



Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School

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Anti-Bullying We are thrilled to announce that Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School has officially registered to take part in the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Programme. This world-class initiative supports schools and young people in tackling bullying behaviour, raising awareness, and promoting positive change both in the UK and beyond.

A key feature of the programme is its peer-to-peer approach. Our students will have the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence needed to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, empowering them to support their classmates and foster a safer, more inclusive school community. By placing young

people at the heart of the programme, the Diana Award ensures that the impact is long-lasting, continuing well beyond the year-long programme itself.

This exciting initiative is offered completely free to primary and secondary schools, making it an invaluable resource for schools committed to tackling bullying effectively. We are proud to be part of this movement, equipping our pupils with the knowledge, skills, and courage to make a real difference.

At Checkendon, we are committed to nurturing a safe and caring environment where every child can flourish, and this programme will play a key role in achieving that goal.

For more details look at their website: [The Diana Award](https://www.dianaaward.org/) and keep an eye on our social media too!

****Antibullying week is 10th to 14th November 2025****

Get ready to shine at our PTA Laser Show!

Excitement is building for our spectacular Laser Show evening, and we need your help to make it extra special! On Friday 7th November, we invite all pupils to wear non-uniform in exchange for bringing something for the tombola. Do you have any teddies looking for a new home? Bring them along too – they could find a cuddly new friend at the event!

Let's make this Laser Show a night to remember – full of fun, prizes, and dazzling lights! For tickets click on this link: [Checkendon School Association](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/checkendonprimary)



Your comments count - Attendance figures shared as year groups, not classes.

Attendance figures: Term 1 (target 98%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
97%	92%	98%	87%	94%	96%	99%	95.8%

The importance of attendance: Every day counts!

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's learning and success. Every day at school gives children the chance to engage in lessons, develop skills, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Missing school, even a few days, can make it harder to keep up, understand new concepts, and feel part of the school community. Attendance isn't just about academics. School helps children develop social skills, teamwork, routines, responsibility, and resilience. That's why we encourage all families to prioritise attendance and work with us if challenges arise, together, we can help every child thrive.

When Ofsted visit, they look closely at attendance as a marker of family engagement. We are aiming for "above national average and improving further" to secure the best outcomes for our school.

Remember: Every day counts – be here, be involved, be successful!



Term 1 Highlights!

During our Thursday Inset Day, all staff completed First Aid training, with one TA in each class earning their Paediatric First Aid certificate – what a super bunch!

Acorn Class have been super busy getting to know our school and settling in beautifully. They've enjoyed exploring the classroom, making new friends, and diving into their favourite books. What a wonderful start to their Checkendon journey!



Oak Class have been learning all about the seaside across their history, geography, and literacy lessons. They've also shown fantastic teamwork and determination in a local cross-country competition, bringing home a cup for Checkendon! Well done, Oak Class!

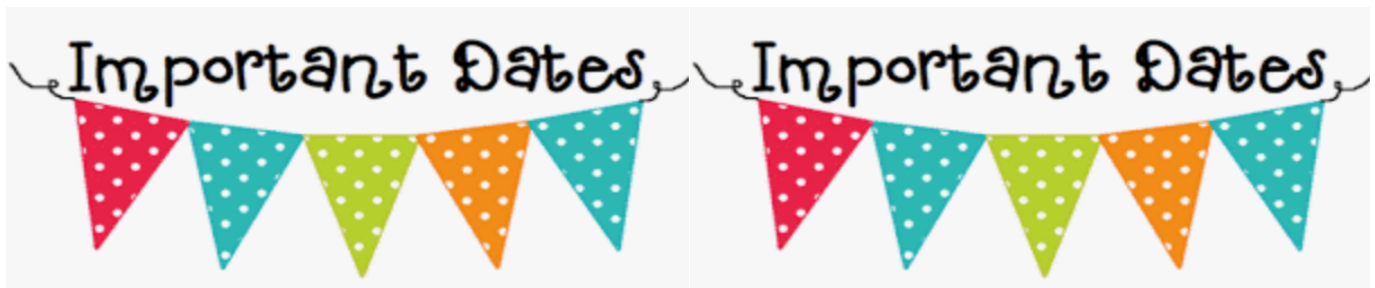


Willow Class have been immersed in their topic on rivers and water, which has flowed through their science, geography, literacy, and art lessons (pun intended!). A big thank you to Mrs Lovegrove for helping their stunning artwork come to life, such a creative celebration of their learning!



Silver Birch Class have been enjoying their time at Forest School, where they managed to fool a mushroom-identifying app with their incredibly realistic playdough mushroom models! Alongside their forest adventures, they've been delving into the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, great work, Silver Birch!





Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 Term starts

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

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