Chivenor Newsletter

20th October 2026

"In you we believe"

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but rewarding first half term of the year, and we are already seeing the children's remarkable progress from the hard work they are putting in. As always, over the holidays, we suggest children continue to practise their times tables and read daily to support their ongoing learning.

Our 'wide horizons' extra-curricular offer has been thriving! Some of our Year 6 children travelled to Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton earlier this term to compete against other GST Midland schools in the Griffin School Sports Festival, showing great sportsmanship and coming away with a medal. Meanwhile, in school, we celebrated with sport-based lessons and an activity day featuring two giant inflatables. This week, some of our girls attended a BCFC football tournament, while our Year 1 and 2 pupils met an array of animals with the "animal man"—including snakes, an owl, and a cuddly honey bear—and earlier in the term, Year 3 brought Roald Dahl day to life through music, drama, and amazing costumes. To support reading, parents and carers joined us for our reading and phonics workshops, working alongside the children to explore reading fluency and comprehension while participating in fun activities. On Monday we also held our Halloween discos, raising nearly £400 profit to purchase items to enhance our playgrounds. Thank you to all who supported this, including out Chivenor Champions.

Perhaps most importantly, this term, we were thrilled to open our new nursery, warmly welcoming our 'little learners' and 'mini griffins'. The nursery has been a huge hit, and the children especially love taking the slide into class—though we've had to stop a few teachers from trying it out! The team down there have been fabulous.

Sadly today, we are saying a fond goodbye to Mrs Rowe, who has been with us for the past seven years. It has been lovely watching her journey from a Teaching Assistant to a fully trained teacher, and we wish her all the best.

Finally, we wish everyone a peaceful and restful half term. Enjoy the break, stay safe during any Halloween celebrations, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy half term on 2nd November.

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Dates for your Diary

Half Term Starts	Monday 2nd November
Year 1 1B trip to Lucky Tails	Tuesday 3rd November
Children in Need £1 Non-Uniform	Friday 13th November
Reception Visitor- Lenny the letter	Friday 13th November
Road Safety - PCSO Duncan Long	Monday 16th November
School Term Ends	Friday 18th December

KS1

1 Simmonds

95.6%

Mrs Hinkley is always available to offer advice and support to help ensure your child is able to attend every
day and reach their full potential.

Please call the office to book an appointment or a call-back.
attendance@chivenor-gst.org

KS2

3 Wiltshire

96.5%

Lost Property

Please make sure all items are clearly named including PE kit and coats. Any items which are found without names will be put in lost property and can be collected from the KS2 playground at the end of each day. Please bare in mind that we have up to 60 childen in each year group so unnamed items are impossible to reconnect with their owner.
In the first 6 weeks of term we had over 100 items of unnamed lost property.

This Half Term in Photos

Stay Safe over the Half Term

From all of the Safeguarding Team

Be safe at home

Keep doors and windows locked and only let people you know and trust in.

Stay with trusted people

Be with people you know and trust. If you're going somewhere new, let someone know.

Keep in touch

If something feels wrong, unsafe or upsetting, talk to a trusted adult. You can also contact Childline (0800 1111) if you need to speak to someone.

Be safe out and about

Follow road safety rules, wear a helmet if cycling, and stay aware of your surroundings.

Be kind online

Think before you post, keep your personal information private and be kind to others.

Have fun and be sensible

Enjoy your half term, Halloween and all the spooky fun – just make sure you stay safe!

If you ever feel worried, upset or unsure...

we are here to help.

Your Safeguarding Team

CASTLE VALE- COMMUNITY
ATHLETICS SESSIONS

FREE funetics sessions - come and try!
funetics is a **fun, inclusive athletics programme**, that helps children build running, jumping and throwing skills, confidence, and a love of being active.

WHERE AND WHEN

Monday: 3.30pm - 5.00pm **Ages:** 8+
Venue: Chivenor Primary School, Farnborough Road, Birmingham B35 7JA
Contact: Jane Barrett 0121 748 8111

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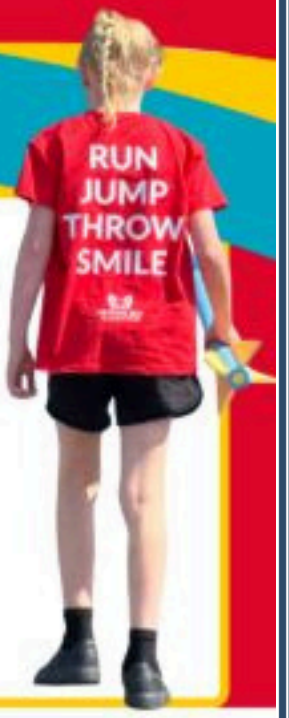

The Pioneer Group

PERSONAL BEST FOUNDATION

funetics
run + jump + throw