

The Cheddington Link 3rd July 2026



Fidget Toys

There has been an increasing number of toys creeping into school. Please ensure your child isn't bringing any toys to school - if your child requires a transitional object, this should be arranged with their class teacher directly. All other toys will be looked after by class teachers and returned to children at the end of the school day.

School Travel Plan

It is nearly the end of another academic year, and the time that we submit our school travel plan to the Local Authority. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who participated in our school survey last term, as this data helps us when submitting our report and also gives time to reflect on what is going well and what we need to improve on as a whole school community. As part of this initiative we are finalising a new School Travel Policy in order to further promote sustainable travel to and from our school, as well as promoting safe and respectful parking towards our neighbours. This will be shared with you via Sway very soon! New banners have been added this year also and it has been wonderful to see so many children walking or riding to school.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break when it arrives!

Mrs Lowery

Travel Plan Coordinator.

Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge - free at your library!

A message from our local library:

Dear parents and carers,

Your child (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- *Set a reading goal*
 - *Read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks*
 - *Earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate.*
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Available in libraries or online: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk Don't miss out – head to your local library Beacon Villages Community Library in Ivinghoe and sign up this summer! If you have any questions, feel free to contact info@bvcl.org.uk It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

Madagascar tickets

*Our Year 6 production of **Madagascar** is taking place on **Monday 13th July at The Cottesloe School at 5pm**. Our Year 6 families have secured their tickets and we have a few still available for anyone else who would like to come and watch. They will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Tickets are £8.50 each. Please bring the correct cash in an envelope to the school office - I've seen a sneak glimpse of some of the rehearsals and we are in for a treat! We will be selling refreshments too :-)*

Hot weather next week

We have had a yellow weather alert from the Local Authority which isn't as high as it was last week. Please still ensure that you continue to send your child into school with a named, full water bottle, sun cream and a named hat. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Gilly Brown

Headteacher



READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

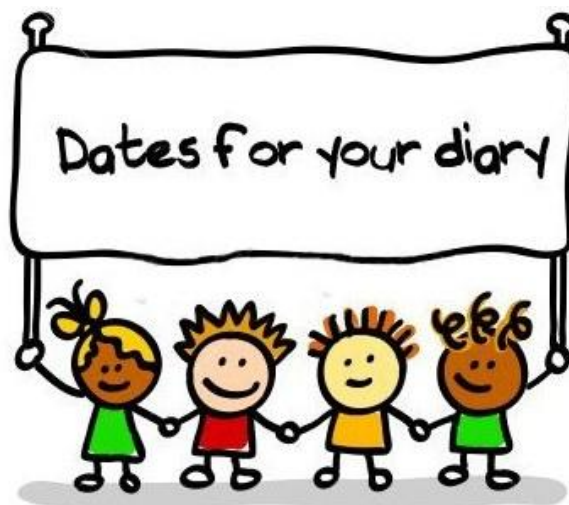
- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 4 July 2026.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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Dates for your diaries:



Every week we will include a rolling list of up and coming dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 7th July Transition day for all classes - children will register in their current year group. We will then spend the morning in our new classrooms with our new teachers. After lunch children will return to their current classes and be dismissed as usual on the playground.

Monday 13th July Year 6 production 'Madagascar' at The Cottlesloe School 5pm

Wednesday 15th July Year 3 Verulamium Trip

3.30 - 4.30pm Celebration of work event in classrooms - for all classes

Monday 20th July

9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents and carers

Wednesday 22nd July

Break up for Summer Holidays at 1.30pm - collection from the playground

1.30pm PTA Colour Run on the track.

Thursday 3rd September Term starts for all children

Term dates for 2026 - 2027 are now available on the school website:

<https://www.cheddingtonschool.org/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=29>

Learner of The Week



*Butterflies - Sophie for showing **excellence** in her reading and writing, working independently and using her phonics to support. Sophie also shows **respect** to the adults in the class. Well done Sophie!*

*Lions - Reggie has been working so hard on his handwriting, showing **excellence** and determination. Well done!*

*Cheetahs - Freya for showing **excellence** in your Maths learning. Well done, we are really proud of the effort you put into completing Maths quizzes and working independently!*

*Elephants - Teddy for his great **teamwork** during our quizzes and when moving and sharing classrooms last*

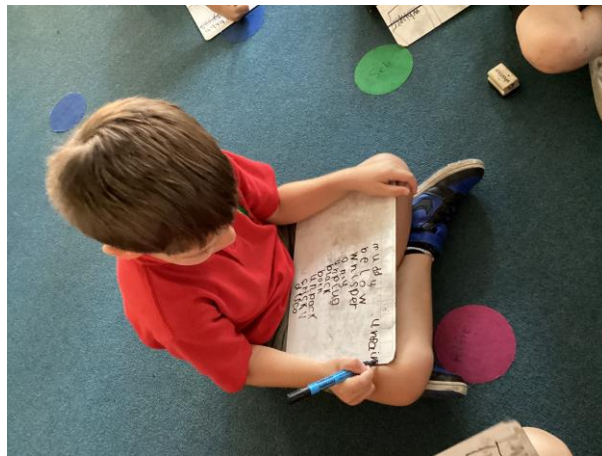
*Tigers - Erin has show **excellence** in her history work last week. She created a persuasive job advert for a pharaoh. It was full of rhetorical questions, skills and duties. She used lots of skills learnt in her English lessons. It was also presented beautifully. Well done Erin!*

