



Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School

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Ofsted updates

We are pleased to share that Ofsted visited our school very recently, and we could not be prouder of how our children conducted themselves throughout the inspection. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and confidence shone through in every classroom. The inspectors commented on how articulate, welcoming, and engaged our pupils were - they truly were amazing ambassadors for our school community.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who completed the Ofsted surveys. Your voices shone through, and your feedback played an important part in reflecting the strengths, values, and spirit of our school.

As one of the country's first schools - and the first in Oxfordshire - to be inspected under the new Ofsted framework, we understand that families may have questions about the updated grading system. As soon as we are permitted to share the final outcome, we will do so openly and clearly. To support everyone in understanding the changes, we will be holding a series of open meetings for parents and carers once the results are released. These sessions will explain:

- How the new inspection framework works
- What the updated grading structure means
- How it reflects our school's strengths and priorities
- What comes next for our school community

We will share confirmed dates and times in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your tremendous support. Our children were a credit to you, to themselves, and to our entire school - and we look forward to discussing the next steps with you soon.



What a Fantastic Evening - Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community who joined us, supported us, and helped make the night so special. The atmosphere was brilliant, families had a wonderful time, and it was lovely to see so many people coming together. Our fundraising total is still pending, and we will share the final figure as soon as it is confirmed - but we already know that your generosity has made a real difference.

Attendance figures: Term 1 (target 98%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
91%	94%	98%	88%	94%	96%	99%	94%

Bullying survey results – thank you for your feedback

A huge thank you to the 24 families who completed our recent bullying survey. We were really pleased to see responses from a good mix across all year groups, giving us a clear and balanced picture of how our children are feeling.

Headline Findings

- Over 90% of families who completed the survey feel that school listens to them and their children.
- Of the families who reported bullying and then spoke to someone in school, all shared that the bullying behaviour stopped – a fantastic result, and a strong sign that early communication makes a real difference.

We continue to talk regularly with the children about:

- what bullying is,
- how to recognise it, and
- what to do if they or someone else is experiencing unkind behaviour.

If you ever feel that your child may be experiencing unkind or repeated behaviour, please do speak to us. Working together is the best way to ensure all children feel safe and supported.

You can read the full survey response on our website.



SMART Free Childhoods – Well Done Checkendon!

We are delighted to share that **9 Checkendon families have already signed up** to support SMART Free Childhoods. Before the summer, we sent an email introducing this important cause, which aims to ensure children can enjoy their early years free from unnecessary exposure to screens. If you haven't yet had the chance to sign up, you can join in and find out more here: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact>

Thank you to all our families for helping us support healthier, happier childhoods!



Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 Term starts

Friday 5th December Acorn Class are invited to see the Nativity at Preschool

Wednesday 10th December 10am Acorn and Oak Class Nativity dress rehearsal to preschool

Wednesday 10th December 2pm Acorn and Oak Class Nativity to school and community (If you have a small child that would like to attend, this is the perfect opportunity)

Thursday 11th December 4pm Acorn and Oak Class Nativity to parents

Friday 12th December PTA Christmas after school event

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 17th December 2025 2.30 Christmas Church Service (all welcome)

Friday 19th December 2025 9am Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)

Friday 19th December 2025 at 1 pm term ends

Christmas holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3

Monday 5th January 2026 Term starts

Monday 5th January 2026 Silver Birch Class residential

Friday 9th January 2026 Silver Birch Class return

Friday 13th February 2026 Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)

Friday 13th February 2026 at 3.20 Term ends

February holiday Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 Term starts

Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 2pm Holy Communion Easter Service (all welcome)

Friday 27th March 2026 Open Celebration Worship and class cups (all welcome)

Friday 27th March 2026 at 1 pm Term ends

Easter holiday Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

Term 5

Monday 13th April 2026 Term starts

Monday 4th May 2026 Bank Holiday Monday (no school)

Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 1.30 Pentecost followed by Maypole and Country Dancing (all welcome)

Friday 22nd May 2026 Open Celebration Worship (all welcome)

Friday 22nd May 2026 at 3.20 Term ends

Late Spring holiday Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 Term starts

Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 2.30 Celebration Worship in church (all welcome)

Friday 17th July at 9am Open Celebration Worship and Class Cups (all welcome)

Friday 17th July 2026 at 1pm Term ends

Monday 20th July 2026 INSET Day