



Chivenor Newsletter

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"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families,

Welcome back and welcome to the final half term of the academic year. As we start the final 7 weeks, I want to first pay tribute to the Year 6 and Year 2 teams who have worked tirelessly to ensure our Griffins have been ready and given their all in their statutory tests. I know you will join me in expressing thanks to them all for their dedication and commitment. It is now the time of Year 4 as they are busy preparing for their Multiplication Tables Check (they need to know their Times Tables up to 12x12) and Year 1 with their Phonics Screening Check.

We all know the importance of these tests but they do not define our young Griffins. Competing in competitions, performing, playing instruments, being creative, exploring, investigating, collaborating, challenging and questioning are things that make a difference and matter most - not league tables. They do not show the children we know; the caring, fun -loving, daring and funny Griffins we are raising.

I want to also take this opportunity to officially welcome Mr Doman and Miss Douglas to the Chivenor Team. They bring experience and some very exciting ideas for the future. We are also welcoming back Mrs Watson who is returning from maternity leave.

Finally, there is so much planned for the remaining weeks so please download the OurSchoolsApp if you haven't already. It will keep you updated 24/7 on everything that is happening - GAF, trips and visits, meet the teacher events, open afternoons, coffee with SLT and so much more.

Here is to yet another successful half term and hopefully lots of sunshine!

Lisa Guest

Executive Headteacher

Social Media & Communication

We have a number of methods of communicating with our parents. If you haven't already, please follow our Facebook and Twitter pages where we share all the amazing things we do here at Chivenor. If you could give us a 'like' or a 'share' that would be appreciated. Class dojo is also being used to communicate what your child is doing in class and general whole school news. We try to update this daily. Any likes and comments are appreciated.

[@ChivenorP](https://www.facebook.com/chivenorGST)

Please note that any messages need to come to school via Class Dojo NOT Facebook Messenger.

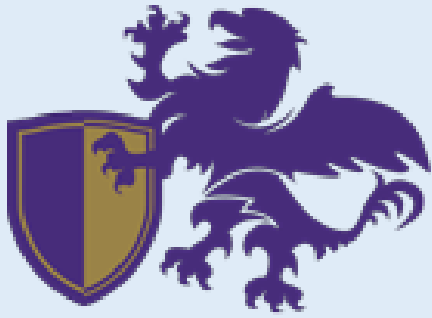
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Our Young Griffins this week:

Rec: Taaj

Y1S: Muidd

Y1B: Lexi

Y2K: Nael

Y2W: Teire

Y3P: Holly

Y3W: Wade

Y4B: Mya

Y4C: Scarlett

Y5C: Leighton

Y5H: Kyeran

Y6O: Errin

Y6P: Lina

Attendance Awards:

Rec: Azariah

Y1: Lexi B & Elijah

Y2: Fatima C & Kiannah-Lily

Y3: Josh, Victor & Sophia B

Y4: Ruth-Ann, Anna, Sophia & Harry

Y5: Lacie-Mai, Mya & JJ

Y6: Miya, Aiden, Junior & Noah



Sports Superstars

Our Year 6 Griffins took part in an intra school 'Kick Cricket' last half term. The classes competed in their house teams and showed fantastic teamwork, tactic and skill.

The winning house was.... Ireland!

Pictured are our nominated sports superstars who showed excellence in skills, teamwork, perseverance and exuded team spirit.



Top Track-its

Congratulations to the top 3 classes for an incredible number of track-its last half term:

1st: Y4 Cadbury– 3222

2nd: Y1 Simmonds– 2697

3rd: Y1 Beckham– 2277

Congratulations also to the top 5 track-it winners:

1) Alayna

2) Lorraine

3) Lois

4) Marley

5) Rocco

Who will be the winners of the summer term?

What have our Griffins been learning this week?

*Reception have been reading the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar. During literacy we used our phonic knowledge to write words and sentences about the story and we compared the caterpillar's length in maths. The children loved talking about the life cycle of the butterfly and creating their own using a variety of different shaped pasta.

