



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end-of-year newsletter. We have reached the end of another action-packed year at Chesterton! As always, it is not possible to include everything in the newsletter, but remember that the school website is the place to visit for all the photos and updates from your child's class. As always, we have certainly been active in terms of extra-curricular events and opportunities – many of which you can read about below.

Some of you will know that this summer marks the end of my tenth year as Chesterton headteacher. In some ways, it only feels like yesterday that I came for my interview, but at other times it feels like this school has been part of my life for much longer. Lots has happened since 2015, not least the addition of two new classrooms and 80 more pupils! However, despite our growth (and hopefully development for the better!), I am proud that we have retained our values and ethos as a Church of England school serving a village community. I would particularly like to thank those people - staff, governors and families - who have been a part of the school throughout all ten years. You have all played a role in helping to make Chesterton the environment that it is, and I really appreciate your support and contributions. I am very much looking forward to building on the foundations laid over the past decade when we return in September (after a good summer break of course!).

This year, you will have hopefully noticed the introduction of our vision - "Building Firm Foundations For Life". Whether your family is Christian, a member of another faith, or not religious at all, we hope that this message of preparing our pupils to live happy and fulfilled lives, is one that resonates with everyone.

Leavers 2025

Over the last two weeks of term, the 27 pupils in Year 6 have celebrated and reflected on their time at Chesterton in the annual Leavers' Service and Assembly, along with their parents and the Oak Class staff. They have also performed their production, Peter Pan, one of our most ambitious performances in years. As I said on the evenings, I was so impressed with the confidence and talent of our young actors, who took on their roles with such enthusiasm. As is customary, I have written comments on the Year 6 pupils' end of year reports and I certainly wasn't short of things to say! As our largest ever Year 6 cohort, including many new recruits who have joined Chesterton throughout primary school, they have managed to gel incredibly well. Not only that, but their contributions, whether that be on the sports fields, on stage, in the classroom or elsewhere, have been a pleasure to be part of. I think we can safely say that they leave us with those 'Firm Foundations' very much in place.

A successful journey through school, for our Year 6 leavers and all our pupils, can only be possible through teamwork, whether that be families, children, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, Governors, the School Association or the wider community. The school certainly wouldn't be the successful environment that it is without everyone working together for the benefit of the pupils. I would like to thank everybody for their invaluable contributions this year. I wish you and your families a healthy and happy summer together. May the good weather not end with the school year....!

Iain Horner – Headteacher – July 2025

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES – AUTUMN TERM (see School Website for further dates)

Autumn Term 1	Monday 1 st September to Friday 25 th October 2025 INSET Days: Monday 1 st September, Tuesday 2 nd September & Friday 24 th October October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October 2025
Autumn Term 2	Monday 3 rd November to Friday 19 th December 2025 Christmas Holiday: Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026

AWESOME ACHIEVEMENTS

Gold Certificates

Our gold certificates, which are awarded for outstanding effort, are given out at the end of each term. Two children were chosen per class and our final winners of the year will receive their certificates for Term 6 in Friday's celebration worship. Each teacher has also chosen two winners for each half-term throughout the year. Each Gold Certificate winner earns 5 points for their house.

Our chosen few so far this year have been:

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
Term 1	Millie Ayris Leo Lovell- Sharpley	Sam Brewerton Isla Walsh	Harper Pink Henry Rudman- Hawkins	Callum Sharman Oliver Varney- Clarke	Ava Garcia Rocco Morgan	Sebastian Dibsdall Sophie Brennan	Carina Lee Nikola Rys
Term 2	Sebastian Cooper Leo Lovell- Sharpley	Annabelle McLinden- Smith Felicity Queralt	Izzie Cobb Deanna Sagala	Hamish Warland Aurelia Boxall	Alexa Larrain Lucas Walsh	Bethany Hornby James Aspley	Edward Messum Alice Bullivant
Term 3	Felicity Holton Dimitri Wills- Vujisic	Tommy Pullen Harriet Bremner	Francis Bullivant Kyra Petrovic	Amber Leeson	Finley Reed Lucy Kerswell- Jensen	Aisha Gurbanova Olivia Berridge	Joshua Neal
Term 4	Albie Jeacock Ivy Edwards	Stanley Madge William Tingey- Taylor	Bethany Young Hayden Jacobs	Jake Chubb Teddy Morton	Cherry Bartholomew Alice Tylor	Lexi Allday Cariad Evans	Bea Abbey Ivo Szkonter
Term 5	Phoebe Holliday Ollie Sharman	Orlah Deane Lily-Pip Hawes	Andres Garcia Toby Jaycock	Nora Lau Felix Sumner	Evelyn Morley Oliver Wierchowicz	Edie Wells Maya Sumner	Ivo Szkonter Freddie Nunn- Reeve



Term 5 Gold Certificate Winners

Here are our other major certificate winners for this academic year:

