CHESHAM BOIS CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6.3.2026



Year 1 have loved Book Week and have been very enthusiastic throughout! They especially loved dressing up as words such as 'incognito', 'abstract', 'legend', and 'secretive'. They also loved dressing up as book characters including Jack and the beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Funny Bones, Matilda and The Selfish Dinosaur, just to name a few! We have had a great time in all the activities including ERIC (everybody reading in class), the house quiz, adding to the whole school story, our drama workshop on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, watching the theatre show of Dr Doo Little, watching the Y6 Balloon Debate and our online workshops with real authors and illustrators, who read us their stories, we then got to draw along with them. At the end of each day, we have really enjoyed our secret readers. Thank you to the mummies and daddies that came to read to us, we loved your stories! Lots of us are feeling very inspired by book week and are continuing to enjoy reading at home with our reading bingo!

Year 2—On Monday, we enjoyed dressing up as a word and guessing each other's words. Some of us had some really tricky words including; monochrome, iridescent and volcanology! We loved ERIC, where we got to enjoy reading a book anywhere in the classroom. Our secret reader was Ami's Nan!
On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time watching Image Musical Theatre come and perform Dr. Doolittle in our school hall. We thought the characters and puppets were funny, enjoyed watching some of our friends play parts and lots of us were singing the songs in the afternoon! We also got to kick start the whole school story, we thought it could be about our school values and feature lots of different woodland creatures. We can't wait to see what the rest of the school add to this.
On Wednesday, we had an online workshop with Sarah Roberts, the author of 'Wild Apprentice'. We learnt her story and what it is like to become a wildlife expert and how this can help the environment. We were amazed to find out that she had been bitten by a shark! In the afternoon, we did a brilliant drama workshop all about Julia Donaldson's 'The Highway Rat'. We also drew pictures of our favourite book characters and designed our own bookmarks. Our secret reader was Jamie's Mum!
Thursday was world book day! We loved dressing up as our favourite characters, we had a couple of Isadora Moons and a couple of Wallys! We enjoyed watching the Y6 children do their balloon debate. After that, we got to do some shared reading with year 4. Some of us have siblings in that class so it was lovely to enjoy reading with them at school. Our secret reader today was Amelie's Mum, she read us 'The Turtle who Turned the Tide' by Rachel Bright.
On Friday, we had another online workshop, this time with David O'Connell, the Author of the Beastie Bros series. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Walker for organising such a fun and inspiring Book Week! 😊

Year 3 have had a great time this week learning all about books, stories and dressing up. On Monday we had come dressed as a word – we used our great vocabulary to help us and had metamorphosis, shimmering, studious, wretched, camouflage and skeleton. On Tuesday a theatre company came in to run a workshop and perform Dr Dolittle. Dr Dolittle first appeared in letters that author Hugh Lofting wrote to his children. The performance used puppets. We are learning about puppets in DT so we discussed what we had noticed - there was a rod puppet, a glove puppet and one that used a rod and an actors body to move. On Wednesday we read The Dot by Peter Reynolds which is all about a little girl that was encouraged to keep on trying, and she then passed her learning about resilience onto others. We then created our own "dotty" masterpieces using oil pastels. We also attended a workshop all about a book called The Wild Apprentice where we learnt about some amazing jobs such as filmmaker, climatologist, palaeontologist and a marine biologist. In the afternoon, we went to a workshop on The Twits and got to use our bodies and voices to portray characters – this will help us in English over the next few weeks as we will be using The Twits to help us write playscripts. On Thursday we came to school dressed as our favourite characters and we drew ourselves and wrote about the character. We also got to watch the Great Balloon Debate which was very entertaining. We have had a great time this Book Week and want to say a HUGE thankyou to Ms Walker for organising everything.