*Year 1 have been practising counting up to and beyond 100 and partitioning the 10's and 1's. In English, they have been writing character descriptions and have written a description for others to guess who they are describing. We have had some lovely ideas and shows how much they all care for each other– using words like 'sensible', 'beautiful' and 'kind'. We are going back in time in our topic lessons– looking at seashores of the past and writing a postcard from a Victorian holidaymaker! The Y1 Griffins also made their own sketchbooks to record their ideas and artwork. As Spring turns to Summer, we have been revisiting our 'seasons' theme in Science to show how each season is different. We have also continued to learn about 'The Rights of the Child' and about child labour. They were very sad to hear that some children in other countries have no choice but to go out to work and cannot afford to go to school. Finally this week, we have tried our hand at decoding Morse Code!

*Y2 had a forest school day on Monday. The children made some flags using leaves, scrap material and sticks, went on a leaf hunt and had an ice lolly and a story outside in the sunshine. They thoroughly enjoyed their day! We've also enjoyed making tally charts in Maths, comparing our eye colour and favourite sports. In English we have been writing fabulous re-counts and even enjoyed making cakes!

*This week in Year 3, we have been exploring where fruit is grown in the world with a focus on Europe. Then, we learned about food safety and what we can do to make sure we don't contaminate the food we are working with. Fruit crumbles are on the menu and we can't wait to taste them!

*This week year 4 has started to investigate electricity and how to stay safe with common household electrical appliances. In maths we have begun to look at different angles and shapes while learning key vocabulary such as acute, obtuse, parallelograms, rhombus and trapezium. We have also role played being sellers and customers in our English lessons by using persuasive language techniques and focusing on imperative verbs.

*In Y5, we have had an exciting week! Some of us have been to the Symphony Hall to take part in singing playground! Then we've all been to Beamanor Hall for a World War Two day! In English we've continued the WWII theme and have been looking at the famous speech from Winston Churchill and have been creating our own persuasive speech.

*In Y6, they have been working through maths investigations to help us consolidate children's mathematical understanding. In English and Creative Curriculum, we have been researching and writing a non-chronological report about The Amazon or tropical rainforest. In Science, we have been learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. This week we have started an investigation into the Galapagos finches and will be writing this up as part of our writing assessments. Some of Y6 have also started their visits to Forest School.

Please look on Class Dojo for updates on what our Griffins are doing in class.

Summer term 1 in photos

Last half term was jam-packed with visits from PCSO Long, SATs and celebrations, GST Challenge 26, to name a few and tons of exciting learning taking place around our school. Pictured is a snippet of some of the highs of Summer term 1. Please look on Class Dojo and our Social media platforms for more photos of what our Griffins have been up to!





Y5 visit to Beaumanor

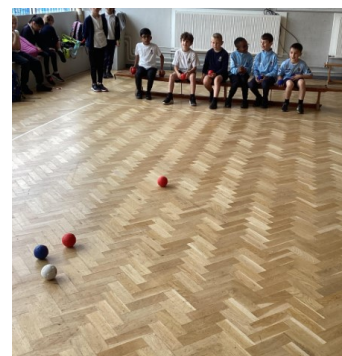
Y5 visited Beaumanor this week to find out more about their topic, World War 2. Our Y5 Griffins arrived at school, the majority dressed in period costume, and were 'evacuated' off site to Beaumanor. They took part in a range of activities and feedback so far has been amazing!



Sporting News

A number of our Y3 and 4 Griffins represented our school at this weeks Boccia and Curling Festival which took place at Chivenor. Our team played against Perrywood and showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork

Our Y5 & Y6 Girls Basketball team have also qualified for the first GST Schools National Finals taking place in Oxford on 13th June. Good luck Griffins!



Have you seen our new indoor/outdoor classrooms?

Half term on site was extremely exciting as our new pod project began. The first few days saw the new classroom arrive on site in two sections. Tensions were high as it was lifted into place. Our new pod was designed and made by Podular System Ltd. It is made of 89% recycled aluminium, insulated with recycled plastic bottles and sheepswool and all materials sourced within 50 miles of the factory where it was made. All joining, sealing and plastering is now complete. Wiring to our solar panels will be finished tomorrow and painting is also nearly complete! It is certainly taking shape and there are a number of Griffins- and staff- who are very eager to set foot inside! Decking will be completed next week and then each class will be taken in by Mrs Guest for a lesson focused on sustainability and what this means.