Amazing Authors 2024-25

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Freya Tyrrell	Lily-Pip Hawes	Henry Day	Teddy King	Jack Shouler	Chloe Lam	Michael Tingey-Taylor
February	Anoushka Teare	Henry Hough	Aaliyah Kearney	James Brewerton	Gracie Eilertsen	Maya Sumner	Harold Morley
July	Oliver Chapin-Davies	Nyah Ashby	Evie Cooper	Gus Burdett	Matthew Evans	Harry Hall	Honey Ward



July's Amazing Authors

Marvellous Mathematicians 2024-25

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Arlo Waddup	Amy Neal	Finlay Honey	Summer Rooks	Evelyn Morley	Alfie Jardine	Jacob Wierchowicz
February	Jack Beever	Linus Cain	Caleb Stewart-Smith	Maisie Watkins	Oliver Wierchowicz	Sophie Brennan	Grace Tingey-Smith
July	Kayden Moffatt	Harry Chubb	Francis Bullivant	Sloane Kruse	Jack Reeves	Sophie Taunton	Nikola Rys



July's Marvellous Mathematicians



July's Resilient Runners

Resilient Runners 2024-25

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	-	Megan Rees	Florence Shouler	Grace Powley	Alexa Larrain	Jude Twiselton	Robyn Brandram
February	Freddie Watson	Albie Burdett	Grace Bremner	Arthur Wells	Isabella Roberts	Evalyn Wyatt	Edward Messum
July	Oscar Varney-Clarke	Noah Dubert-Granados	Sadie Walters	Callum Sharman	Fleur Steptoe	Harrison Gibbins	Maddie Lee

Handwriting Heroes 2024-25

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Arlea Tagliaferro	Ben Lee	Jasmine Brown	Amber Leeson	Willow Langan	Jacob White	Georgia Hall
February	Sophie Harris	Joshua Ashby	Coen Mulcahy	Chloe White	James Hales	Edie Wells	Beatrice Dancer
July	Tadiwa Denhere	Imogen Gibbins	Leo Catena	Ted Couling	Alice Tylor	Yeva Tsurkan	Bella-Rose Pearson



July's Handwriting Heroes



July's Magnificent Musicians

Magnificent Musicians 2024-25

	Maple	Beech	Ash	Chestnut	Hawthorn	Rowan	Oak
November	Ibrahim Gurbanov	Sam Brewerton	Caleb Stewart-Smith	Noorie Chohan	Noah Archer	Sienna Tiwana	Oscar Burton
February	Freya Cheung-Wood	Florence Hulbert	Eva Catling	Henry Colledge	Keagan Petrovic	Millie Colledge	Charlie Rooks
July	Eliza Wilson	Orlah Deane	Annabelle Fraser	Harry Edwards	Cherry Bartholomew	Joshua Donwa	Beatrice Dancer



Headteacher's Awards

Our ultimate certificate, which is awarded for: outstanding pieces of work; extraordinary effort over a period of time; other reasons where a pupil has performed significantly above expectations. These awards don't come along too often and we have only had nine this year. Congratulations to Buckle, who have been responsible for two-thirds of them!

October 2024	Jacob White	Rowan	Buckle	"For going above and beyond expectations in his Greek homework. Jacob created a fantastic life-size model of Medusa's head!"
December 2024	Amalia Rys	Chestnut	Buckle	"Miss Crockett tells me that you have had a fabulous term. I was impressed to hear about your Maths and writing. Your confidence to put your hand up and speak in Worship has been great too."
December 2024	Beatrice Dancer	Oak	Buckle	"For her unfailingly wonderful attitude to school; Beatrice always tries her very best, regardless of the task. This was epitomised by her recent independent writing, which was incredible."
February 2025	Rowan Milton	Chestnut	Buckle	"Miss Crockett has been incredibly impressed with the compassion that you show to all of those around you. Your kind words and caring nature are so supportive. You are also a fantastic help around the class room, identifying jobs that need doing and completing them efficiently."
February 2025	Imogen Lee	Beech	Buckle	"Mrs Leonard and Mrs Fraser have been really impressed by your quiet, but determined attitude and all-round effort in class. You also tried really hard in this term's assessments and should be really proud."
March 2025	Samuel Watson	Chestnut	Jersey	"For an incredible effort with his home learning to produce a stitched sampler with every child's name on it."
July 2025	Oliver Varney-Clarke	Chestnut	Jersey	"For impressing Miss Crockett with how keen and engaged you are across the curriculum. I have also heard how friendly and polite you are to staff."
July 2025	Elizabeth Nickson	Oak	Buckle	"For a wonderful final year at Chesterton. Elizabeth has flourished in Year 6 and contributed so much to the life of our school."
July 2025	Alice Bullivant	Oak	Squire	"For an absolutely show-stopping performance as Wendy in the production of Peter Pan. A career on stage and screen awaits."
July 2025	Jasmine Brown	Ash	Squire	"For impressing all the staff this year with her mature, hard-working attitude. Jasmine is always ready to learn and sets a great example to others."

