



friday 25th September 2026

NEWSLETTER

Chesterton Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see our community come together this week as we launched the first of our community events. Our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon was a great success, with families joining us to enjoy some delicious homemade cakes. It was also fantastic to see our School Council representing the school for the first time this year. They certainly showed plenty of enthusiasm and were determined to help raise every possible penny for such a worthwhile cause! On Wednesday evening, we also held the School Association AGM, which highlighted the incredible work undertaken by the team to raise funds for the school. Their dedication helps ensure that Chesterton remains a place where our children can flourish and thrive. In the classroom, we have seen Maple Class take part in their first singing worship, while Year 1 have been working hard in science to explore and understand different materials. I have particularly enjoyed seeing the respect our children show towards one another and to the staff who support them each day. It is a joy to watch them grow into considerate, responsible citizens of the future.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a wonderful and restful weekend.

Mr Gratwohl

Parking

It has been reported to the school that parking around the school has become, at times, unsafe and inconsiderate. We recognise that parking is at a premium and that many of our families travel from outside the village. However, we kindly ask that, if you do drive, you park safely and considerately, showing respect for our neighbours and the wider community. Please allow plenty of time for drop-off and pick-up. If parking further away means you arrive a few minutes later than planned, we are happy to supervise children for a short additional period if it helps to keep our community safe.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone around our school.

Attendance

Maple: 95.5%

Beech: 94.6%

Ash: 98.5%

Chestnut: 99.1%

Hawthorn: 100%

Rowan: 95.8%

Oak: 96.8%



Upcoming Events

02/10: Open Classrooms (3.15–3.45)

08/10: Maple Curriculum Evening 5.00pm

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

Please see your child's class newsletter for details which are on the website under class pages.

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.

Open Classrooms Afternoon

Straight after school on the 2nd of October (3.15–3.45), your child's classroom will be open to view what the children have been doing since the start of term.

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.

Chesterton CE Primary School



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Focus on Hawthorn

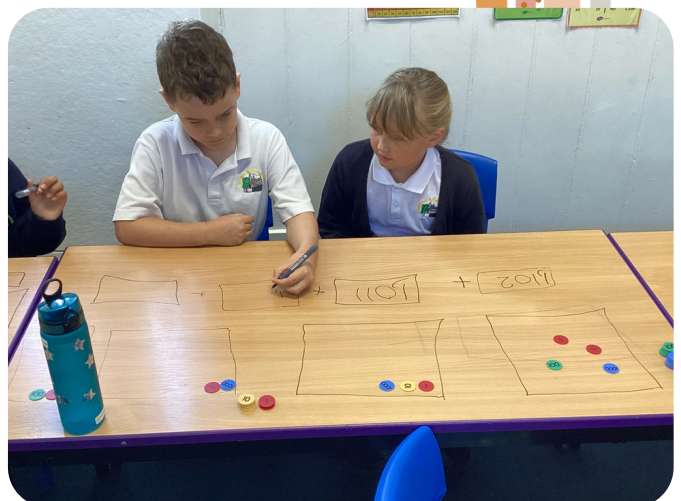


We have had an excellent start to the new academic year in Hawthorn Class! It has been difficult to choose a favourite, but we have particularly enjoyed Art, PE and Maths this week.

PE has been a great opportunity to develop our teamwork and communication skills through a range of problem-solving challenges. We particularly enjoyed Around the Clock, where we worked together to arrange a suit of cards in numerical order, and Through the Hoop, where teams had to communicate and problem-solve to find the quickest way to pass a hula hoop around the whole circle without letting go of each other's hands.

Our Maths learning has focused on numbers up to 10,000. We have enjoyed exploring flexible partitioning, finding 1, 10, 100 and 1,000 more or less, and ordering numbers.

Art has been particularly exciting as we have been creating our own designs inspired by William Morris. We explored his use of nature and repeated patterns, with many of our designs featuring birds, leaves and flowers. We then had a go at using some of his key design techniques, including translation, rotation and reflection! – Miss Hawtin



Focus on Chestnut:

Bonjour! Chestnut Class have been very excited to start their French lessons this year! They have been practising different ways to greet one another, introducing themselves and having simple conversations with their friends. The children have also been enjoying responding to the register in French, helping to build their confidence in listening and speaking.

It has been wonderful to see everyone having a go and becoming more confident using their French. Some children have even taken on the challenge of writing in French too! We are looking forward to learning lots more French and developing our language skills together this year. – Mrs Evans

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WALT: exchange names in French.

Monsieur	My name is ✓
Mademoiselle	Mr ✓
Comment t'appelles-tu?	What's your name? ✓
Je m'appelle	Mrs ✓
Madame	Miss ✓

Challenge: Rewrite this conversation in French. Do it in your book. Think carefully about capital letters.

Good evening! What's your name?
Hi! My name is Anne. What's your name?
My name is David.

Bonsoir! Comment t'appelles-tu? Salut!
Je m'appelle Anne. Comment t'appelles-tu?
Je m'appelle David.

Parents' Evenings:

Parents' evenings will be on the 10th and 11th of November.