Year 4—This week, Year 4 have had an amazing time celebrating Book Week! We enjoyed so many different activities that helped us explore stories, meet real authors, and celebrate the joy of reading.
We started the week by coming to school dressed as a word, which helped us learn lots of new vocabulary. Throughout the week we also took part in ERIC – Everyone Reading in Class – where we were allowed to read our books anywhere in the classroom. It made reading feel exciting and special.
One of our favourite moments was our Tom Gates workshop inspired by Liz Pichon's book series. We got to find out more about her stories and what makes her illustrations so fun. We also took part in a Book Week quiz in the hall, working together in our house teams to answer questions about books and characters.
We were very lucky to have Image Musical Theatre visit us to perform *Dr Dolittle*. The actors were brilliant, and we loved seeing the story come to life on stage. We also had a fantastic Matilda workshop, where we acted out scenes and used drama to explore the characters and plot. Later in the week, we watched the Year 6 Balloon Debate, where we had to decide which character deserved to be saved from the sharks—this was tricky but very entertaining!
On World Book Day, we joined the BBC Live Lesson, and we all came to school dressed as our favourite book characters. It was amazing to see such a wide variety of costumes and stories represented.
To finish the week, we had a visit from author Cliff Martin, who shared his brand-new book with us. It was inspiring to hear from someone who writes stories for a living.
Overall, Book Week was full of fun, creativity, and imagination. We want to say a huge thank you to all the adults who helped organise these activities and made the whole week so enjoyable for us.

Year 5—On Monday everybody dressed up as a word. There were some fascinating costumes which were very interesting. On Tuesday we got to take part in a drama workshop, focusing on the Shakespearean play 'A Midsummers Night Dream'. We learnt about different stage positions, and I feel we highly benefited from the workshop.
On world book day, we dressed up as our favourite book characters from any book. There was a wide range of costumes although many people dressed up as Harry Potter and Hermione Granger. Each day of the week we had ERIC time, this is when we can take a book and sit in an unexpected position and place to read, some people sat in the classroom sink and bins!
On World Book Day, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed spending time reading with Reception and Year 1 pupils. It was a wonderful opportunity for the older and younger children to share their favourite stories, foster a love of reading, and build connections across different year groups. The children engaged enthusiastically, making the day both fun and memorable for everyone involved.

Year 6— In Book Week we had the opportunity to engage in multiple amazing activities. On Monday, we dressed up as a word which was really fun. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a performance of Dr Dolittle by Image Theatre and a visit from our secret reader. On Wednesday, we took part in a theatre workshop based on Macbeth—it was really fun. The actor helped us act out scenes from the play. On Thursday, we shared our Balloon Debate with the school. We enjoyed dressing up as different book characters. The Hungry Caterpillar group won the balloon debate overall. Later that day we read with Year 3. On Friday we completed a mystery challenge. We also enjoyed ERIC and spotting Where's Wally around the school.

Thank you to Miss Walker for organising Book Week.

Year 6 Balloon Debate 2026

On Thursday 5th March 2025, the Year 6 children took part in an exciting Balloon Debate. The children organised themselves into small groups, each choosing a different book as their inspiration. They then created and rehearsed a short dramatic scene based on their chosen story. Afterwards, each pupil wrote, developed and edited a monologue to persuade the judges that their character should be crowned 'The Best Character.'

The performances were presented to an audience of Chesham Bois School pupils and staff, as well as our wonderful judges, Miss Jenny and Mr Bob.

The books represented in the debate were *The Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Hunger Games*, *Matilda*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Each group performed their scene with great drama and humour. Some groups even tried to bribe the judges in an attempt to win their votes! After the scenes, every pupil confidently delivered their monologue. Many used persuasive techniques to convince the judges, while others used flattery and clever arguments to support their case.

Following a short break, the winners were announced. The remaining groups were then "pushed" into the imaginary shark-infested waters! The winning book group was The Hungry Caterpillar, and the winning character was Frankie, who performed as Charlie Bucket from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

In class, we were given time to practise our performances, and each group created their own props. We all enjoyed rehearsing and performing, and it helped many of us overcome our stage fright.

A big thank you to our judges for giving their time—we hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did.

By Aadhwik, Isabel and Elena



SPECIAL MENTION

Congratulations, Remi, Y1, for being Player of the Day at First touch football this week!

This weekend, Rufus, Y5, completed his 50th ParkRun. He runs any weather and his family are super proud of him!

Well done, Rufus!



