



NEWSLETTER 14 – 2nd May 2025

‘Let your light shine’

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A very warm welcome back to the Summer Term! We hope you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed time with your families over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. The children have settled back into school very well this term and are filled with much enthusiasm and energy. So many wonderful learning opportunities have been had this term including visits to Bowood for Owl and Hedgehog Class and a visit to The Living Rainforest for Mole Class. In what is one of our busiest (and shortest) school terms I would like to wish our Year 6 children lots of luck as they sit their primary school exams – we know how hard they have all worked. Wishing you all a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Roberts



"Trust in dreams, for in them is hidden the gate to eternity."

Mini Marathon Magic

What a fantastic day we had celebrating the London Marathon right here in Chippenham! With the big event happening this weekend, we thought—why not get everyone involved and mark the occasion with our very own Mini Marathon?

The whole school came together for an energetic and joyful start to the day, joining forces with the amazing Chippenham Sports Partnership for a full-school warm-up dance to "YMCA"—and wow, did everyone bring the energy! From teachers to students, it was smiles, laughter, and some brilliant dance moves all around.

Once warmed up and ready to go, the children took to the track for their mini marathon, showing determination, teamwork, and loads of enthusiasm every step of the way. It was more than just a run—it was a celebration of movement, togetherness, and having fun while being active.

A huge well done to every child who took part—you were incredible! And thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.

Miss Hurren



DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School Closed
Thursday 8th May	Squirrel Class Trip to Ashmolean Museum	All Day Event
Monday 12th - Friday 16th May	SAT'S Week - Yr6	
Wednesday 14th May	Fox Class Trip to Tudor World	All Day Event
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May	Owl Class Residential	All Week Event
Wednesday 21st May	Fox Class Girls Football Training	Abbeyfield School - 9am till 3pm
Wednesday 21st May	Fox & Squirrel Cake Bake	3.15pm - Front Playground
Friday 23rd May	End of Term 5	3.15pm
Monday 2nd June	TD Day	School Closed
Tuesday 3rd June	Start of Term 6	8.45am
Tuesday 3rd June	Fox Class Active Shakespeare Workshop	Hardenhuish Visiting - 1.30pm
Tuesday 10th June	Rabbit Class trip to Linkenholt	All Day Event
Tuesday 10th June	Squirrel Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm in the School Hall
Monday 16th until Friday 20th June	Sports Week	Details to Follow
Friday 20th June	Sports Day	Details to Follow
Sunday 22nd June	Bowood Picnic	Details to Follow
Monday 23rd June	Fox Class Taster Day at Abbeyfield	All Day Event
Monday 30th June	TD Day	School Closed
Thursday 3rd July	Dormouse Class Trip to Butterfly World	All Day Event
Friday 11th July	Owl Class Hardenhuish Induction Day	
Friday 18th July	School Reports sent out to Parents via parentmail	
Wednesday 23rd July	School Leavers Service	9.15am - Church - For parents of Owl Class
Wednesday 23rd July	End of Term 6	2.15pm

Family Service at Christ Church

10.30 am, Sunday 4 May

We will be gathering in Church to have fun worshipping God, and hearing about the adventures of Jesus' friends after the first Easter Day. Our service is aimed at people of all ages; it's very interactive, with something for everyone. So don't miss out, come and join us!

Everyone is welcome!



Warm Weather

With the lovely weather we are having at the moment, please ensure that your child/ren come to school with sunscreen already applied, a water bottle and hat, all clearly labelled with your child's name. This will make for a happier and safe playtime.

Thank you



Welcome to The School Poem

We are proud to launch The First Ever National Student Poem Competition 2025.

We believe that writing increases creativity, self-esteem and confidence for all children and teenagers across the UK. Your poem can be any subject (no profanities or themes of an offensive nature allowed) and can be uploaded easily with no fuss from a mobile or laptop.

Once received the poems will be read by an experienced judging panel with backgrounds in literature and creative writing. The top 50 poems will be published in our Journal with the Top 3 having personal illustrations.

The winning poem and runners up will receive cash prizes for both students and their respective schools alongside proceeds going to our charity partner's Great Ormond Street and Grief Encounter.

Please feel free to email us for more information at poem@theschoolvision.com or just simply press the enter button below to start your exciting journey.

Prizes

Poems will be published in the School Vision Journal

1st prize- £500 cash plus poem illustrated in book and turned into song

5 runners up £100 cash/voucher

ALL PRIZES SUBJECT TO NUMBER OF ENTRANTS

Click on this link to : [Register](#)



Forest School

As Mrs. Hand has not been available for some Forest School sessions in term 5 with Fox & Hedgehog class, there will be some extra sessions available for them in term 6.

Fox: Tuesday 3rd & 10th June

Hedgehog: Thursday 5th & 12th June

Owl & Mole Class will start their Forest School sessions the following week:

Owl: Tuesday 17th, 24th June, 1st, 8th & 15th July

Mole: Thursday 19th, 26th June, 3rd, 10th & 17th July

Dormouse class will be making use of the area on other dates to be confirmed ASAP.

We will make use of all sessions regardless of weather so please ensure all children are suitably dressed for all conditions.

If anyone is available to volunteer to help with forest school sessions moving forward into the 2025/26 academic year please email DHforest@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk to log your interest.



Earth Day

A huge thank you to everyone for celebrating Earth day at the beginning of the term!

The children had lots of fun (going electricity free was certainly harder for us than it was for them – especially without our morning cups of tea/coffee on the first day back after half term).

So many lovely activities were seen across the school and it was great to see everyone so involved.

Miss Hopes