Chivenor is definitely leading the way with sustainability.

We would love to hear your thoughts on our new building and can't wait to welcome parents/carers in to have a look around too!



ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

Week beg: 5th June 2023

The winning classes for
this week are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

1S

98.61%



KS2 Attendance
Champions:

5C & 5H

97.50%

The winning classes for
Summer Term 1 are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

2K

94.62%

KS2 Attendance
Champions:

3P

94.12%

Did you know that your child's best
learning time is the start of the school
day?

That's when every minute counts the
most!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

The winning class for the
academic year so far is...



5C

93.42%

Do you need further support with
attendance?

Mrs Cox and Mrs Hinkley are 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.

Every day, every moment counts in
the life of every child in our school.

#SchoolAttendanceMatters



Being on time is just as important!

If you miss 15 minutes every day for one
week, you have lost over an hour of
learning!

Our gates open at 8:35am every day and
lessons start at 8:50am.

Just a gentle reminder that school finishes
at 3:15pm and after school clubs finish at
4:15pm. Parents, please don't be late!



We are a 'Rights Respecting School'

Article 32 (Child labour)

Governments must protect children from economic exploitation and work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.



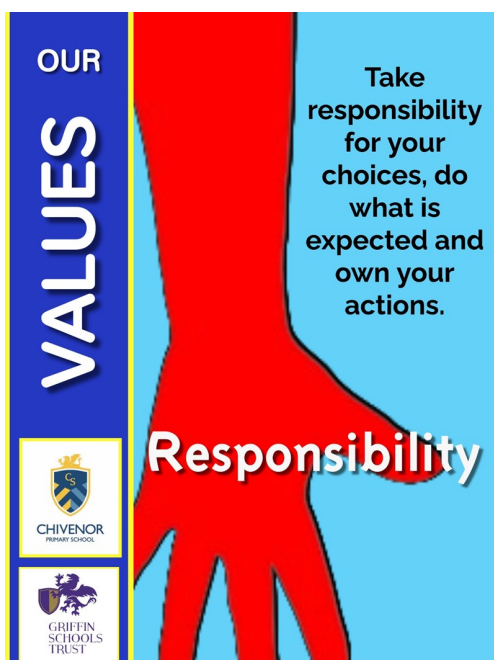
Article 35 (Prevention of sale and trafficking)

Governments must protect children from being abducted, sold or moved illegally to a different place in or outside their country for the purpose of exploitation.



How are you showing this half terms School Value at home?

We would love to hear how our Griffins are being Responsible at home. Let your teachers know via Class Dojo.



Free Adult Courses

Chivenor Primary School

Starting June 2023



Looking to Start or Change Career or just have FUN with Learning.

Delivered by your local college: Come to our taster courses on: Arts and Crafts (such as jewellery making), Introduction to Early Years and Learning, Magic Maths (support your child's learning) and so much more.

Dates:

- 1) Tuesday 6th June 2023
- 2) Tuesday 13th June 2023
- 3) Tuesday 20th June 2023
- 4) Tuesday 27th June 2023
- 5) Tuesday 4th July 2023
- 6) Tuesday 11th July 2023



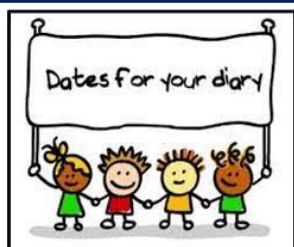
Time: 9.15am—11.15am

Address: Chivenor Primary School,
Farnborough Road, B35 7JA.

Free certificate

To book your place please contact Natalie Clarke on: 0121 752 1920 / 07870981272. Please contact Natalie to see if you are eligible for free courses. Primarily for Parents with children under the age of 18 years old.





