



Chivenor Newsletter

Issue 1 24/25
19th Dec 2024



"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families

What a busy half term we have had with Wide Horizons in abundance! Chinese New Year including dragon dancing, Y2 trip to Selly Manor, Y6 visiting Harry Potter World, Maths workshops and the Pupil Parliament trip to Perrywood as well as a number of sporting events to name but a few.

This term we also celebrated our Proud Tradition, Founders Day. At this time we think carefully about why our Trust was started and celebrate how far it has come. Thank you to all who have joined us for our events throughout the day.

We continue to be proud of all the achievements of our Young Griffins both in and out of school and look forward to celebrating and sharing these with you throughout the rest of the academic year.

Have a fabulous half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Tuesday 25th February 2025.**

Dawn Cox & Sylvia Werrett
Heads of School



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.

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

Proud Traditions

Wide Horizons

High Achievement

Farnborough Road, Castle Vale, Birmingham, B35 7JA

Phone number: 0121 675 9833 **Mail:** enquiries@chivenor-gst.org



The winning classes for this week are...

KS1 Attendance Champions:

RD

97.22%

KS2 Attendance Champions:

4C

97.12%

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



Special attendance mentions this week:



REC: 96.32%

Y1: 93.87%

Y2: 90.63%

Y3: 96.04%

Y4: 96.08%

Y5: 91.51%

Y6: 89.62%

Well done to Reception, Y3 and Y4 who are 96%+ this week—
amazing!

#SchoolAttendanceMatters

Top Track-its



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

- 1st: Y3 Picasso—
- 2nd: Y3 Wiltshire
- 3rd: Y6 Obama

Congratulations also to the top 5 track-it winners:

- 1) Ivana—227
- 2) Nadia—198
- 3) Lorraine—197
- 4) Saskia—197
- 5) Ryan—194

ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

SPRING TERM 1

The winning classes for this half term are...

KS1 Attendance Champions:

RF

97.09%

KS2 Attendance Champions:

4B

94.53%



The winning year group for this half term is...

RECEPTION

96.45%



Attendance Matters



#SchoolAttendanceMatters

140 Attendance Champions!

100% attendance this term



Reception: 20 Griffins

Jordyn, Thomas, Emilia, Reggie C, Aria-Rose, Amani, Tommy, Esila, David, Harly, Halo, Jack K, Angie-Grace, Avishai, Tavia-Leigh, Jack M, Leonie, Shayleigh, Eriola and Aadeenah

Year 1: 18 Griffins

Amelia B, Tyler, Bella-Rose, Ella-Mai, Jaxon, Richie, Riley, Evie, Sion, Poppy, Esme, Lincoln, Effie, Maya, Jua-Kali, Abida, Lily S and Haze

Year 2: 7 Griffins

Taaj, Lottie, Amari, Oscar, Huda, Radley and Freddie

Year 3: 21 Griffins

Violet, Nadia, Lexi, Skyla-Jean, Tyler, Jaxon C, Alfie, Arayah-Charms, Sophia, Bailey, Amiyah, Ivana, Franky, Kara, Amelia L, Ryan, Alina, Mason, Skylar S, T-Jay and Wasay

Year 4: 26 Griffins

Nael, Jannat, Lylah, Sam, Freddie, Fatima, Leighton, Elizabeth, Rory, James, Jerry, Daniela, Regan, Muhammad H, Frankie, Isla-Rae, Shuyaib, Sierra, Evie, Scarlett-Olivia, Antoinette, Lillie, Amelia, Eva-Rose, Scarlett, Macie and Johann

Year 5: 24 Griffins

Fatema, Sophia, Hassane, Eva, Millie, Jacob, Isabella, Ruby-Mae, Kayla, Khoudia, Lacey-Louise, Noah, Josh, Ashaaz, Pearl, Adam, Olivia, Marlie, Kyle, Sophie, Liron, Samuel and Poppy

Year 6: 24 Griffins

Maryam, Joshua, Ruth-Ann, Eve, Harri, Phoebe, Logan, Hollie, Kieran, Ava-Marie, Bailey, Newton, Frankie, John, Willow, Alisha, Sheba, Anna, Hope, Alayna, Lois, Mya, Khadija and Eva

Y6 visit to Harry Potter World

This week, year 6 went to Harry Potter Studios in Watford. We had a fantastic time learning the magic behind the movies and were so engrossed by all the fantastic props, sets and costumes. We learned how they used the green screens and special effects in the movies and how they created all of the characters. We were amazed to really be in Diagon Alley, Gringotts and other fantastic sets.



Y2 visit Selly Manor

This half term, our Y2 Griffins went to Selly Manor as part of their topic on the 'Great Fire of London'. Our Griffins had fun taking part in lots of activities such as playing with toys from 1600's, touring a Tudor house and dressing up as characters they have been learning about e.g. the King, Samuel Pepys, the maid and the baker. The tour guide was very impressed with their knowledge of this topic!



NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we celebrated NSPCC Number Day, it was the 25th Anniversary of the event and we had an amazing doing all things Maths across the school!



Clubs during the Autumn Term

This half term has been bursting with exciting new clubs and activities! Our KS1 and KS2 STEM clubs have begun sparking creativity and curiosity in our budding scientists and engineers. We're also thrilled to welcome Birmingham City Football Club Foundation, who have 'kicked off' sessions, bringing expert coaching and football fun to our Griffins. Our new football teams are well into training and we have seen some fantastic performances in tournaments so far! Stay tuned for more action next half term.

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half term highlights

Year 4

Our highlight of this half term was searching the school environment for animal and plant habitats during our science lesson.



Year 1 Beckham

My highlight of spring 1 was attending the chinese dance workshop with 1 Beckham. It was lovely to see the children truly embracing a new culture and diversity and taking it all in their stride! The children had some lovely questions and were eager to learn. I am very proud of them all!



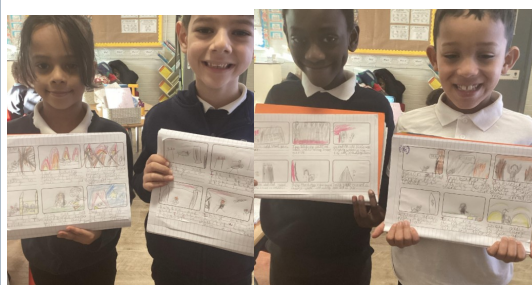
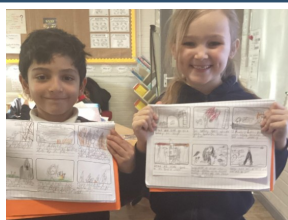
Year 6 Obama

This half term, Year 6 have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest including the locations, importance and starting to look at deforestation, which we will continue after half term. In writing and reading, we have been studying and writing all about Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, which we have absolutely loved! We have been analysing characters, writing in roles and creating adverts. We can't wait to continue our learning journey in Spring 2!



Y2

Year 2 have really impressed me with their knowledge and recall of our book 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. The children used their recall skills to make a storyboard with the main events from the story! Well done Y2 Griffins!



Year 1 Simmonds

1 Simmonds have made me so proud this half term; they are taking more responsibility for their learning and showing enthusiastic engagement in their lessons.

From science experiments to history lessons, maths problems to writing letters, they have taken on challenges with gusto! I have noticed how much they are maturing and every day a light bulb moment or a little win fills me with excitement and joy and them with wonder!



half term highlights

Y3 Picasso

3 Picasso's highlights of this half-term included carving a Stone Age spearhead out of soap in our Creative lessons and learning all about how fossils were formed over time in Science. Lots of fun, lots of learning, lots of progression.

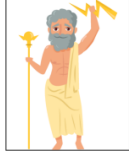
Year 5 Curie

One of our many highlights this half term was creating blogs! Here is a blog we created on purple mash for our English publishing - we learnt the features of a blog and many key punctuation skills such as using a semi colon and colon list as well as facts about the Greek Gods for our book of Percy Jackson and the lightning thief.



Facts about Greek Gods

Interestingly all of the Gods and Goddesses are all related: Zeus, Hades and Poseidon are brothers. Ares is his twin sister called Eris. Hera and Zeus are married and are also associated with child birth. Did you know that Aphrodite is Zeus' daughter and Hades is his son. Amazingly, the Gods and Goddesses have their own wonderful powers but many believe that Zeus is the most powerful, he can strike lightning bolts on command. But still all of the others have ace powers such as: invisibility, shapeshift, talk to animals and many more according to Greek mythology.

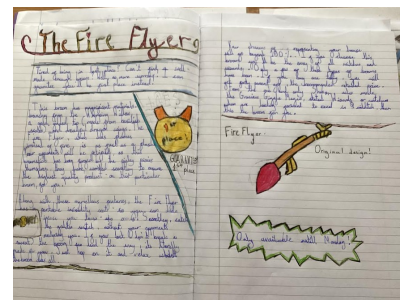
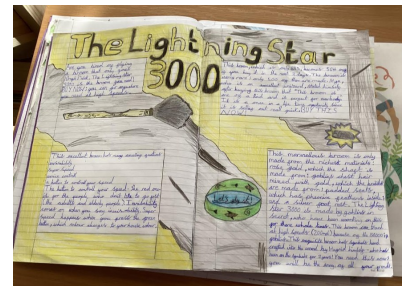


Before I read this Greek Gods blog, I would love to tell you my favourite is Aphrodite since she is so beautiful as me. If anyone would like to tell me there's a well then make us to like an subscribe down below.

