



School News

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Message from the Headteacher

On Tuesday, our amazing JLT and Chaplaincy teams had the opportunity to visit Chipping Norton Hospital, where they truly made a difference to the outdoor space! Armed with secateurs, loppers, shovels, garden forks, and trowels, our enthusiastic children rolled up their sleeves to weed, dig, and prune the garden space.



Despite the rain, their spirits remained high, and not a single complaint was heard. The children's hard work did not go unnoticed; they were treated to refreshing squash and delicious biscuits by the hospital staff and volunteers.



A huge well done to everyone involved for working so diligently and making such a difference in our community. Your efforts not only beautified the hospital grounds but also brightened the day for many. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and their commitment to service. Keep up the fantastic work!

In conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week, this served as a perfect example of how community service can enhance well-being and foster a sense of belonging among our pupils. Engaging in such activities not only supports those in need but also promotes mental health by encouraging teamwork, resilience, and a connection to the community.

Our Reception children visited the church for a special lesson all about Baptism on Thursday. Father Clive welcomed the class and explained that when someone is baptised, they become part of God's big, happy family. He shared how the church community helps each person learn, grow, and feel supported throughout their life of faith. The children listened beautifully and enjoyed discovering more about this important Christian celebration.

Wishing you a wonderful half term!

We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break and come back rested, refreshed, and ready for an exciting new half term ahead.

'Well Done'

*to the following pupils who received
Learner of the Week awards:*

Reception - Jacob

Year 1 – Frankie Year 2 – Taliha

Year 3 – Phoebe Year 4 – Hamish

Year 5 – Izzy Year 6 – Mariia

*to the following pupils who received
Handwriting Hero awards:*

Reception - Cosmin

Year 1 – Azizah Year 2 – Mason

Year 3 – Amara Ag Year 4 – Alice

Year 5 – Evie J-M Year 6 – Ivy

Attendance

Reception - 99.5%



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The Prayer

Dear Lord,

I ask for Your blessing over my life,
to open my heart to give and receive love
according to Your will.

Guide me toward a love that is patient, kind,
and true, and help me to cherish it,
filling my days with peace and joy.

Amen

Highlighting Handwriting

In Year 2 we continue to build upon the handwriting skills and conventions of EYFS and Year 1 and we start to learn joining strokes. A real cursive style is beginning to develop...

New Targets:

- I can use the diagonal and horizontal strokes I need to join letters in most of my writing.
- I know which letters, when they are next to one another, are best left unjoined.

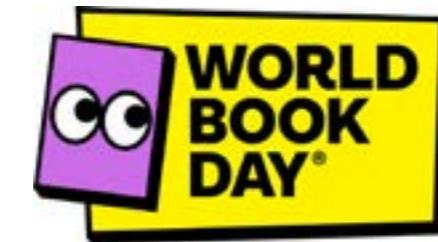
Dislikes

I dislike it when...

I dislike the part when
gran, dad is sad about
gramps dying.

This reminds me of...

This reminds me when I
went to the beach and
I went swimming/had salt
fish and chips
went went went
Connections



World Book Day (March 5th) is fast approaching

This year's theme is "Reading for pleasure anytime, anywhere!"

!!! Latest data - Only 1 in 3 children and young people aged 8 to 18 say they enjoy reading in their free time.

What are we doing to?

An Extreme Reading Challenge – whilst it's lovely to read snuggled into your bed or lazing on the sofa, where is the most unusual place you can read a book? Please take a photo and send to your class teacher via Dojo /Tapestry by Monday 2nd March at the latest. Craziest photos will appear in newsletter!

Book Fair competition – design a new book cover for your favourite book (spare paper can be provided by class teacher – children may use any media, no bigger than A4 please). Winners receive a £5 voucher for the Scholastic book fair. Please hand in by Monday 2nd March at the latest!

On the Day!

Thursday 5th March

- Please could children dress up as in characters/costume from a book or Pyjamas – most imaginative/creative from each class wins a certificates and a prize.
- Reading café in hall with buddy's or mixed ages, throughout the day Book tokens handed out for Scholastic Book Fair.
- A Mystery Reader quiz and certificates and prizes for the most imaginative/creative dressed from each class.

March 18th – Scholastic Book Fair arrives with over 400 of the latest book titles to choose from, use your £1 book tokens to grab a bargain! Cards accepted via QR code.

Wednesday 18th – EYFS, Year 1

Friday 20th – Year 2, 3 and 4

Monday 23rd – Year 5 and 6

Get Set for Milan – Let's Get Moving This Half Term!

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Winter Olympics taking place during half term, we'd love our children and families to get involved in the Get Set for Milan challenge.

As you may have heard from your children, I recently held an assembly to introduce the Get Set for Milan challenge and talk about the excitement of the Winter Olympics. The children learned about different winter sports and how staying active is important for both our bodies and minds. I also shared one of my favourite Winter Olympic events – snowboard cross – which got the children talking about just how challenging (and exciting!) winter sports can be.

Over half term, children can take part by using this link <https://www.getset.co.uk/app/log-activity> and entering our school access code - 3963 and team name - HOLY TRINITY CHIPPING NORTON to log any physical activities they complete at home. This could be a family walk, playing outside, dancing at home, riding a bike, or trying a new sport – it all counts!

Every activity logged helps our school move closer to being entered into a prize draw, so by taking part, children are supporting the whole school and working together as a team. The more activities logged, the better our chances.

There are also free Get Set for Milan resources on the website - <https://www.getset.co.uk/> available for children to use over half term. These include fun, child-friendly activities, and challenges linked to the Winter Olympics. This is a lovely opportunity to be active as a family, feel inspired by the Olympics, and enjoy some healthy fun over the break.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I hope you all have a happy, healthy half term, and I look forward to seeing how active our pupils have been.

Best wishes,
Mr Whybrow



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term	
Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February
Wednesday 25 th February	Year 5 & 6 Brave, Kind Minds
Friday 27th 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
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
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 8th July	Year 5 Orienteering Festival 2.50 - 4.30pm at CNS
Friday 17 th July	School Closes at 12.05pm for Summer