

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Friday 28th February 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are starting to see the first signs of Spring around the school and it has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the half term break. We have lots planned for this half term including some exciting events during the last week. As always, if you have any questions please do come and ask us.

Welcome to Reverend Sue Martin

On Tuesday evening, Reverend Sue Martin was welcomed by the Chilham community at her inauguration service. Reverend Sue has already been to visit us and will be coming into school weekly for Collective Worship. We are really looking forward to working with Sue and know she is going to be a fantastic support for our school community.



World Book Day- Friday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Friday 7th March. We would love for the children to come in dressed as a favourite book character. We will be holding a competition to design a potato as a book character. Our children are so creative and we know that there will be some amazing entries!

Goodbye, Mr and Mrs Linkins

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of two cherished members of our school community, Rod and Kate Linkins. Rod, our dedicated caretaker, joined us in January 2017, and Kate, our wonderful office administrator, began her journey with us in February 2017.

Over the years, Rod and Kate have become integral parts of our school family. Rod's unwavering commitment to maintaining our school grounds and ensuring a safe and welcoming environment has been truly remarkable. His friendly demeanor and willingness to lend a helping hand have made a lasting impact on all of us.

Kate's warm presence in the office has been a source of comfort and support for students, parents, and staff alike. Her organisational skills and dedication to her role have kept our school running smoothly, and her kindness has touched the hearts of many.

As they embark on this new chapter of their lives, we want to express our deepest gratitude for their years of service and dedication. Rod and Kate, you will be dearly missed by everyone at the school. We wish you both a joyful and fulfilling retirement filled with new adventures and cherished moments.

Please join us in celebrating Rod and Kate's contributions to our school and in wishing them all the best for the future.



This term, we are delighted to be able to use the Forest school facilities at Mabel's Wood. Greg Taylor kindly offered the facilities to our children and we jumped at the opportunity! Martins class

were particularly impressed and the session included lots of 'Wows!' and several 'Its sooo beautifuls!'. One child even said; 'If I had to rate this woodland out of one hundred, I'd give it a thousand'!

Heron's News

Heron's 'News' (Show and Tell) is every Monday afternoon and children are welcome to bring in a small toy or souvenir from an outing or a photo to help explain their news on that day. If parents would like to upload a photo to Seesaw, we can also show it during our 'News' time.

Dates for the diary

Please have a look at the dates below which events and dates to remember for the term ahead.

Date	Event
Monday 3rd March	E Safety drop in talk and coffee for parents 2.30pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 4th March	Pancake Races for children
Friday 7th March	World Book Day – Children can come in dressed as a character from a book Katie Lam MP visiting
Wednesday 19th March	Film Night- 3.30-5.15pm. Film TBC.
WB -31st March	Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt @ Chilham Castle for children. Day TBC.
Thursday 3rd April	Chilham has got Talent show for children and parents from 10am in the village hall
Thursday 3rd April	School finishes for Easter break @1.30pm



Instagram

We are now on Instagram! Keep upto date with events and see what is happening in our classrooms more regularly. Find us @chilhamsm.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan