

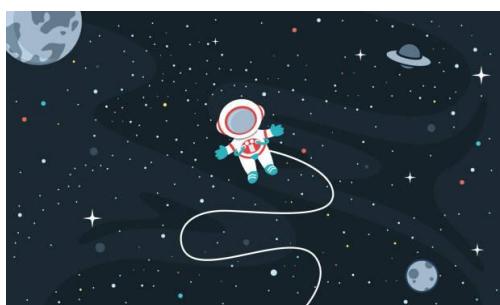


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Maple Class Newsletter – Spring Term, 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. On behalf of the Maple Class team, I would also like to thank you for the lovely gifts and messages that we received at the end of term. Your kind words really do mean a lot to us all and we feel very fortunate to have such a supportive and encouraging community of parents.

Maple Class have made an excellent start to the term, and are keen to learn lots of new things as part of our '*Out of This World!*' topic. For more information about the learning that will take place between now and the Easter holidays, please have a look at our Topic Web on the school website.

Homework

This term's homework is now up on the Maple Class section of the school website. Please aim to complete one activity each week. Homework books are marked each Wednesday.



Phonics

I will continue to send home a phonic homework sheet each Friday that includes the phonemes, words and tricky words we have learnt during that week. I understand that family life can be very busy so, when completing homework, please prioritise using this sheet to review and embed phonics learning from school. Please also have a good look at home to see if any 'Learn to Read' books are hiding anywhere, as I am missing a couple of copies.

Website Photos

If you have not already had a chance to look at the photos from last term, please head over to Maple's gallery on the Chesterton website. I aim to add a new blog post up each Friday, which includes photos of the wonderful things we have done during the week. The gallery is password protected (changing each month), so please get in touch with the office if you do not have the password.

Spare Clothes

We are currently running very low on our supplies of spare socks/ tights/ underwear. If your child has borrowed some spare clothes, please would you kindly send them back into school at your earliest convenience.

P.E. days

Our Maple Class P.E. day is a **Wednesday**. We will still follow the same routine, where children come home wearing their P.E. kit and it can be returned to school in preparation for the next lesson.

Additional Dates For Your Diary

Week beginning Monday 19th January 2026 – Chesterton Poetry Week

Week beginning Monday 26th January 2026 – RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – Maple Stay and Learn (2pm-3pm)

Tuesday 10th February 2026 – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February 2026 – School Association Red and Pink Day (more details to follow)

Week beginning Monday 2nd March 2026 - Book Week

Week beginning Monday 9th March 2026 - Science Week

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March – Parents' Evenings

Thursday 26th March 2026 - Easter Church Service (pupils only)

Contact

As always, please feel free to contact me about any matters arising.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected. This would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- Any emails can be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

Here's to a wonderful Spring term!

Best wishes,

Miss Spencer and the Maple Class team