HOUSE SYSTEM

Our house competition has been keenly contested again this year, with another closely fought battle. **Buckle** (twice), **Penrose** (twice) and **Squire** have all claimed termly wins, with **Jersey** having a consistent year and never finishing outside the top 3.

The final Term 5 leaderboard was:

- 1st: **Penrose** (Jacob Wierchowicz / Miss Spencer) 474 points
- 2nd: **Squire** (Michael Tingey-Taylor / Mrs Salter) 427 points
- 3rd: **Jersey** (Maddie Lee / Miss Crockett) 400 points
- 4th: **Buckle** (Beatrice Dancer / Miss Barrett) 397 points



Latest Term 6 leaderboard:

- 1st: **Squire** (Michael Tingey-Taylor / Mrs Salter) 451 points
- 2nd: **Penrose** (Jacob Wierchowicz / Miss Spencer) 425 points
- 3rd: **Buckle** (Beatrice Dancer / Miss Barrett) 397 points
- 4th: **Jersey** (Maddie Lee / Miss Crockett) 389 points



This week also sees the culmination of the annual competition, with the winning house for 2024-25 having their name engraved on the house trophy; nearly 12,000 points have been accumulated throughout this year. Here are the current scores...

- 1st: **Penrose** (Jacob Wierchowicz / Miss Spencer) 2998 points
- 2nd: **Buckle** (Beatrice Dancer / Miss Barrett) 2898 points
- 3rd: **Squire** (Michael Tingey-Taylor / Mrs Salter) 2892 points
- 4th: **Jersey** (Maddie Lee / Miss Crockett) 2875 points

This was also the week for Michael, Maddie, Jacob and Beatrice to pass on the mantle of house captaincy to their successors. These four have done a fantastic job in leading their houses this year and acting as excellent role models for the younger pupils. Their enthusiasm and amicable competitiveness has enlivened celebration worships and they have certainly picked up where **Illy**, **Dotty**, **Jacob** and **Marshall** left off twelve months ago.

Following in their footsteps, the Year 6 house captains for 2025-26 will be...

Penrose – Sophie Brennan
Jersey – James Aspley
Buckle – Millie Colledge
Squire – Maya Sumner

MAY DAY

It seems a long time since our festivities on the 21st May. In the middle of one of the driest, warmest Summer Terms on record, we managed to pick a day when the weather was not at its most reliable! Despite the occasional downpour, the pupils looked very smart in their Sunday best and an enormous crowd awaited. Following our procession from the village green, festivities started with Year 6 making a grand entrance onto the school playground, where the coronation was conducted by Ron Hill, one of our dedicated volunteer readers, before the dancing and merrymaking.

The May King and Queen (Sam Couling and Grace Tingey-Smith) and Jill O' The Green (Alice Bullivant) were selected from the Year 6s who volunteered. Alice did a fantastic job of compèring proceedings, which included ten May Pole dances, plus the Circle Dance from Maple and Beech Class' Circassian Circle. As always, the afternoon finished with some audience participation as Year 6 family members joined the rest of the school for a massed performance of the Pat-a-Cake Polka!



Ready to welcome the Year 6s



Rowan Class at the village green



Maple Class' Circle Dance



Hawthorn preparing to dance

SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

As always, it has been wonderful to see our children take part in such a range of competitions, matches and festivals around the local area as part of the NOSSP offer. As always, Chesterton has supplemented this with our own offer of intra-school events and clubs to satisfy our pupils' insatiable appetites for sport and physical activity. I am delighted with how many children have been keen to take part and their attitude when doing so. Please check out the sports page of our website for all the photos and details.

[P.E. & Sport Gallery](#)

Highlights:



- The Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala. As always, it was lovely to see 36 enthusiastic swimmers of different levels enjoying some friendly competition. It was our closest ever competition, with Joshua Neal's Swordfish team finishing tied on exactly the same score as Edward Messum's Sailfish. A deciding, nine-swimmer cannon relay was won by Edward's team, who lifted the trophy at our 6th gala.

- The performances of our girls' football teams. For the first time ever, we entered two Year 5/6 girls' teams in the Bicester Schools Football League. Our B team narrowly missed out on the quarter finals with some great results against other schools' A teams – the highlight being a 1-0 victory over St. Mary's, courtesy of Honey Ward's 'Goal of the Season'

from the half-way line! Our A Team won their group and reached the final after wins over Charlton-on-Otmoor and St. Edburg's in the knockout stages. Their opponents were Marsh Gibbon, the only team to beat them all season and we narrowly lost 1-0 in a very even game, hosted at King's Meadow. As many of our team were in Year 5, we have high hopes for another successful campaign in 2025-26.

- Squire, who haven't enjoyed too much sporting success in recent years, triumphing at the Inter-House Cricket tournament. The Spitfires, captained by Edith Haynes, played fantastically throughout and managed to secure a nailbiting final over victory against the Penrose Pirates to claim the title.



- Our first ever Lawn Bowls event, hosted by Banbury Central Bowling Club. Mr Barrett and our enthusiastic team of bowlers had a lovely morning on the green, with some coaching and tips from the very generous members. It is definitely something that we would like to try again in the future.

Here are some of the other sporting events that we have taken part in this year:

Date	Event	Year/s	No. of teams/competitors	No. of Chesterton teams/competitors	Results	Certificate Winners
7 th Nov 2024	Bicester 5-a-side Girls' Football	Year 5-6	6 schools, approx. 72 players	3 teams	A team – 2 nd place B team – 6 th place C team – 9 th place	Isabella Atkins Honey Ward Sophie Taunton (Teamwork)
14 th Nov 2024	Oxford City FC Girls' Football Tournament	Year 5-6	4 schools	1 team	Quarter Finalists – lost on penalties 3 draws and 2 wins (4 goals scored)	Honey Ward (Self-belief)
28 th Nov 2024	Bicester Cross Country	Year 3-6	8 schools Approx. 300 runners	32 runners	Overall Year 3&4 Girls – 1 st Place Year 5&6 Girls – 2 nd Place Year 5&6 Boys – 2 nd Place	Individuals Year 3-4 Girls Olivia Rees – 2 nd Ava Gagel – 5 th Isabella Roberts – 6 th Year 5-6 Girls Robyn Brandram – 1 st Bea Beecroft – 7 th Year 5-6 Boys Freddie Nunn-Reeve 2 nd Edward Messum – 3 rd Alfie Jardine – 7 th
6 th Dec 2024	NOSSP District Cross Country Final	Year 3-6	Approximately 400 runners	24 runners	Year 3-4 Girls' Team – 6 th Place Year 5-6 Girls' Team – 3 rd Place Year 5-6 Boys' Team – 7 th Place	N/A
15 th Jan 2025	Tag Rugby @ Bruern Abbey	Year 4-6	2 teams	2 teams	N/A	James Nickson Freddie Nunn-Reeve (Teamwork)
16 th Jan 2025	Year 5/6 Swim Gala	Year 5/6	9 schools	10 individuals	Girls – 1 st Place Boys – 1 st Place	Elizabeth Nickson Joshua Neal (Passion)
23 rd Jan 2025	Year 3/4 Girls' Football	Year 3/4	10 teams	2 teams	N/A	Effie Beecroft Isabella Roberts (Teamwork)
6 th Feb 2025	Bicester Cluster Sportshall Athletics	Year 5/6	7 teams	1 team (20 individuals)	Chesterton – 3 rd Place	Edie Wells Harry Hall Honey Ward (Self Belief)
12 th March 2025	6-a-side Football Tournament – Bruern Abbey	Year 5/6	6 teams	2 teams	Chesterton A – 3 rd Place Chesterton B – 5 th Place	Robyn Brandram Rowan Milton (Teamwork)
22 nd April 2025	Chesterton Sportshall Showdown	All Years	5 teams	80 athletes	Champions: Spencer's Superstars Runners-Up: Hawtin's Heroes	Grace Powley, Yeva Tsurkan, Eva Catling, Bella Pearson, Felicity Holton (Self- Belief)

15 th May 2025	Inter-House Football	Year 4- 6	4 houses/ 8 teams	48 players	Champions: Sporting Penrose Runners-Up: F.C Buckle	Millie Colledge, Keagan Petrovic, Lucy Kerswell- Jensen, Sebastian Dibsdall, Maddie Lee, Sophie T, Oliver Walters, Maisie Wilson, Caden Hawes, Sam Couling, Grace Tingey- Smith (Teamwork)
2 nd July 2025	Inter-house Cricket	Year 5/6	N/A	32 pupils	Winners - Squire Runners-Up - Jersey	Bella Pearson Emily Loo Edith Haynes Nikola Rys (Honesty)
3 rd July 2025	District QuadKids Final	Years 3-6	16 teams	2 teams	Top Finishers: Year 3/4: Ivy Ward (11 th) Year 5/6: Edie Wells (6 th) Honey Ward (7 th) Edward Messum (11 th)	N/A
7 th July 2025	Hannah Barnes Swimming Gala	Year 3- 6	N/A	36 pupils	Winners - Sailfish	Holly Beever Erin Steptoe Joshua Neal Edie Wells (Passion)



Our Year 5/6 cricket team at Bruern Abbey - sporting their new kit, kindly sponsored by Amion.



Spencer's Superstars – Sportshall Showdown Champions again!

Football Fixtures and Results 2024-25

Date	Competition	Home	Goals	Away	Goals	Chesterton Scorers	Player/s Of The Match
3 rd Oct 2024	Friendly	Bruern B	4	Chesterton B	2	Milton 2	Arthur Wells
3 rd Oct 2024	Friendly	Bruern A	4	Chesterton A	2	Wyatt 2	Robyn Brandram
4 th Oct 2024	Year 5/6 Girls' Friendly	Tuffrey's Titans	2	Horner's Hotshots	0	Brennan, Hornby	Jessica Moulinet Isabella Atkins
24 th Oct 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League	St. Edburg's A	0	Chesterton Lionesses A	1	O.G.	Alice Bullivant
24 th Oct 2024	Bicester Girls' Football League	St. Edburg's B	1	Chesterton Lionesses B	3	Rys 2, Ward	Bea Beecroft
7 th Nov 2024	Bicester Football League	King's Meadow B	2	Chesterton A	3	Morgan, Jardine, Walsh	Oscar Burton
11 th Nov	Bicester Girls' Football League	Langford Girls	4	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Alice Bullivant Bella Pearson
18 th Nov	Bicester Football League	Langford B	1	Chesterton A	1	Jardine (pen)	Joshua Donwa
28 th Nov	Bicester Football League	Chesterton	14	Charlton-on-Otmoor	0	Jardine 4, Walsh 4, Messum 2, Brandram 2, Nunn-Reeve, Donwa	Lucas Walsh
6 th Feb	Bicester Girls' Football League	Bure Park Girls	5	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Megan Varney-Newell
11 th Feb	Bicester Girls' Football League	Chesterton Lionesses A	4	Langford Girls B	1	Brennan 2, Wyatt 2	Sophie Brennan
13 th Feb	Bicester Girls' Football League	King's Meadow Girls	3	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Honey Ward
13 th Feb	Friendly	King's Meadow C	1	Chesterton B	2	J. Wierchowicz, Hornby	Charlie Hawes
25 th Feb	Bicester Football League	Chesterton	1	Fringford	2	Jardine	Bethany Hornby
27 th Feb	Bicester Girls' Football League	Southwold Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	2	Brennan 2	Isabella Atkins
4 th March	Bicester Girls' Football League	Brookside Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	5	Wyatt 4, Brandram	Evalyn Wyatt
11 th March	Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Lionesses	5	Dr. South's Girls	0	Wyatt 2, Brandram, Atkins, Brennan	Maya Sumner
14 th March	Bicester Girls' Football League	Fritwell Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	13	Wyatt 4, Brennan 3, M. Colledge 2, Ward, Bullivant,	Alice Bullivant

						Hornby, Atkins	
18 th March	Bicester Girls' Football League	Marsh Gibbon Girls	3	Chesterton Lionesses	1	O.G.	Evalyn Wyatt
26 th March	Girls' Friendly	The Dragon School Girls' A	0	Chesterton Lionesses A	0	-	Bethany Hornby
26 th March	Girls' Friendly	The Dragon School Girls' B	1	Chesterton Lionesses B	1	Parker-Hunt	Cariad Evans
27 th March	Bicester Girls' Football League	Chesterton Lionesses B	1	St. Mary's Girls	0	Ward	Bea Beecroft
2 nd April	Bicester Football League	Bure Park B	1	Chesterton	2	Jardine, Messum	Edward Messum
3 rd April	Bicester Girls' Football League	Longfields Girls	2	Chesterton Lionesses B	0	-	Jessica Moulinet
28 th April	Bicester Girls' Football League	Charlton-on- Otmoor Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses B	1	B. Beecroft	Honey Ward
2 nd May	Girls' Friendly	Chesterton Lionesses	1	Dr. South's Girls	1	Ward	Honey Ward
14 th May	Year 3/4 Girls Friendly	Hawtin's Heroes	4	Tuffrey's Titans	3	Leeson 2, Gagel 2, O. Rees, L. Moulinet, Roberts	Amber Leeson Grace Powley
20 th May	Bicester Girls' Football League QF	Chesterton Lionesses	8	Charlton-on- Otmoor	0	Brandram 3, Brennan 3, Atkins, Hornby	Sophie Brennan
6 th June	Bicester Football League QF	Chesterton	0	Launton	3	-	Freddie Nunn- Reeve
13 th June	Bicester Girls' Football League SF	St. Edburg's Girls	0	Chesterton Lionesses	2	H. Ward, Brandram	Honey Ward
27 th June	Girls' Friendly	Dr. South's Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	3	H. Ward 2, Varney- Newell	Ivy Ward Beatrice Dancer
4 th July	Bicester Girls' Football League Final	Marsh Gibbon Girls	1	Chesterton Lionesses	0	-	Bethany Hornby

Football Top Scorers 2024-25

Player	Games	Goals
Evalyn Wyatt	17	22
Sophie Brennan	13	16
Robyn Brandram	20	16
Honey Ward	18	11
Alfie Jardine	8	7
Rowan Milton	3	6
Lucas Walsh	8	6
Isabella Atkins	15	6
Ava Gagel	4	5
Bethany Hornby	16	5



Sporting Penrose – Inter-House Football Champions



Year 5/6 Girls @ The Bicester School

Sports Day 2025 Results

	Buckle	Jersey	Penrose	Squire
Field Events	120	132	181	118
Track Events	205	192	251	144
Relays	18	6	6	6
Adjusted Total	343	344	438	274
Position	3rd	2nd	1st	4th

*Please note that totals will not necessarily add up correctly, as scores are adjusted depending on number of children in each house taking part.

