



School News

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The Prayer

God our Father, we bring before you our world - a world filled with divisions among nations, religions and ethnic groups all as a result of the struggle for power, wealth and might.

These divisions have caused the destruction of lives and properties. Wars have destroyed homes and separated families.

In all of this your Trinity is a unique symbol of your unity and solidarity for us all.

In all these challenges, Lord, you remain united and in solidarity with us; yes Lord we thank you for this.

We ask you God our Father to send us your spirit of unity among nations, ethnic groups and among religions to inspire us to be in solidarity with one another.

May we remain united in solidarity as you, Father, Son and Spirit are one.

Amen.

'Well Done'
to the following pupils who received
special awards this week:

Reception - Lucas

Year 1 – Autumn Year 2 – Jak

Year 3 – Freya Year 4 – Jessica

Year 5 – Agastya Year 6 - Kingslee

Attendance Award

Reception - 99%



Message from the Headteacher

Last week, Key Stage 1 pupils had a wonderful time doodling, writing and drawing on a large roll of paper in the hall. Using a wide range of materials, the children were encouraged to explore their creativity while developing important skills. Throughout the session, pupils strengthened their fine motor skills—including gripping and holding pencils correctly—while also practising listening and following instructions during the party-style games. The activity also supported their social development, giving them opportunities to share materials, take turns and celebrate each other's ideas. It was a joyful, hands-on experience that combined creativity with valuable learning.

We began the week with a beautiful whole school assembly led by our talented Year 4 pupils. The children guided us in reflecting on the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, helping us consider how Jesus is the light of the world. Through thoughtful readings, heartfelt prayers and joyful singing, they created a truly uplifting start to the week. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us—your support made the occasion even more special.

This week, the whole school celebrated Storytelling Week, filling classrooms with fun, imagination and plenty of laughter. Pupils enjoyed a wide variety of activities, from silly storytelling games and creative starters to buddy reading sessions and even teddy bear picnics that helped bring stories to life. The week not only sparked creativity but also strengthened friendships and supported the development of pupils' oracy skills, making it a truly enriching experience for all.

On Tuesday, Key Stage One gathered for a special assembly to celebrate Storytelling Week. At the centre of the hall were just three simple items—a toaster, a slice of bread and a picture of a dragon. Using only these objects, the children listened to an imaginative story that showed how even the simplest items can spark exciting ideas and creative narratives. To finish the assembly, pupils joined a live author screening with the National Literacy Trust, leaving them inspired, enthusiastic and eager to create and share their own stories.

Year One and Reception Class enjoyed taking part in Helicopter Stories, an early years storytelling and acting approach in which educators scribe the children's own stories word-for-word before acting them out as a group. This wonderful programme places great value on children's voices, allowing them to lead the imaginative process while seeing their ideas come alive through performance. The sessions are designed to boost language development, creativity, and social skills, giving children the confidence to express themselves and collaborate with their peers. It was a joyful and empowering experience for all involved.

Today, EYFS children enjoyed a delightful end to National Storytelling Week with a special Teddy Bear Picnic. Pupils brought along their favourite teddies to share stories together and enjoy a jam sandwich. It was a warm, joyful celebration that encouraged a love of reading and made a memorable finish to the week.

Lastly, we are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community — huge congratulations to Mrs Goodall, who is expecting her second baby this summer! We are all thrilled for her, Ben and Ezra and wish them and their growing family every happiness during this exciting time.

Highlighting Handwriting

In Year 1 at Holy Trinity, we work on teaching the following handwriting expectations.

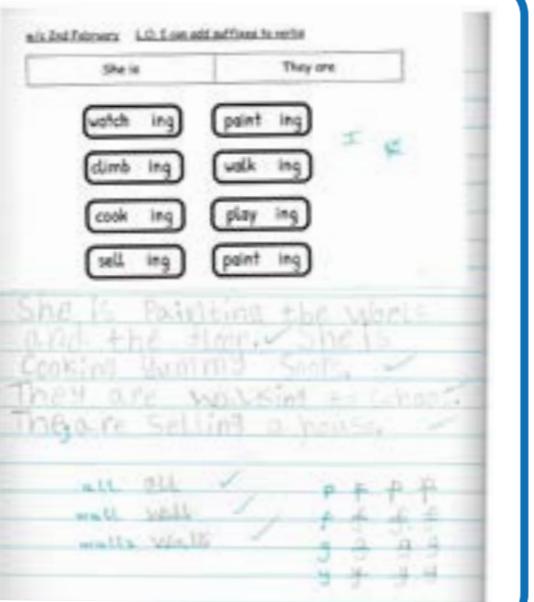
Letter Formation: Children should form lower-case letters in the correct direction and should begin to recognise the letter families (ladder letters - iuuyj , curly caterpillars - cadesg , zig-zags - zwx, one-armed robot family - kbpr).

Capital Letters and Digits: Form all capital letters and numbers correctly.

Consistency: Letters should be of the same size, and writing should be on the line.

Spacing: Clear finger spaces between words should be used.

They should also sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil with the tripod grip comfortably.



This Week in Pictures

KS1 Pencil Party



Teddy Bear's Picnic



Storytelling Week



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term

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| Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February | Safer Internet Week |
| Half Term | Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February |
| Wednesday 25 th February | Year 5 & 6 Brave, Kind Minds |
| Friday 27 th February | Reception & Year 2 Chinese New Year Celebrations |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day |
| Wednesday 11 th March | Year 1 Dance Festival 1.45 - 2.50pm at CNS |
| Thursday 12 th March | Year 6 Yenworthy Meeting 3 - 3.30pm |
| Friday 13 th March | Reception Mother's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am |
| Tuesday 17 th March | Year 2 St Patrick's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am |
| | Parent Consultation Evening |
| Wednesday 18 th March | EYSF & Year 1 Book Fair - 3.15 |
| Thursday 19 th March | Parent Consultation Evening |
| Friday 20 th March | Year 2, 3 & 4 Book Fair - 3.15 |
| Monday 23 rd - Thursday 26 th March | Year 5 Bikeability |
| Monday 23 rd March | Year 5 & 6 Book Fair - 3.15 |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Year 2 & 3 Multi Skills Festival 1.30 - 3.40pm at CNS |
| Friday 27 th March | End of Term Mass & Lent Reconciliation (NEW) |
| Friday 27 th March | School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter |
| Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th April | Year 6 Yenworthy Residential |
| Wednesday 22 nd April | Year 3 Tennis Festival 2.50 - 4.30pm at CNS |
| Wednesday 29 th April | Year 4 Modern Foreign Languages Festival 3.00 - 4.45pm at CNS |
| Monday 11 th - Thursday 14 th May | SATS Week |
| Wednesday 13 th May | U10 Rugby Tournament 2.10 - 4.40pm at CNS |
| Friday 15 th May | PTA Disco |
| | NO PENS DAY! |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Years 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Championship 2.30 - 5pm at CNS |
| | May Procession (NEW) |
| Half Term | Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May |
| Friday 5 th June | Reception Vision Testing |
| Sunday 7 th June | First Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 17 th June | U11 Cricket Tournament 12.50 - 4.45pm at CNS |
| | Year 2 Cricket Workshop 10 - 11.30pm at CNS |
| Thursday 18 th June | Year 1 Father's Day Assembly to Parents/Carers - 9am (Change of Date) |
| Friday 19 th June | INSET |
| Monday 22 nd June | INSET |
| Wednesday 24 th June | National Writing Day |
| Friday 26 th June | Sports Day |
| Thursday 2 nd - 3 rd July | Year 6 Transition Days at CNS |
| Wednesday 8 th July | Year 5 Orienteering Festival 2.50 - 4.30pm at CNS |
| Friday 17 th July | School Closes at 12.05pm for Summer |

HT PTA NEWSLETTER

Laura - Chair Michelle - Secretary

WE RAISED AN AMAZING £6877 AUGUST 24-JULY 25

From Chastleton, Discos, fêtes, the lottery and ice cream sales. Plus an amazing donation from Lady Bamford. After costs we raised a wonderful £6877 to spend on our amazing school and pupils

This coming school year....

We have some great plans to improve the back corner of the fields, including a new wellness hub.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Disco

DJ TONY is back for a fun filled night

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

5-7pm

Disco

Bar, BBQ & Tuck shop

Party in the playground

Rather than a traditional fete we have mixed it up. After sports day we will have a party/fete

Friday 26th June
3-6pm

Bar, BBQ games & live music

UNIFORM SALE

NEXT
WEDNESDAY 11TH
FEB

USED UNIFORM
SALE IN SCHOOL
LIBRARY

3-3.20PM

CASH OR CARD



CHIPPING NORTON EVENT

Join us for a relaxed, supportive drop-in session:

Tuesday 10th February

11:00am - 1:00pm

Glyme Hall

Burford Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5DZ



SENDIASS Oxfordshire

SENDIASS will join to offer advice and guidance.
Join us to learn more about your rights and
how to navigate the SEND system.

Drop in for a warm drink and a biscuit or two.



Hosted by Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum

If you need further info or support to attend, please email
info@oxpcf.org.uk

The

Library

Chipping Norton



Half term Storytime

Saturday 21st February at 11am

**Come and join in with our fun half term storytime!
Age 4-7 years, must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Booking recommended. Please ask at the desk, phone 01865 815134,
or email us at chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

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