

friday 2nd October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Chesterton Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see all members of our school community settling into their new classes and year groups. As the weeks pass, I am seeing children build positive relationships with both their peers and the adults who support them, and their confidence continues to grow each day. I am particularly proud of the progress our Maple Class children have already made. Having recently watched them during their phonics sessions, I have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, independence, and willingness to learn. They have made an excellent start to their school journey and have so much potential to flourish.

Across the school, I have also been struck by the maturity and kindness shown by our older pupils. Whether helping younger children at playtimes, supporting them around the school or simply acting as excellent role models, they embody the caring and inclusive community that makes Chesterton such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope everyone has a restful weekend and returns refreshed and ready for another busy and successful week ahead.

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.



Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club got off to a fantastic start this week! The children enjoyed getting stuck in with some weeding and planting a variety of seasonal plants, including winter potatoes, winter pansies, sweet williams and lavender. Everyone was enthusiastic and keen to get involved, showing great teamwork and a willingness to learn new gardening skills. We are looking forward to watching our garden grow and seeing what else we can achieve together!

– Miss Barrett



Upcoming Events

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

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



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Attendance

Maple: 96.4%

Beech: 93.3%

Ash: 97.1%

Chestnut: 99%

Hawthorn: 91.5%

Rowan: 96.2%

Oak: 99.5%

School Association

The School Association is Chesterton's volunteer parent group. A dedicated team of parents gives their time and energy to enrich the experiences of our children and create opportunities that bring our school community together.

In the challenging financial climate that schools face today, the work of the School Association is more important than ever. Through fundraising events and community activities, they help provide exciting opportunities for our children and fund valuable resources and equipment that cannot always be covered by the school budget.

Last year alone, the School Association raised an incredible £20,000. These funds provided essential resources for the school, supported enrichment opportunities, and helped subsidise educational visits, ensuring that more children could access memorable experiences at a reduced cost to families.

We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, commitment, and generosity. The positive impact of their efforts can be seen throughout our school, benefiting every child at Chesterton.



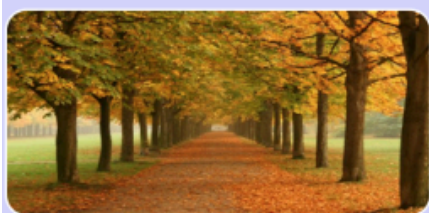
School Association

Even if you are unable to commit to joining the School Association, there are lots of small ways you can help that make a big difference to fundraising efforts. This could be volunteering on a stall for an hour, donating or collecting items for an event, or simply sharing an idea that could help raise money for the school.

We are also aware that many employers offer charitable donations, match-funding schemes, volunteer support or enrichment opportunities for local schools. If you think your workplace may be able to support Chesterton in any way, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Mr Gratwohl at head.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk or contact the school association directly at

Chestertonschoolassociation@outlook.com if you would like to get involved or discuss how your company could support our school community.



Autumn term

White/Neon Party
Bake Sale
Rags 2 Riches
Tea Towels
Christmas Cards
Elfridges
Cosy Christmas Night



Spring term

Quiz Night
Love your roots day
Bake Sale
Rags 2 Riches
Film Night
Easter Egg Hunt



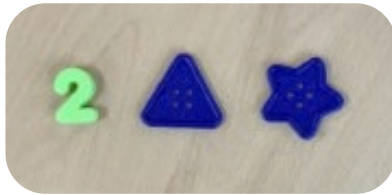
Summer term

May Day
Colour Run
Rags 2 Riches
Bake Sale
Dress Down day
Sports Day
Summer Party
Summer Fayre/Big Bounce

We simply could not provide the wide range of opportunities and experiences we do without the support of our parent volunteers. The time, energy and dedication given by members of the School Association have a truly positive impact on our children and our wider school community.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in the School Association for their hard work and commitment over the past year. Their efforts have helped raise vital funds, support memorable events, and enrich the experience of every child at Chesterton. We are incredibly grateful for all that they do.

Focus on Maple



What a fabulous week we have had in Maple Class! We have been enjoying our Phonic lessons and have learnt the sounds i, n, m and d. We have learnt how to say each sound accurately and how to form the letters, starting and ending in the correct place. In Maths, we have been focusing on counting carefully, making sure we point to each item as we count. We have also started Dough Disco and loved practising fine motor skills to some fun songs! We have also learnt about different types of weather this week and channelled our creative side by engaging in some painting. Outside we have loved playing in the sandpit and using a variety of tools to create sandcastles and even decorating them with gems and shells.

Miss Spencer



Cross Country Success

Following the success of the KS2 Cross Country event, Team Chesterton demonstrated our school values brilliantly, showing resilience, determination, and humility while representing the school so well.

We are delighted to announce that both our Year 3/4 Girls' Team and Year 3/4 Boys' Team have qualified for the County Cross Country Finals in early December, a fantastic achievement.

In addition, Henry (Year 4) has been invited to represent Chesterton as an individual runner following his outstanding performance at the Bicester Cross Country Competition.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who represented Chesterton and congratulate them for their excellent effort and sportsmanship. We wish our finalists the very best of luck in December.

St Mary's Young Families Service

Just a reminder that on the 1st Sunday of every month, St Mary's church in Chesterton hold the Young Families Service. These services includes bible-storytelling, birthday prizes, and the occasional surprise visitor.



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.

Focus on Rowan:

English – Greek Myths

Year 5 have been enjoying reading, acting out and exploring a range of Greek myths in our English lessons. Inspired by these fascinating stories, we have begun creating our own mythical beasts and designing settings for them to live in. We are developing our descriptive writing skills by exploring techniques such as similes, metaphors and personification to bring our imaginative creatures and their worlds to life.

Art – Ancient Greek Pots

In Art, we have been exploring Ancient Greek pottery, looking closely at the shapes, colours and patterns used in traditional designs. We have created our own pot designs and have recently been practising how to make pots using the coil technique. We are excited to see our designs take shape as we develop our clay modelling skills!



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 week 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

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1132169)



****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

Rags 2 Riches

We're excited to announce that our school is taking part in the Rags 2 Riches collection on Thursday 8th October.

This is a great opportunity to have a clear-out and raise funds for our school at the same time. Please bring in any unwanted or unused clothes, shoes, and accessories (in good condition) and drop them off at school before 9am on the 8th October. All donated clothes are being sent to Ukraine to support families during this incredibly difficult time.

Accepted items include:

-  Adults' and children's clothes
-  Shoes (tied together)
-  Bags and belts
-  Hats, scarves, and accessories

All donations help support the school while promoting sustainability and reuse — every bag makes a difference!

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

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| ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | ☒ Jewellery and Accessories |
| ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear | ☒ Belts and Handbags |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.



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.

We do hope you will join us for the Maple Curriculum Evening for current Maple parents on 8 October at 5:00pm, where we will be sharing information about the curriculum and year ahead. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you there.

🌟 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.

📅 ^{July}17 Booking deadline: 13th October

Don't leave it until the last minute to dust off your dancing shoes and book your child's 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.
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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.	