BY FOLLOWERS!

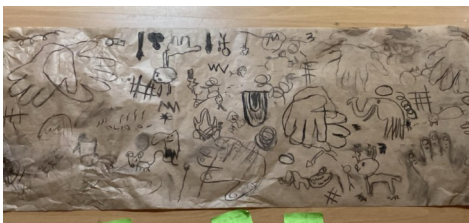
Year 6 Patel

My highlight is linked to the writing; with the children inspired by the Harry Book (book/film/trip) we were able to produce some amazing writing! We created adverts for our own brooms for the wizarding world!



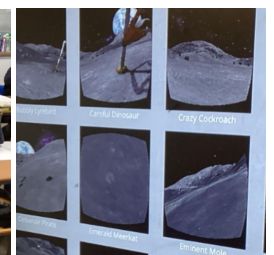
Y3 Wiltshire

This half term year 3 have been looking at the stone age. Children have learnt lots of new information and facts including how they caught their food! Year 3 especially enjoyed creating their own stone age cave paintings/ markings and even got to carve their very own spear head using soap!



Year 5 Hawkins

This term, the children have been learning about the Space Race in creative curriculum and space in science. During this, they have learnt: animals sent to space, Apollo 11 astronauts, geocentric and heliocentric theories and Galileo. To finish our topic off, the children used our VR headsets to experience the moon landing and how this would have looked for Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.



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Y5 & 6

Cadets



The Y5 & 6 Cadets have been working towards their Silver awards. They have been learning the phonetic alphabet to decipher messages and also working really hard in their groups to use keys to help them work out morse code challenges.



- *Mon 24th Feb: INSET day
- *Tues 25th Feb: Return to school
- *Wed 26th Feb: HUBs Sports Competition
- *Fri 7th March: World Book Day
- *Mon 24th March: Loudmouth Production for Y6– details to follow
- *Wed 26th March: Parents Evening

All dates for the school year are available on our schools app.

Remember we communicate with you via the following channels ...

www.chivenor-gst.org
Class Dojo

Facebook - Chivenor Primary Updates

Twitter (X) - @ChivenorP

Emails

Text message

School App



Term Dates - 2024/25

Autumn Term 2:

Starts: 31st October 2022

Finishes: 16th December 2022

Christmas holiday: 17/12/22 - 02/01/23

INSET: 20th December 2025

Spring Term 1

Starts: Monday 6th January 2025

Finishes: Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term holiday: 17/2/25– 21/2/25

INSET: 24th February 2025

Spring Term 2:

Starts: Monday 25th March 2025

Finishes: Friday 11th April 2025

Easter holiday: 14/4/25– 25/4/25

Summer Term 1

Starts: Monday 28th April 2025

Finishes: Friday 23rd May 2025

Half Term holiday: 26/5/25–30/5/25

Summer Term 2:

Starts: Monday 2nd June 2025

Finishes: Friday 18th July 2025

INSET: 21st July 2025

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VALE YOUTH GREEN ACTION



VYGA'S FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Join us for half term fun!

CONSERVATION GROUP

Tuesday 18th February

SUTTON PARK RANGERS

Wednesday 19th February

ALLOTMENTS/ SECRET GARDEN

Thursday 20th February

£5 per child per session

To book your place follow the link via Classforkids:

<https://cet.classforkids.io/term/38>

For children aged 8-12 year olds

All sessions are 11:30am - 3:30pm

Castle Vale Allotments, B35 7NR (off Farnborough Road, between The Ridings Care Home and Greenwood Academy)

For more information email ezzatt@environmentaltrust.org.uk

Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school.

I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming into school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me 'Handle with care' and your child's name and class to the email:

safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org

Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Mrs Cox & the Chivenor team

If you do wish to talk about it, please also know that our door is always open and the kettle is always on!



Foundation



FEBRUARY HALF TERM WEEK FREE SESSIONS

King Edwards School of Grammar, Aston, Birmingham, B6 6DJ

DAY	TIME	TITLE & SESSION
MONDAY 17th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Wellbeing & Sport for Females (8 - 14)</u> Affirmation & Wellbeing Sessions Flag Football
TUESDAY 18th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Wellbeing & Sport for Adults & Young People (12 - 15)</u> Healthy Cooking & Environmental Action Workshop Physical Activity & Football Sessions
WEDNESDAY 19th Feb	10 am - 3pm	<u>Multi Sport Activities for Young People (8 - 11)</u> PE Sessions & Multi Sport Activities Badminton & Dynamo Cricket Sessions
THURSDAY 20th Feb	10 am - 2pm	<u>Interactive Play for Young People with SEND (8 - 14)</u> Play Interactive Session

FREE Lunch provided by Kerbside Cobs



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