

## Message from Mrs Barr



Dear Parents

What an incredibly busy week.

The children have enjoyed meeting an author, taking part in the read-a-thon, an assembly extolling the enjoyment of reading, visits to Waterstone's, the annual KS2 quiz and a book character themed dress up day, all in response to World Book Day.

As an avid reader, I cannot think of anything more enjoyable than being whisked away into another place or time through the power of words.

Thank you, for all the support and sponsorship of the read-a-thon, hopefully there will be many a gold badge won for the amount of books read.

As always, please remember to keep up to date on all school events and activities on our [website](#), [SharePoint](#) and social media sites: [school](#), [art](#), [sport](#).

Angela Barr  
Head  
Chepstow House School

# Sport Fixtures

<b>March 6<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fixture Information</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Fixtures</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	This week Y4 children will have their normal games lesson (no fixtures)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>West London Cross Country (Y3,4,5,6)</b> <b>(Selected Children Only)</b> <b>Venue:</b> Linford Christie <b>Leave School:</b> 1pm <b>Start Time:</b> 1:45pm <b>Return to School:</b> 3:45pm <b>Staff:</b> Miss Norman, Mr Best, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Richardson, +one more</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>KS2 Interhouse Swimming Gala</b> <b>(All Children in Y3,4,5,6)</b> <b>Venue:</b> Kensington Leisure Centre <b>Leave School:</b> 12:30pm <b>Start Time:</b> 1pm <b>Return to School:</b> 3:45pm <b>Staff:</b> All KS2 staff and specialists</p> <p>Parents are allowed to watch this event.</p>
	No Y5/6 Games as all children will be involved in the KS2 swimming gala
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Y3 Rugby vs Norland Place</b> <b>(All Y3 Rugby players)</b> <b>Venue:</b> Linford Christie <b>Leave School:</b> 1:30pm <b>Start Time:</b> 2:15pm <b>Return to School:</b> 3:45pm <b>Staff:</b> Mr Wilkinson, Mr Best</p>
	Y3 hockey players will have their normal games lesson

# Behaviour Badge



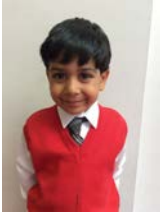





<b>Reception</b>	
Robin	Anneliese
Sparrow	Sebastian
Wren	Liora
<b>Year 1</b>	
Pelican	Camelia
Penguin	Olympia
Puffin	Safiyya
<b>Year 2</b>	
Kingfisher	Platon
Swallow	Adrian
Woodpecker	Horatio







<b>Year 3</b>	
Shorelark	Joshua
Skylark	Erin
Woodlark	Noa
<b>Year 4</b>	
Snowy Owl	Axel
Tawny Owl	Leonor
<b>Year 5</b>	
Grey Hawk	Amin
Harrier Hawk	Ora
<b>Year 6</b>	
Golden Eagle	Khush








# Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Robin 	Rumi Mehta	For being an absolute delight to have in the classroom and working hard in all you do.
Sparrow 	Vivienne Schneevoigt	For her incredible progress in reading, it is a joy to hear you read!
Wren 	Jian Ghamsari	For your fabulous effort and enthusiasm in your learning. Keep up the great work.
Pelican 	Maya Antonopoulos	For working so hard on your reading- keep it up!
Puffin 	Leo Taraba	For always being an enthusiastic learner and trying his best
Penguin 	Dillon Cahoon	For working so hard on telling the time on an analogue clock.

Class	Name	Reason
Swallow 	Grace Lunoe	For her endless enthusiasm during Talk for Writing when learning Alice in Wonderland.
Kingfisher 	Riccardo Gysi	For your excellent improvement when using beautiful cursive handwriting – keep up the great work.
Woodpecker 	Federico Fagan	For working so hard and going above and beyond to independently complete his work.
Woodlark 	All of Woodlarks	For being so efficient and organised when preparing for swimming and having such a positive attitude towards their first lesson.
Shorelark 	Charley Cohen	For a descriptive and attention-grabbing diary entry about Edward Tulane
Skylark 	Lev Martinez	For using the guided reading dogs effectively when analysing comprehension questions.

