



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.

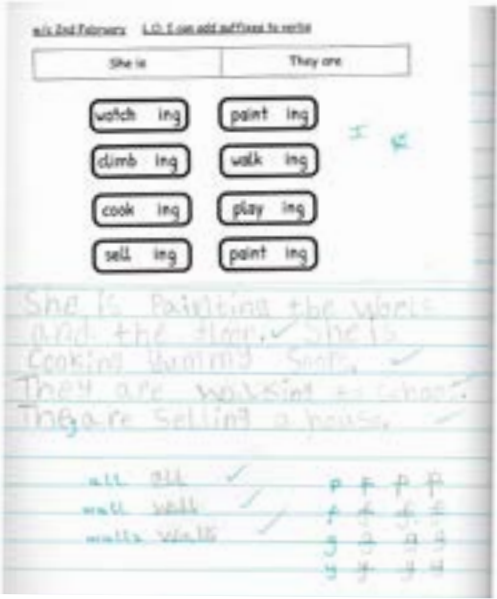
Letter Formation: Children should form lower-case letters in the correct direction and should begin to recognise the letter families (ladder letters - liutyj , curly caterpillars - cadesg , zig-zags - zvwX , one-armed robot family - kbpr).

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	
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 th 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
Wednesday 20 th May	NO PENS DAY!
	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, fetes, 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



These funds were spend on
Sending all children to the panto
Christmas Gifts
Wow day for Year 6 to the Circus
New play equipment
New equipment for reception
Plus easter egg raffle and some teacher class requests

This coming school year.....

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

All funds go back into the school and with funding ever tighter your help is very much apricated



AGM

Our AGM will be held on

Tuesday 24th
February
6-7.30pm
@ The Fox

Please come and support us,
we would love to see you

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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