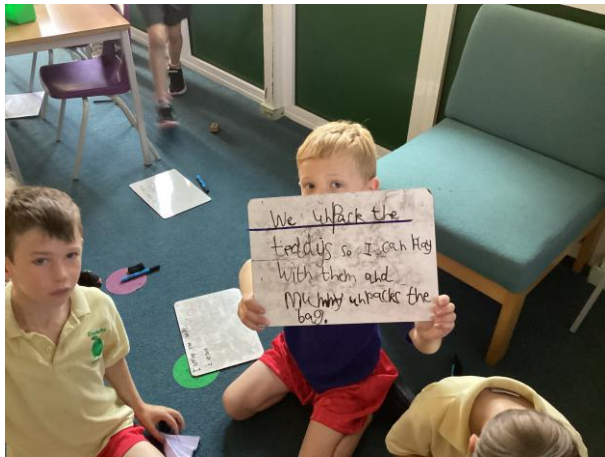
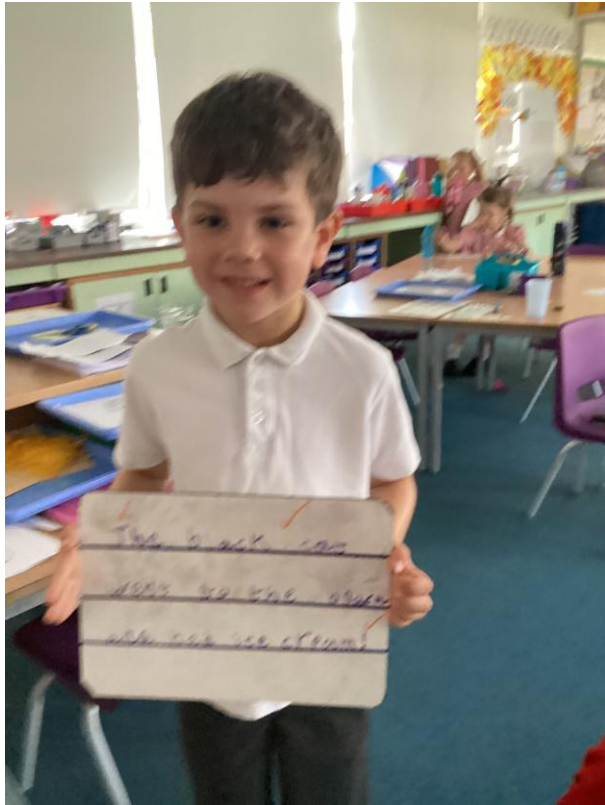
*Flamingos - Wyatt consistently shows our **HEART** values and his **respectful** manner and **excellent** work ethic has really shone through recently. Well done Wyatt!*

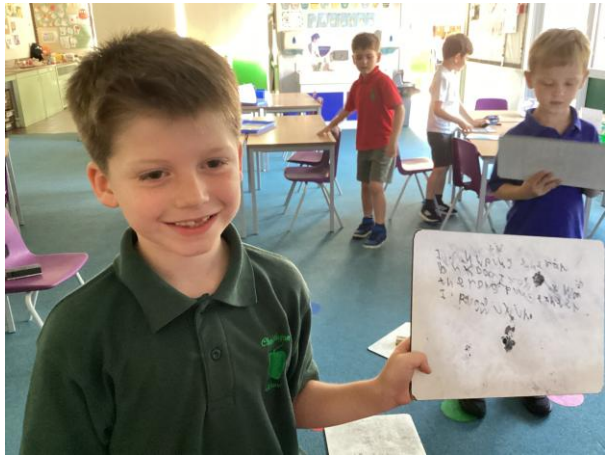
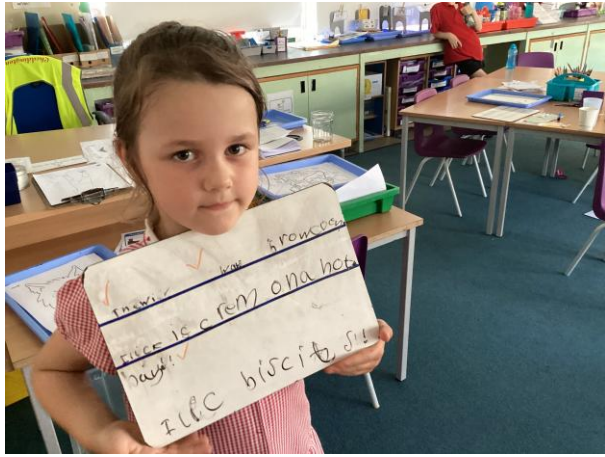
*Giraffes - Brooke for the energy and **teamwork** she brings to every rehearsal of Madagascar the Musical: coming soon to a venue near you!!! Well done Brooke :)*