Class	Name	Reason
<p>Tawny Owl</p> 	<p>Luca Srouji</p>	<p>For the enthusiastic approach to learning he showed during Year 4's trip to the British Museum.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl</p> 	<p>Jack Merkle</p>	<p>For having a great attitude towards his work and focussing well in lessons</p>
<p>Grey Hawk</p> 	<p>Miriam Zelman</p>	<p>For your super book review which is helping to brighten up the window of Waterstones.</p>
<p>Harrier Hawk</p> 	<p>Viktoria Prince</p>	<p>For her work in RE on Palm Sunday. She was able to write from the perspective of a range of different people, writing detailed sentences in first person.</p>
<p>Golden Eagle</p> 	<p>Bentina Bjorgolfsson</p>	<p>For tremendous effort on her heroic poem and conquering Pythagoras's theorem.</p>

# SPECIALIST AWARDS



French	Elliot Grey Hawks	For his inquisitive mind and interest in understanding how the language works and adding his own notes when working in his book.
Music	Kit Skylark	For listening carefully to work out the notes in the pentatonic scale.
Sport	Milo Tawny	For making dodgeball history by taking out an entire team on his own, one by one, in the final, to win the Y4 dodgeball tournament
Drama	Ava Kingfisher	For always being so positive and using an excellent and imaginative word during our warm up exercise!
Art	Sasha E Skylark	For creating such an impressive clay tile inspired by the Australian wildlife when working with clay for the first time – amazing job!









# Sports Department

This week has been a fantastic week of dodgeball with some incredible and very dramatic super catches to save teams from elimination. We have been looking at ways to avoid being hit by balls, using tactics such as ducking and safely diving sideways. We have also applied our aiming techniques from last week to aim at moving targets within an under-pressure game.

This week in hockey the children have been looking at the push pass, ensuring to start with the hockey stick touching the ball and using a step forward to create more power to send the ball over a further distance. Some of the children have been taking part in small-sided games using tackling and passing to try and score a goal against the opposing team. We have been discussing the importance of safety equipment such as mouthguards and shin pads.

In tag rugby this week the children have been looking at passing the rugby ball, passing from the waist instead of the chest. The children have been working in small teams of 4 to correctly pass the ball across a distance without dropping it. Congratulations to the Year 5s who have taken part in a fixture against Finton House this week!



# Drama Department

We have had a very exciting and busy week in Drama!

Year five continued to work hard on their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory scripted pieces, impressing me with their creativity and hard work once again. A huge shoutout in particular to Greta, Tom, Clara and Owen in the Greyhawks, who used spotlighting to show how the secret recipe from Wonka's factory had been stolen!

Year six were also very excited to show their work to the Wrens, Sparrows and Pelicans this week. As part of their Theatre in Education topic, they have been looking at their favourite Chepstow memories and what they can learn from them. They taught the younger children a variety of morals through their acting and used dramatic techniques such as breaking the fourth wall to ask important questions. The younger really appreciated their hard work and learnt and thought carefully about each moral of the story!





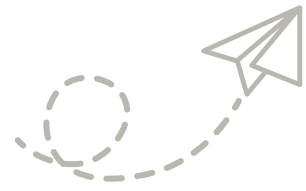
# Music Department



This week our singing assembly was replaced with some amazing group and solo performances in the fantastic Spring Music Recital. The concert began with an energetic rendition of "What is this feeling?" from the musical "Wicked", performed by our KS2 Choir and the guitar club had us all tapping along to the ever popular "Let it be." Leonore, Sara, Ayesha, Ines, Jasper T, Jasper F and Uliana performed beautifully on the piano, Milo and Zoe stunned with super guitar solo pieces, Adam, Maya and Riley were our virtuoso violinists and Lila, Louise and Estee delighted us all with their vocal talents. Many congratulations to all our performers on an incredible concert and a big thankyou to our instrumental music teachers in preparing everyone. If you have been inspired to take up an instrument, applications for next term close this week.

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# Little Chepstow



This week has been all about books, books and more books. The children have loved all the different stories that have been read. There has been a continued focus on *The Gruffalo* and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

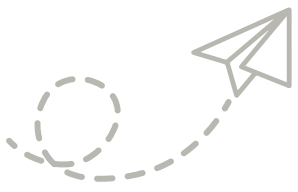
It is wonderful to watch such young children become immersed in the magic of the written word and to then act out and retell the story to their friends.

World Book Day went with a bang! Everyone was so excited about coming in dressed as their favourite book character and we had so much fun!

The Read-a-thon has gone well and so many stories and being told at home. We will be excited to reveal the amount that we have been able to raise for our school charities.





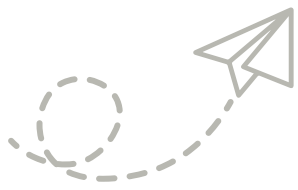


# Reception

This week have started out new 'Talk for Writing' script for the story Jack and the Beanstalk. The children did a fabulous job retelling the story using the actions they created as a class. They even went on to write the beginning of the story independently. The teachers were blown away with how much they wrote! In maths the children have been doubling numbers to 10. On Thursday Winnie the Witch came and used her cauldron to double the Numicon pieces, the children couldn't believe their eyes! They then went on to make their own cauldron and practised the doubling spell with their friends. It was SPOOKTACULAR!

