



friday 16th October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Chesterton Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's incredible to think that we are already approaching the penultimate week of our first term. Seeing our children work so hard on their assessments this week, while still smiling, enjoying their learning and embracing every aspect of school life, has been truly inspiring.

I have particularly loved seeing how keen our children are to step up, challenge themselves and show the very best of what they can do during their tests. As you'll see from the fantastic photos and reports in this newsletter, assessments are only a small part of what has been happening this week. There has been plenty of exciting learning, achievements and memorable experiences taking place across the school.

I wish you all a restful weekend and we'll see you back on Monday!



Upcoming Events

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

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)**

**21-22/ 10: Maple and Beech Bake sale
– 3:30 – 4:30**

23/10: INSET Day

10-11/ 11 Parent's Evening

18/11 – Beech – Warwick Castle trip

19/11 – Rowan – Greek day at school

**20/11 – Hawthorn – Black Country
Museum**

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 in school on Monday 19 October to take individual portrait photographs.

Please note that we will not be taking photographs of younger siblings who do not currently attend the school. The photographer is working to a very tight schedule and any delays can have an impact on the running of the school day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Flu Vaccinations

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](#)

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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Association**

Attendance

Maple: 96%
Beech: 95.4%
Ash: 96.7%
Chestnut: 97%
Hawthorn: 100%
Rowan: 98.7%
Oak: 100%

T1 Rugby Festival

Ten children from Year 4 recently attended a T1 Rugby festival, where they enjoyed learning new skills and taking part in a range of fun activities. The children started with games such as Cross My River and Bulldog, which helped develop their teamwork, movement and decision-making skills. They then put these skills into practice in a T1 Rugby match, a modern version of tag rugby that encourages inclusive, fast-paced play. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event.



Data Sheet

Data Collection Sheets & Parental Consent Forms – (Beech to Oak Classes)

If you have not done so already, please return the data collection sheets (Beech to Oak Classes) and Parental Consent Forms (for Chestnut Class only) by Monday 19th October.

Focus on Oak:

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! Miss Baxter



Focus on Rowan:

Rowan Class: A Few Weeks of Creativity, Movement and Discovery!

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks in Rowan Class, with plenty of opportunities to develop new skills, put our learning into practice and have lots of fun along the way!

In Art, we have been exploring the importance of choosing the right tool for the job, particularly when painting. The children have been learning how different tools and techniques can help them achieve different effects. They have also begun adding the base layer of paint to their Ancient Greek clay pots, taking care to select the most suitable tools to bring their creations to life. We are looking forward to seeing their pots develop as we continue our Ancient Greek-inspired artwork!

In Maths, our learning has focused on addition and subtraction. The children have been developing their skills and applying their mathematical knowledge to solve a range of problems. One of the highlights has been our Active Maths sessions, where learning has been taken off the page and brought to life! The children have enjoyed hunting for word problems to solve, working hard to make sense of each challenge and use their mathematical skills to find the answers. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning through movement and teamwork.



Focus on Rowan:

In PE, we have stepped into the world of Ancient Greece to create our own sequences of movements, known as motifs. Taking inspiration from everything from powerful Greek gods to dramatic battles, the children have been combining movements to create short sequences that tell a story. They have explored a range of techniques, including mirroring, unison and canon, learning how movements can be performed together or at different times to create interesting effects. The children have shown fantastic creativity, cooperation and imagination as they have brought their Ancient Greek themes to life through dance.

In Science, we embarked on an exciting scientific exploration with an extraordinary mission: to discover a possible frozen dinosaur! The children put on their scientist hats and investigated how to keep their precious samples frozen using their knowledge of conductors and insulators. Working together, the whole class successfully brought their samples back to base camp while they were still frozen! This hands-on challenge provided a brilliant opportunity to apply scientific understanding to a real-world problem, encouraging the children to think carefully, experiment with ideas and work collaboratively. Miss Barrett



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)

Appointment bookings went live on Monday this week. Please book online via scopay.

Jumpers and Lost property

The school has amassed a large amount of lost property since the start of September! Where possible, the items have been returned to the children, but most are unfortunately unnamed and so it proves extremely difficult to match the items to their owners.

From Tuesday until Thursday (weather permitting), tables will be placed onto the playground at the end of the school day for parents to look through and hopefully find missing items. Any items that remain after Thursday will be donated to charity or, where necessary, recycled.

Please can we request that all uniform (including coats, PE kit, hats, gloves etc.) are marked with your child's name to ensure that these are returned swiftly to your child? Going forward, any items unnamed that have not been claimed by the end of each term will then be donated to charity.

Children's Hair

It has been noticed that some children now have hair that has grown beyond shoulder length.

To help reduce the spread of head lice and to keep children safe and comfortable during the school day, please ensure that longer hair is tied back. We do have spare hair bands available in school and may ask children with long hair to tie their hair up if needed.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Safeguarding team

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



Mrs Salter



Miss Norman



Mr Gratwohl

The reading raffle

Our reading raffle winner for this week was:

Nina in Beech!

She is walking away with a brand new book today.

Keep your child reading and bringing their reading record in to be with a chance next week!

Chesterton Football club in the Oxford Mail

As some of you may have seen, Chesterton Football Club's Juniors section managed to make it into the Oxford Mail this week. It's great to see so many of our children representing local clubs and participating in sport outside of school.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL 2026



Chesterton Juniors U8



Chesterton Youth FC Windmills



Chinnor Youth FC U7 Red Kites



Chesterton Juniors U10