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**SUMMER
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BACK TO SCHOOL **Monday 5th June 2023**

- *Thurs 8th June: Y5 Beaumanor Trip
- *Tues 13th June: GST National Finals, Oxford
- *Mon 26th June– Griffin Arts Festival
- *Tues 11th July– PCSO Long working with Y6
- *Wed 12th July– New to Y1 & Y2: Meet the Teacher–9-10am
- *Wed 12th July: Reception Sports Day 9:30-10:30am
- *Thurs 13th July– Fri 14th July: Y6 Residential
- *Fri 14th July: Reports out
- *Mon 17th July: New to Y3 & Y4: Meet the Teacher– 9am-10am
- *Mon 17th July: Y2 Sports Day 9:30-10:30am
- *Mon 17th July: Open afternoon– 3:15-4:15pm
- *Tues 18th July: Transfer day for all
- *Tues 18th July: New to Reception stay and play– 9am-3pm
- *Tues 18th July: New to Y6: Meet the Teacher – 2:45-3:15pm
- *Tues 18th July: Open afternoon– 3:15pm-4:15pm
- *Wed 19th July: Y6 Trip to Drayton Manor
- *Wed 19th July: New to Y5: Meet the teacher– 2:45pm-3:15pm
- *Fri 21st July: Y6 Leavers Assembly– 1pm-2pm
- *Fri 21st: Last day of the academic year– school finishes at 2pm
- *Mon 24th & Tues 25th: Teacher training day– school closed to all.

Please note parents will be notified asap if there are any changes to the above dates

Term Dates - 2022/23

Autumn Term 1

Starts: Wednesday 7th September 2022
Finishes: Friday 21st October 2022
Half Term holiday: 22/10/22 - 30/10/22

Autumn Term 2:

Starts: 31st October 2022
Finishes: 16th December 2022
Christmas holiday: 17/12/22 - 02/01/23

Spring Term 1

Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Finishes: Friday 17th February 2023
Half Term holiday: 18/02/23 - 27/02/23

Spring Term 2:

Starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023
Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023
Easter holiday: 01/04/23 - 16/04/23

Summer Term 1

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
Finishes: Friday 26th May 2023
Half Term holiday: 27/05/23 - 04/06/23

Summer Term 2:

Starts: Monday 5th June 2023
Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023
Summer Holiday: starts on 22nd July 2023

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Peer Support Group

Compass are holding weekly peer support groups at the Sanctuary; an opportunity to interact with others who have similar experiences.

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For more details contact:

Compasspathwaysdap@compass-support.org.uk

0121-748-8111

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- PYPE HAVES
- STOCKLAND GREEN
- CASTLE VALE
- GRAVELLY HILL
- KINGSTANDING

Help for all families in Birmingham

Phone: 0121 7488199
Email: erdingtonfamilies@compass-support.org.uk
Fill in a Family Connect Form with QR code

Birmingham Children's Partnership

Foodbanks

Erdington/Stockland Green

Hope Food

Stockland Green

Methodist Church, Slade Road, B23 7JH
Every Tuesday 10-10:30am

George Road Baptist Church

George Road, Erdington, B23 7RZ

Every Tuesday 12-2pm

Six Ways Baptist Church

Wood End Road, Erdington, B24 8AD

Every Thursday 12-2pm

Falcon Lodge Methodist Church Centre

Every Wednesday 2-3pm

Baby Banks

Loving Little Ones Oikos Community Church

8 High St, Erdington, B23 6RH

Little Light Bundles, Lighthouse Church

St Mary's Hall, Tyburn Road, B24 0TB

Local Children's Centres

Lakeside Children's Centre

22 Lakes Road, Erdington, B23 7UH
0121 752 1970

Featherstone Children's Centre

29 Highcroft Road, Erdington, B23 6AY
0121 752 1870

Castle Vale Children's Centre

375 Yatesbury Avenue, Castle Vale, B35 6DG
0121 752 1920

Holland House Children's Centre

Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1RE
0121 752 1860

ESOL For Jobseekers & Driving



Free Places available: This course aims to support learners to build upon their English, supporting and teaching vocabulary needed for driving & job seeking.

Route to Work

31 Thursdays: 8th, 15th, 22nd; 29th June; 6th & 13th July	Venue: Falcon Lodge Community Hub, Church Road, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7LB.	Time: 9:30am - 11:30am
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To book and find out more about free places please contact Natalie Clarke on 0121 752 1860 or 07870981272. Please note that the course is primarily for parents/carers.

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