We will share more details with you on our parents newsletter on the 9th of October.

We will allow parents' to book slots from Monday the 12th of October at 5:30pm.

Harvest Festival Foodbank

The school will be celebrating Harvest Festival on 7 October. As part of our celebrations, we will be supporting Bicester Food Bank through a collection of food and essential items.

For the past 20 years, Bicester Food Bank has provided vital support to members of our local community. In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will distribute around 150 food parcels to local individuals and families in need.

We will be collecting donations in the weeks leading up to our Harvest Festival. Children can bring donations into school and place them in the collection boxes located by the school office.

The final day for donations will be Thursday 8 October, before the food bank comes to collect the items.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a real difference to families in our local community.

info@bicester.foodbank.org.uk
www.bicester.foodbank.org.uk

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****No pasta or cereals are needed****

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT)
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Tinned puddings
- Jam or peanut butter
- Tinned soup
- Hygiene products



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

Flu Vaccine programme – Wednesday 21st October

Below are links for more information to the Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme, which will take place at Chesterton on Wednesday 21st October. 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.

In order to give your child consent, please click on the link:

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=OX123101>

If you would like any further information, please click on the following link:

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

Heyford Park open evening



**HEYFORD PARK
SCHOOL**

Families with children approaching secondary school age may be interested in Heyford Park School's Open Evening on Thursday 1 October.

Visitors can choose to attend either:

- 5.00pm to 6.15pm, or
- 6.30pm to 7.45pm

The evening provides an excellent opportunity to meet senior leaders and staff, explore the school, and learn more about life at Heyford Park School. Families will also be able to tour the facilities, including newly developed areas that form part of the school's ongoing growth and development.

To book a place, please visit [Heyford Park School Open Evening Booking](#). This event is ideal for families considering secondary school options and would like to gain a better understanding of the school's values, expectations, and the opportunities available to its students.

**THE BICESTER
SCHOOL**
Aspire and Achieve

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and students, and gain an insight into everyday life at The Bicester School. Visitors will learn more about the school's ethos of Aspire and Achieve and discover how this is reflected in a calm, inclusive, and ambitious learning environment where every student is encouraged to thrive both academically and personally.

Guests will have the chance to explore the school's facilities, visit subject departments, and speak with staff and students about the wide range of academic, creative, sporting, and extracurricular opportunities available. Student guides will also be on hand to lead tours and answer questions.

- 5.30pm
- 6.00pm
- 6.45pm

For further information, please contact the school on 01869 243331 or email enquiries@thebicesterschool.org.uk.

This event is ideal for families beginning to consider secondary school choices and looking to find out more about the opportunities available at The Bicester School.

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Headington School Open Morning



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Headmistress: Mrs Caroline Jordan MA (Oxon)

Families considering independent secondary education for their daughters may be interested in Headington School Oxford's Open Morning on Saturday 10 October, from 9.45am to 12.00pm.

This is an excellent opportunity to visit the school, hear from the Head, meet staff and pupils, and explore the school's facilities. Visitors will gain an insight into Headington's approach to education, which combines academic excellence with a supportive and nurturing environment that encourages pupils to develop confidence, independence, and a love of learning.

The school offers a wide range of opportunities across academic, creative, sporting, and co-curricular areas, supported by modern facilities and a commitment to helping every pupil achieve their potential.

Event Details

- Date: Saturday 10 October 2026
- Time: 9.45am to 12.00pm
- Location: Headington School Oxford, Headington Road, Oxford, OX3 7SB
- Booking: Places can be reserved via the school's Open Events page on their website.

Families will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet members of the teaching team, and find out more about what makes Headington School Oxford a distinctive and successful learning community.

For further information, please contact the admissions team at admissions@headingtonschool.com.

This event may be of interest to families beginning to explore secondary school options for their children.

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 there website.](#)

KS2 Cross Country at The Bicester School

It has been a busy week for our Chesterton Teams.

On Monday, some of our Year 5 and 6 girls played Gagle Brook at home. The girls did an amazing job, securing a fantastic 3–2 victory. They were incredibly supportive of one another, particularly towards those with less football experience. They encouraged each other throughout the match and listened carefully to all the advice given.

On Thursday, we took 32 children to The Bicester School to take part in a Cross Country Event, with over 400 children participating from schools across Bicester. It was a challenging run, but they all demonstrated excellent resilience and determination. We were also delighted to see some fantastic individual placings, including an outstanding 1st and 4th place!



After school Club Offer at S4A

  Chesterton Sunsetter Timetable  				
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 	4:30-6:00 	4:30-6:00 	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.	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.	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	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.	

Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

An Evening with Double Gold Olympic Champion Matt Weston

Friday 23rd October 2026



Join us at the Village Hall to meet the European, World & double-Olympic Skeleton Champion, Matt Weston.

Meet Britain's most decorated Winter Olympian, hear what it takes to become an elite athlete and hold an Olympic gold medal in your hands!

This is a family-friendly event open to all ages

Doors open 6.30pm Show starts 7.00pm

Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s

Licenced bar

To book: email westonvillagehall@live.co.uk