Football at CBS
CBS vs. Hawridge & Cholesbury

On Thursday, our girls football team played a home match against Hawridge and Cholesbury. It was another tough game. In the first half, we had a few chances but just couldn't score. By half time, it was 3-0 to H&C. during the second half, we came really close to scoring and had possession of the ball for most of the time but they managed to score twice more.
The final score was 5 –0 to H&C.

Player of the Match: Grace

Report by: Isabel

Year 4's Class Assembly

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt this term and loved having the chance to share some of our knowledge with both parents as well as the rest of the school. We started our assembly by acting out Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and then we sang a song about the boy who became pharaoh at just 8 years old! We talked about pyramids, ancient Egyptian society and food. We heard about the gross business of mummification and learnt a little about famous ancient Egyptian gods and goddesses. We finished off our assembly with a prayer asking God to help those who do not have enough food to eat or water to drink.

We would like to thank you for coming along to watch our assembly.

Monthly Attendance Report—February

Congratulations to Year 5 for having the highest attendance rate this month! Year 5 were awarded 5 class points today. We will continue to report attendance data monthly so watch this space to see next month's winning class.

EYFS—95.6% Year 1—95.3% Year 2—96.6%

Year 3—95.4% Year 4—96.4% Year 5—98% Year 6—97.9%

Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!



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Painting evening coming up Friday 20th March - Book now!

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FOCBS EVENTS THIS TERM

- Adults Painting and Prosecco evening - Friday 20th March
- End of term Easter Bake Sale - Friday 27th March 1:30pm pick up

COMING UP NEXT TERM - SAVE THE DATES!

- Adults Social Bingo and Fish Supper - Friday 24th April
- Schools of Chesham Carnival & Chesham Bois Common Fete - Sat 13th June
- Summer Fete - 11th July
- End of Term Colour Run - 22nd July 1:30pm

WAYS TO HELP FOCBS

SHOP FOR CBS - Sign up to Shop4CBS at tinyurl.com/shop4cbs

Sign up to easyfundraising - easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheshambois

Donate and book events at focbs.sumupstore.com

Important Dates— Summer Term

9.3.2026—CBS Prayer Day
Assessment Week
10.3.2026—Y3 Class assembly

19.3.2026—Y2 Class assembly

25.3.2026—Y6 trip to Amersham School—Matilda
26.3.2026—Easter services in St Leonard's Church—EY & KS1 @9:30am, KS2 @10:15am
27.3.2026—End of term—1:30pm finish for children

30.3.2026—12.4.2026—Easter holidays

13.4.2026—INSET day (school closed to children)
14.4.2026—Children back to school

21.4.2026—Parents' evening 5-8pm
23.1.2026—Parents' evening 4-7pm
24.1.2026—FoCBS—Bingo Night

27.1.2026—Echoes at The Royal Albert Hall

7.5.2026—School photos

11.5.2026—KS2 SATs Week—Year 6
11.5.2026—Road Safety Week

18.5.2026—Bikeability—Year 6

25.5.2026—29.5.2026—HALF TERM





Heavenly Father,
This week we have been thinking about events in our local area and learning about news from around the world through Newsround.
In the news recently there has been serious conflict involving the USA, Israel and Iran, which has spread to other countries in the Middle East. There have been reports of military strikes, missile attacks, disruption and loss of life. We pray for peace in these difficult situations. Please guide world leaders to remain calm, to listen to one another, and to work together in discussion so that peaceful solutions can be found. We also pray for the families living in these areas, that they may find safety, strength and hope during these uncertain times.
Thank you for the opportunity for young people around the world to celebrate World Book Day. We are grateful to everyone who organised activities and events that make learning exciting, meaningful and enjoyable.
We also think of all the Year 6 children across England and Wales who received news of their new secondary schools this week. We hope they feel proud, excited and confident as they look ahead to this new chapter!
Please help those who are in need to receive the support and care that is right for them. Guide us all to make wise choices, to learn from our mistakes, and to show kindness and understanding to others.
Amen

Year 6



A very Happy Birthday to those who celebrate their birthday this week:

Ellis A-S, Arlo L, Wills C, Luca F

Happy Birthday from all at CBS!