteers. The team are all parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

We all believe that every disabled child and young person in the county should have access to the same opportunities, experiences and information as their non-disabled peers. We are hosted by Oxfordshire Family Support Network.

If you want to find more details about the work of OXPCF, please click here to find more information on their website.

Flu Vaccinations

This year, the annual school-aged flu vaccination programme is being offered to all children from Reception to Year 11. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and can sometimes lead to serious complications. Children can catch and spread flu easily, so vaccinating them also helps protect others who may be more vulnerable, such as babies and older people.

Please complete the consent form at least one full school day before the vaccination session, whether you want your child to have the flu vaccine or not. After this deadline, the online system will close and you will not be able to submit a form. It will reopen the day after the school session so you can register a form and book a community clinic appointment if needed. Please also complete the form if you are declining the vaccination, as this will stop further reminder messages being sent to you.

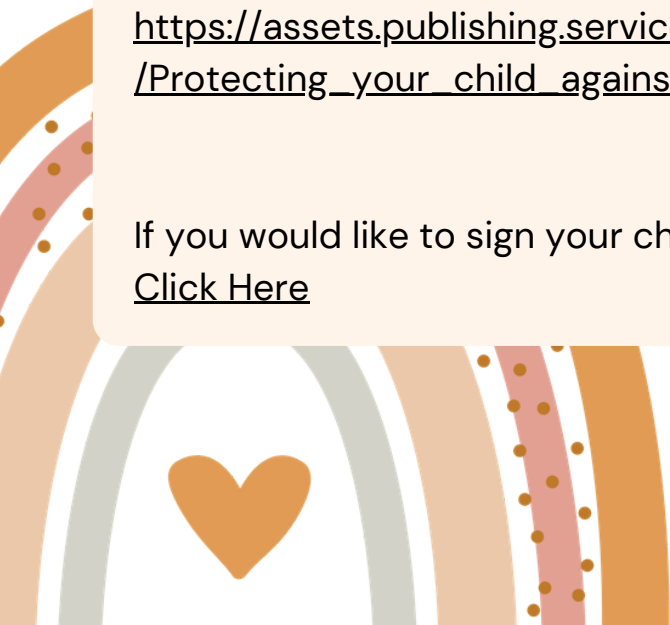
For most children, the Nasal Flu vaccination is painless and given by a quick and simple spray up the nose. In some medical circumstances it is necessary to administer the Flu vaccine by intramuscular injection instead of the nasal spray, but this will always be discussed with parents/carers beforehand.

If you object to the nasal vaccination on the grounds of its contents (e.g. Porcine Gelatine) or if the vaccine is otherwise unsuitable, you may also choose for the vaccination to be administered by intramuscular injection. This injection will also be delivered in school on the date above. You can choose the Injected flu vaccination on the vaccination consent form.

Here is a copy of an information leaflet about the Vaccination:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68230602c66deec8488f7f93/Protecting_your_child_against_flu_leaflet_primary_school_WEB_FINAL.pdf

If you would like to sign your child up, please complete this consent form :
[Click Here](#)





Amazing Harvest!

Chesterton Primary School

For collecting 108.40kg (the weight of a giant panda!) in harvest donations to support the work of Bicester Foodbank.

Your support will make a huge difference to the lives of people living in financial hardship.

Alison Drake
Foodbank Manager



Autumn/ Winter Clothing

As the weather begins to turn colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat.

We believe that fresh air and outdoor play are important for children's wellbeing, concentration and learning. Wherever possible, children will continue to spend time outside, even in wet weather, as this helps to build resilience, independence and positive habits for learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Focus on Ash:

It was wonderful to see so many of you after school on Friday. We hope you enjoyed looking at all of the children's hard work!

In our Science lessons, we have been set a range of design briefs, such as finding materials to make the stiffest bridge or identifying materials that would make a boat float. We have loved carrying out investigations to collect results.

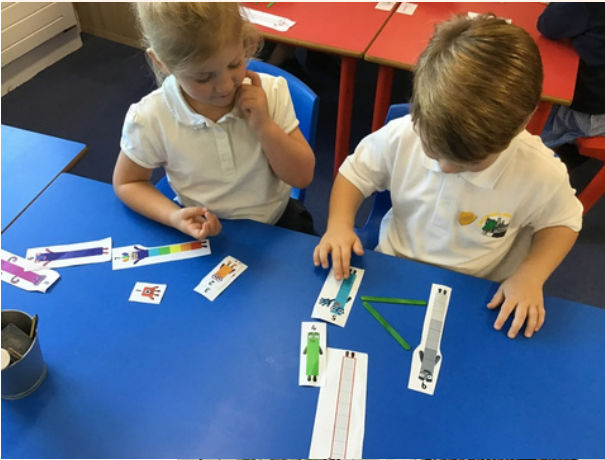
During Art lessons, we finished our paper sculptures inspired by Charles McGee. We then explored how to make sculptures using playdough. We learnt how to wedge the dough and how to roll coils. We applied these skills when using clay and can't wait to show you our final pieces inspired by Éliane Monnin's work.

In P.E., we have been breaking down what makes great teamwork. In these photos, you can see us playing a game in small groups, where we needed to turn over the cards in order from 1 to 10. We recognised the importance of communicating what we had seen, listening carefully to others and being patient! We also played a blindfold game, which taught us to be very clear with our language!