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Our 10th Annual Sports' Awards took place last Thursday morning, complete with entrance music for the winners and the obligatory photo montages.

These awards celebrate all our participation, team successes and individual pupil achievements in sport and P.E. over the year. There were prizes presented in several different categories. The first were Club Medals, which are given for outstanding commitment, effort and performance at various sports clubs throughout the year. Then, two Sports Personality of the Year medals were presented for each class, recognising fantastic effort and attitude during school P.E. lessons. We also awarded a trophy and medal to our Girls' and Boys' Footballer of the Year.



The final awards were for Outstanding Contribution to Sport. These prizes were given to two Year 6 children, who have demonstrated exceptional effort, a positive attitude and fantastic ability in all aspects of sport during their time at Chesterton. As you may remember, these final trophies are called 'The Andy Reading Cup' in memory of our much-loved and fondly-remembered headteacher. Mr Reading was headteacher of Chesterton from 1979-1991. Amongst other things, he had a great passion for sport and outdoor activity and we felt that it was fitting to name the prize in his memory. Our deserving winners for 2025, **Edward Messum** and **Beatrice Dancer** have been presented with an impressive trophy each.

See over the page for a full list of the other winners.

Class Sports Personality of the Year Winners	
Maple Class	Freya Cheung-Wood & Ollie Sharman
Beech Class	Florence Hulbert & Joshua Ashby
Ash Class	Annabelle Jardine & Henry Day
Chestnut Class	Amalia Rys & Oliver Varney-Clarke
Hawthorn Class	Lucy Kerswell-Jensen & Charlie Hawes
Rowan Class	Cariad Evans & Harry Hall
Oak Class	Bea Abbey & Harold Morley
Club Medal Winners	
Hockey	Lily Davies
Multi-skills	Benjamin Evans & Lucy Kerswell-Jensen
Tennis	Alfie Jardine & Yeva Tsurkan
Activators	Max Gardner & Jessica Moulinet
Football	Joshua Donwa
Girls' Football	Effie Beecroft , Annabelle Jardine & Sophie Brennan
Football Award Winners	
Golden Boot	Robyn Brandram (50 matches, 51 goals)
Boys' Player of the Year	Freddie Nunn-Reeve
Girls' Player of the Year	Honey Ward
Andy Reading Cup – Outstanding Contribution to Sport	
Girls	Beatrice Dancer
Boys	Edward Messum

Our Sports Personality Awards Winners



Footballers of the Year



Golden Boot Winner



Oak Class



Rowan Class



Hawthorn Class



Chestnut Class



Hockey & Tennis Club



Football Club



Activators Club



Ash Class



Beech Class



Maple Class



Multi-Skills Club

New Sports Captains

Our new Sports Captains, **Alfie Jardine** and **Bethany Hornby** will be taking over from **Robyn Brandram** and **Freddie Nunn-Reeve** in September. It was a very difficult decision to pick this year's captains as our current Year 5s are a very sporty cohort. Freddie and Robyn have certainly led our sporting teams by example this year, representing the school at just about every event, match and competition, and I'm sure that Alfie and Bethany will be no different.



Musical Extravaganza

As part of our annual Arts Week at the beginning of June, we decide to hold our first ever Musical Extravaganza! We have been really impressed with the level of talent displayed during our musical instrument assemblies, so we wanted to give an extra opportunity for these children to showcase their hard work, skill and musicality; they did not disappoint! An audience of family and friends were treated to a range of music, from our very own rock band and singing groups, to individuals playing a variety of instruments, including drums, recorders, clarinets and the piano. We were also delighted to be joined by Bicester Flutopia, a local group of flautists, which includes Csege, one of our instrument teachers. They played 'Singing in the Rain' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody', which were fantastic additions to our musical programme.

After such a successful evening, we look forward to organising this event again next year. **Mrs Salter**

Festival of Voices

On Monday 16th June, we took the Chesterton Choir to Dorchester Abbey to sing at the 40th annual Oxfordshire Festival of Voices. We were joined by six other schools from across the county to perform a range of songs in the impressive abbey. The children worked really hard to learn all of the songs and they certainly stood out for their beautiful singing voices. Amongst their favourite songs, there were some from the soundtrack of Oliver!, as well as a number of very catchy songs with parts, which we sang in a round. The children particularly loved singing 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines', a song that they added their own actions to, as well as some classic ones, such as World in Union. Well done to the Chesterton Choir; you did yourselves and the school proud!