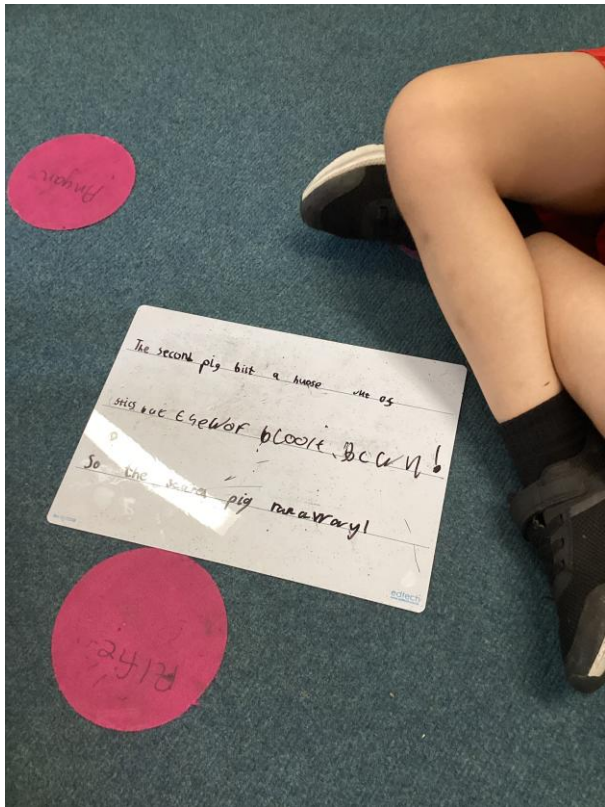


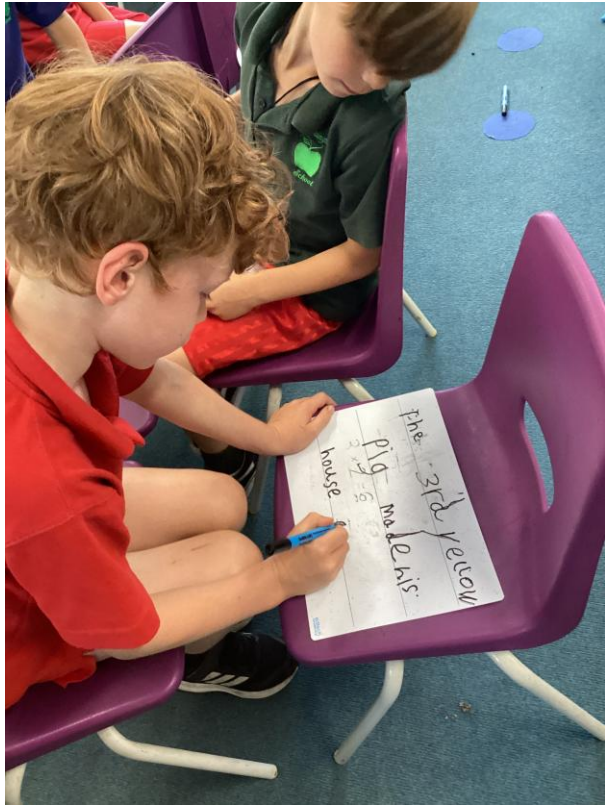
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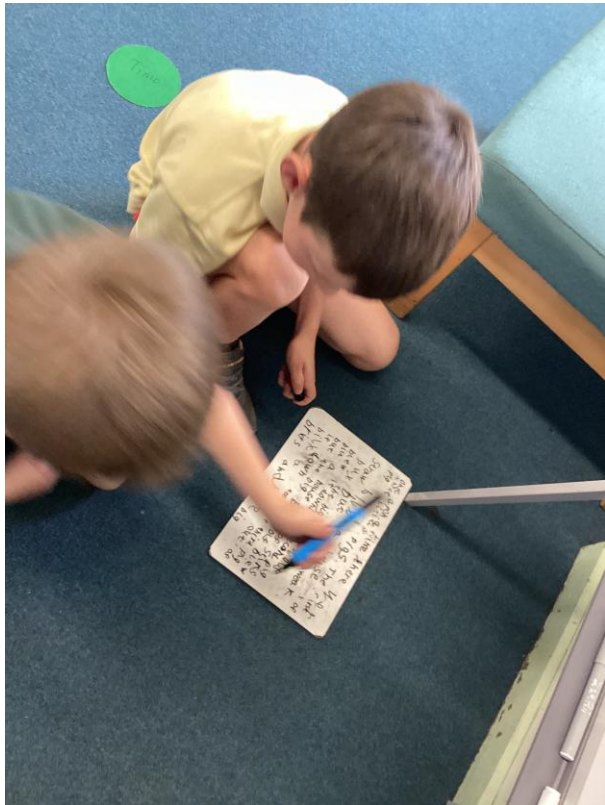












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there were three
pink pigs. They had to
leave home because
it was too small.
They set off the
first pig sound
a field of wheat.
and he started to
build it. Finally he was