Focus on Beech:

Year 1 have been busy exploring numbers in a variety of exciting ways! Using our Numberblocks friends, the children have been learning how to compare numbers and explain their mathematical thinking. They have also explored the difference between number tracks and number lines before creating their own number lines. Alongside this, we have been delighted to see the fantastic castle models that children have made at home, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Year 1!



🌟 Neon/Light Party! 🌟

Get ready to dust off your brightest outfits and prepare for an evening of glowing fun! Whether you're a dazzling dancer, a disco superstar or simply coming for the snacks, we promise a night full of music and enough neon to be seen from space (almost!).

🌟 Friday 16th October

Lower School: 5:00pm–6:15pm

Upper School: 6:30pm–8:00pm

🎫 £5 per child (includes a snack)

Tickets will be available on Scopay by the end of the week. Once open, please book your child's place there.

📅 **Booking deadline: 13th October**

Don't leave it until the last minute to dust off your dancing shoes and book your child's place ✨ 🧑🏻 🧑🏻



Parents Evening

We wanted to let you know that parent appointments will be held on Tuesday 10th November (3.30pm – 6pm) and Wednesday 11th November (3.30pm – 7pm)

Appointments will go live on Scopay on Monday 12th October at 5.30pm. please go online and book your slot from Monday.

Jumpers and Lost property

Can I please ask that all clothing which is brought to school is fully labelled as we are accruing lots of lost property within school. Many thanks.

Data collection sheets

Data collection sheets and permissions were sent home with your child this week. Please complete and return to the school office no later than Wednesday 14th October even if there are no changes.

The reading raffle

Our reading raffle winner for this week was:

Oliver in Rowan!

He is walking away with a brand new copy of David Baddiel's book 'Only Child'. Keep your child reading and bringing their reading record in to be with a chance next week!

Safeguarding team

Just a reminder who our safeguarding team are – if you have any concerns, please come and speak to us:



Miss Salter



Miss Norman



Mr Gratwohl

Akeman Benefice 30th Anniversary Service and Lunch

On Saturday 1 November, the Akeman Benefice will be celebrating its 30th anniversary with a special service at 11.00am in St Mary's Church, Kirtlington. Everyone is warmly invited, and it would be wonderful to see representatives from all the benefice parishes joining this special occasion.

Following the service, there will be a Bring and Share Lunch in Kirtlington Village Hall. Those attending are invited to contribute a dish or drink, such as a cold main dish, salad, potatoes, dessert, cheese and biscuits, wine, or soft drinks, with each contribution serving approximately 6–8 people. Food and drink can be dropped off at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 10.45am before the service begins. To help with planning, please contact Julie by 25 October to let her know what you will be bringing. Her email address is enquiries.akeman@gmail.com. If there are too many offers of a particular item, you may be asked to bring something different.

We hope many families will be able to join this celebration of 30 years of ministry and community within the Akeman Benefice.



Maple open evenings

Just a quick reminder that the Maple Open Evenings on 19 October, 20 October and 4 November are for prospective parents and are not intended for our current Maple parents. We apologise for any confusion caused.

S4A  Chesterton Sunsetter Timetable  S4A				
MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
End of School- 4:30  Cricket: Practise batting, bowling and fielding through fun cricket games and challenges. Loom Bands: Get creative making colourful bracelets, patterns and your own loom band designs.	End of School- 4:30 EYFS & KS1 Football Club: Build confidence with fun football games, skills, passing and shooting. (Requires a separate booking) Outdoor Adventure: Head outside for exciting games, challenges and plenty of active fun.	End of School- 4:30  Dodgeball: Duck, dodge and throw in exciting games that build teamwork and movement skills. Lego Challenges: Build, create and take on fun LEGO challenges using your imagination.	End of School- 4:30 KS2 Football Club: Develop your football skills through matches, challenges, passing and shooting games. (Requires a separate booking) Crafty Creations: Get creative with colourful arts, crafts and hands-on projects to take home.	End of School- 4:30 Multi Sports Finish the week with a fun mix of sports, team games and active challenges. Outdoor Adventures: Enjoy outdoor games, challenges and activities with friends in the playground.
4:30-6:00 Multi Sports: Enjoy a mix of fun sports, team games and active challenges. Children's Choice: Choose from a range of games, toys and activities available at Wraparound Care.	4:30-6:00  Board Games: Enjoy classic board games, test your skills and have fun playing with friends. Children's Choice: Choose from a range of games, toys and activities available at Wraparound Care.	4:30-6:00  Just Dance: Learn fun routines, follow the moves and dance along to your favourite songs. Children's Choice: Using the different equipment and toys available at wraparound	4:30-6:00 Mini Games: Take part in quick, fun games and challenges that keep everyone active and involved. Children's Choice: Choose from a range of games, toys and activities available at Wraparound Care.	

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

GLORY FARM SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER	TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER	THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
 - FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, TENNIS, GYMNASTICS + MORE - ARTS & CRAFTS - PLAYGROUND GAMES - SCIENCE & MORE!	 - FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, TENNIS, GYMNASTICS + MORE - ARTS & CRAFTS - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - SCAVENGER HUNTS & MORE!	BATTLE QUEST DAY - LASER TAG - NERF DOMINATION - DODGEBALL - ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE!	HALLOWEEN PARTY - HALLOWEEN GAMES - FACE PAINTING - COOKING - HALLOWEEN DISCO & MORE!