A particular highlight of the evening was watching one of our talented pianists, Beatrice Dancer, play a beautiful piece for the audience (a Chesterton first we believe!). It was wonderful to be able to see and hear her play in such a special venue. Well done Beatrice! **Mrs Salter**



Fascinating Fire Of London

Ash Class had a fantastic day immersing themselves in the events of the Great Fire of London. Our school hall was transformed into bustling Pudding Lane, complete with props and scenes to spark the imagination. The children took part in acting out how people tried to put out the fire, passing buckets of water down a line just like in 1666!

They explored the difference between thatched and non-thatched houses, learned about the role of gunpowder, and used their senses to smell different materials from the time. Inspired by their experience, the children went on to write diary entries and letters, just like Samuel Pepys, and even sang songs related to the Great Fire.

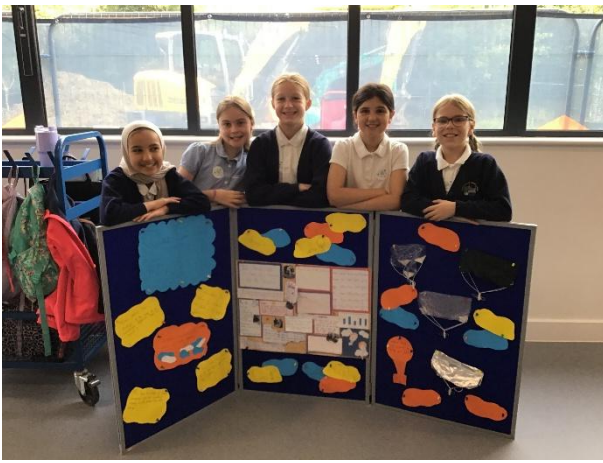
It was a brilliant hands-on history day full of fun and learning!



Leavers' Performance – Peter Pan

"Second star to the right and straight on 'til morning..." This year, the Upper School invited you to journey to Neverland in their magical end-of-year production of Peter Pan. We joined Peter (Michael/Freddie), Wendy (Alice), and the Lost Boys as they soared through fantasy lands and battled the fearsome Captain Hook (Jacob/Edward). The actors captivated their young audience during the dress rehearsal and then wowed their parents and families in two memorable evening shows. **Miss Baxter**





Stupendous Science Week

Our school was buzzing with enthusiastic scientists once again during our annual Science Week. Each class were assigned a theme, ranging from the heart, to liquids, to bones! In teams, children explored their own curiosities within these topic areas, asking a wide range of fascinating questions and developing their own investigations. The creativity and enthusiasm shown were incredible and made it very hard to pick a winning team! After much debate and discussion between staff, Aisha, Bethany, Cariad, Edie and Sophie T from Rowan Class were selected due to their very detailed poster on 'What material makes a parachute fall the slowest?'. This team had the very special opportunity to visit Science Oxford for a fun-filled day of learning and exploration. This

included presenting their findings to other budding scientists. Their confidence at talking through their results was very impressive! I wonder what we will discover during Science Week next year? **Miss Crockett – Science Co-ordinator**

Film Festival: A Red-Carpet Experience!

After months of hard work writing, filming, and editing their stories using iPads, our talented young filmmakers had the incredible opportunity to see their creations come to life on the big screen at Vue Cinema, Bicester.

This special event was part of the Bicester School's Partnership, which saw entries from five local schools, including a secondary school, with categories spanning all age groups. Excitement and nerves filled the cinema as pupils eagerly awaited the screening of the shortlisted films. The winners from our school proudly submitted two entries:

- *Key Stage 1: The Great Fire of London – a historical retelling through the eyes of pupils from Ash Class.*
- *Upper Key Stage 2: The Rescue – an original story about the dramatic rescue of a cat.*



The standard of entries across all schools was incredibly high, particularly in the Upper Key Stage 2 category, making the competition tough. After watching the fantastic films created by children across Bicester, we were absolutely thrilled when our Upper Key Stage 2 entry was announced as the winner!

Adding to the excitement of the day, we were honoured to welcome a special guest speaker, Laurent from Astroscale. He delivered a fascinating and inspiring talk about the vital work Astroscale does to clean up space debris orbiting Earth. His presentation not only opened our eyes to the importance of space sustainability, but also sparked excitement about the future of careers in space, computing, and technology. A truly motivating moment for all the pupils!

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who took part – their creativity, teamwork, and determination truly shone through. A huge thank you to Vue

Cinema for hosting such a memorable event, and to the sponsors at 124ICT for making the festival possible.

Ms Gould – Computing Co-ordinator

The School Council

This year, the School Council has raised an incredible amount of money for several different causes, such as: Red Nose Day, Children In Need and The Firefighter's Charity. We have also been working hard at meetings every Wednesday on projects like addressing the parking problems outside the school. We are proud of our work this year and hope we have changed our school in the best possible way!

Edie Wells and Maya Sumner – School Council Secretaries



The Eco Council

The Eco Council has worked incredibly hard this year to inspire and lead the school in caring for our environment. They began by preparing and delivering an impressive Collective Worship for Climate Action Day, sharing important messages about how everyone can make a difference. Their enthusiasm and dedication were clear as they spoke confidently to the whole school and encouraged everyone to think about how their actions impact the planet.

One of the highlights of their year was the annual visit to the garden centre, where they carefully chose a beautiful selection of plants to brighten up the playground. They thought carefully about which plants would thrive and bring colour and life to the outdoor spaces, and then worked together to plant them for everyone to enjoy. They also organised an eco-art competition, giving pupils the chance to express their creativity in the style of Andy Goldsworthy, while thinking about environmental themes. The range of artwork submitted showed just how much the Eco Council's message had inspired others.

Another creative initiative was encouraging pupils across the school to take a photograph of their favourite waterway, helping everyone to notice and appreciate the natural beauty around them. Through all of these projects, the Eco Council has shown real teamwork, leadership and passion for protecting our environment. They are already full of exciting plans for next year's Eco Council, looking forward to building on this year's successes and continuing to make a positive impact on the school and beyond.

Mrs Leonard – Eco Council Co-ordinator



Fabulous Fair

This year's Summer Fair was a huge success, despite the slightly cool weather, bringing together familiar faces and new traders for a fun-filled afternoon. There was plenty for the children to enjoy, from games and a bouncy castle, to a variety of exciting stalls that kept everyone entertained.

The event was well-organised and smoothly run, and it was especially heart-warming to see some of our Year 6 pupils helping out in the Oak Café - a lovely display of teamwork and community spirit!

We were generally lucky with the weather, which held off just enough to let everyone enjoy the day. It was brilliant to see so many children, parents, and carers coming along to support our school.

This was also the first event where the School Association accepted card payments alongside cash - a great step forward in making things easier for everyone.

Thanks to your support, the School Association raised a fantastic total of £3,600 at the Summer Fayre. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, contributed, and came along!

Please see the School Association's own newsletter for more on their exploits and fundraising this year.

Miss Hawtin – Staff School Association Representative



Maple Class Out and About

On Tuesday 13th May, Maple Class were full of anticipation – it was our first school trip! We all excitedly embarked onto the coach and, after many games of 'I Spy', we arrived!

When we arrived at the farm, we split into groups and completed three enjoyable activities. The first task was collecting some eggs; we had to search high and low for colourful eggs in a field. They were hiding in the grass, behind the chicken coops and under benches.

Next, we fed some goats that lived on the farm.

They were very friendly and had very tickly tongues! Then, we made some Welsh Cakes in the shape of a pig. We had to mix the ingredients to make a dough. We had to knead the dough until it was soft and stretchy. Then we used special cutters to form the dough into a pig shape.

We ended our trip with an exciting puppet show. We joined in with the singing of 'Old MacDonald' and enjoyed meeting the animal puppets.

We had such a fun time at Cogges Farm. We went back to school full of smiles and happy memories! **Miss Spencer**



AN ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES AND A VARIETY OF VISITS!

Here are some fantastic photos to chart some of the most memorable moments in the classes across the school. There are lots more on the class pages of the school website.

MAPLE CLASS



Fun on the trikes



Small World Area



Fort building in the Maple garden



Making an Easter Garden



Dressing up for a birthday



Symmetry on the Art table

BEECH CLASS



Warwick Castle



Big Bad Wolf Wanted Posters



PC Ben's Visit



Learning about plants



Forest School



DT Pictures with Levers

ASH CLASS



Outfits for School Sports Week



Drama



Bethany's Amazing Jockey Costume



Sculpting Clay Aliens



Tring Natural History Museum

CHESTNUT CLASS



Ballet Workshop



Stone Age Day



Cooking Cottage Pie



Sewing a stocking



The magical Story Museum



Roman Day

HAWTHORN CLASS



Anglo-Saxon Day



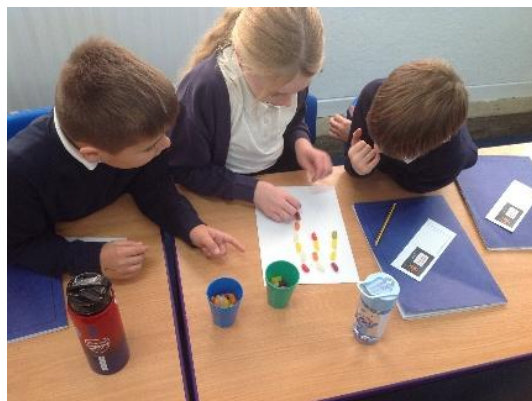
River & Rowing Museum



Science Week



DT Project



Maths Week



Cooking

ROWAN CLASS



Arts Week



Active Maths



Science Oxford



Mosque Visit



Cooking Houmous



Greek Day

OAK CLASS



World War II Day



On the train to Oxford



The Living Rainforest



WWII Rationing Soup



I.M.P.S First Aid



Collage in Art

Thank you for reading – see you in September!

Best wishes, Mr. I. Horner – Headteacher

This newsletter will also be available on the school website:

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