We have also been very creative, making beanstalks, and magical castles in the clouds!





# Year 1

We had such an excellent week in Year 1 this week. From Readathon week to our trip to the Chelsea Physic Garden it has been jam packed. We loved doing buddy reading with year 3 and 5. Another highlight was reading instead of doing other homework each evening as well as dressing up in our favourite book characters.

Our trip to the Chelsea Physic garden was so much fun! We learnt that being 350 years old it is the oldest garden in England. We became real plant hunters and got to explore the garden area looking for various plants. We also got to see a really big seed that had been discovered floating in the ocean over 80 years ago.

Along with this we have been learning about and rewriting our very own traditional tale in literacy and learning all about money in maths. It truly has been busy, but we have learnt so much. What a week it has been!





# Year 2

Another week in year 2 has been full of fun and reading! We love readathon and were able to meet and hear from an author and illustrator about her creative process. We even got tips on how to draw a cat showing different emotions! Parent readers shared some of their favourite books with us and we loved hearing new stories! Book swap was so much fun, we thought long and hard about what book we wanted to select for a specific person in our class. We made some thoughtful choices, and our teachers are very proud of how much thought and energy we put into our selections. Even more exciting was the opportunity to spend time with our buddies in year 4 and reception, sharing books and reading with each other! It is so much fun spending time with other year groups, we hope we can do it again soon. While we love readathon, we had a very exciting week in year 2 in our other subjects. In literacy we took our expert knowledge of Alice in Wonderland and worked as a class to create our own version with new characters and details! In maths we worked with telling time, practicing telling time to different time intervals. We continued to explore the Victorian era and Queen Victoria in topic this week. We are learning so much about the incredible woman who used to rule. Science continues to be an exciting class full of experiments! We continued to explore different materials and their different properties, making predictions, performing experiments and sharing the results. We are learning so much in year 2!





# Year 3

Thank you to Nadine Kaadan who came in on Monday to give us a small workshop and tell us her experience as an author. We were delighted to listen to her stories, learn about her background and what has inspired her on her journey as an author. We took the opportunity to ask as many questions as possible and to learn from her how to add expression to a story character using a simple illustration. Mr Safari man was a warm welcome on Tuesday and thank you to Krish who shared his birthday treat with us. We met Lady Gaga the Tarantula, a meerkat, Daisy the alligator and the sweetest blue frog!

He was camouflaged on the blue gym mats. Krish was brave enough to have a scorpion on his lap and Xanthe held a beautiful barn owl. See if you can spot Lady Gaga on the gym bag in the picture. That same afternoon we all took a long hike to Waterstones to see the beautiful display we have created and use our tokens to buy a book. Continuing with our reading theme this week we all shared our favourite books with our friends and met up with our buddy partners in the different year groups. All in all, it has been a very busy week! To finish it off Friday was our dress up day and what a wonderful display of characters we had walking around school. Everyone looked fabulous!





*Year 4*

# Year 5



Amongst all the fun surrounding Read-a-thon week, Year 5 have been getting stuck into writing their own legends in English. After learning about the Irish Legend of Finn McCool last week, they have created their own characters and plot line to fit with a moral of their choice. There has been a focus on improving sentence openers using the acronym ISPACED and the teachers have been impressed with the outcome!



In maths, the children have been continuing with algebra by creating their own algebraic equations as well as answering them. In Miss Lindsay's maths class, during one lesson they had to input their answers into a ginormous crossword number puzzle board! The children are learning that once you are comfortable with using algebra you can fit it into many areas of math. Using their learning from science lessons, the children have been revising the process of the water cycle in geography. They created posters including difficult key words such as: precipitation, infiltration, condensation, surface flow, evaporation and percolation.



The annual trip to Waterstones was a success! The children checked out the fantastic CHS display and took part in a mini workshop inside the bookshop. The World Book Day vouchers enabled the children to choose a new, exciting book.

# Friends of Chepstow

Our KS2 Quiz Night proved to be (almost) as fun and festive as our Parents' Quiz Night. 😊 There was pizza, mocktails, and ice lollies to go around while the children enjoyed video cameos from some Chepstow alumni. Ms. Etherington wowed the crowd in her gold sequin vest and top hat proving to be a very worthy quizmaster. Congrats to Table 10 - this year's winners- and to all of our 100 children who brought their smiles, styles and smarts to the party. And a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers for helping to make the night such a success.

A reminder that this is the last weekend of Read-a-Thon, so make sure to keep those books (and sponsors) coming!

<https://www.kindergifts.co.uk/event/public/PZv3P9Oj1AV>

Happy Friday!

