



CDCS news! February 2026

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Welcome back to term 4 of this academic year - we're over half way through!

Winter ends on Saturday and spring arrives on Sunday - it's been so lovely to see the sun a little this week and admire all the daffodils that are popping up. Hopefully there are many brighter days ahead and the rainy days are behind us. Do remember to send your child with a coat every day - we always try to get them outside for play and fresh air.



Digital Leaders at Chilthorne Domer Church School

Safer Internet Day 2026

On Wednesday 11th February, we did an assembly about A.I (Artificial Intelligence). We shared how to use AI safely and how to make good choices. People discussed things that we have covered in the past including plagiarism. We also talked about the positives of A.I including how you can use it for music and how creative it is. However, we also talked about how you should be **13 years old to be using A.I** therefore, if you are using it, you should be in a room with an adult. We also discussed different scenarios like 'Is it ok to use AI to help with homework?' or 'Is it ok to use AI to make up silly names for people at school?' The children had to put their thumbs up if they thought it was a good use of AI and put their thumbs down if they thought it wasn't a good use.

We also spoke about PEGI ratings. These ratings are on games and apps, and they are there to tell you which you can play to keep you safe.

Please make sure you use AI safely and if you are worried about anything talk to an adult.

Your Digital Leaders



World Book Day is next week, on Thursday 5th March, and we're looking forward to celebrating it!

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character, book or word on Thursday - anything goes as long as it links to a book! The children will be celebrating all things book all week and we're also looking forward to having the children back at school on Thursday evening for Bedtime stories - £2 per child. Remember to send children with their own mug!



Attendance

Thank you to everyone for your support ensuring your children are attendance HEROs – **H**ere **R**eady and **O**n **T**ime **E**very day!

Our attendance for the year to date is 95.5% compared to 94.8% nationally.

The year group with the highest attendance so far this year of 97.2% is **Year 5**. Well done to them!



Sporting Success

A big well done to all the children that have represented Chilthorne in recent sporting events. We've enjoyed Dodgeball, Handball and Cross country fun.

A special well done to **Evie** in year 5 for coming 6th in the Year 5/6 cross country race and **Grayson** in Year 3 for winning the Year 2/3 boys race - brilliant achievements, well done to you both.





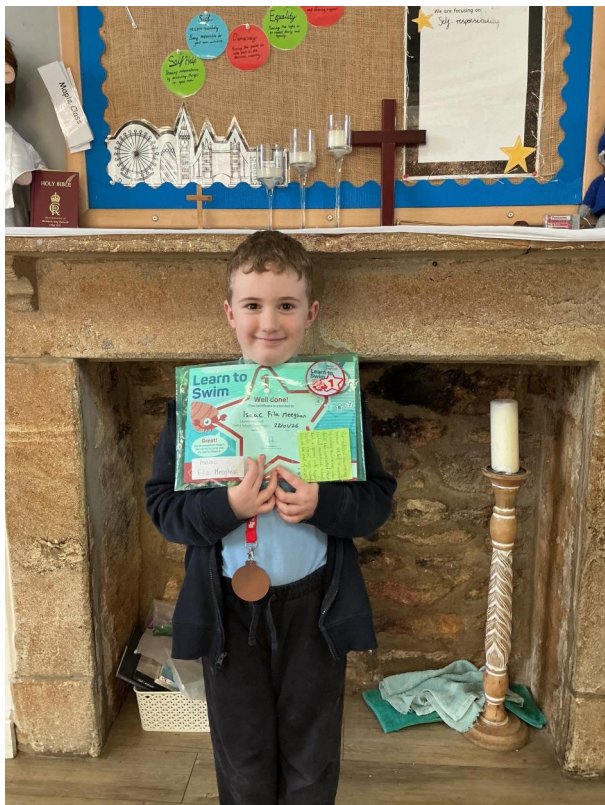
Children's achievements

Well done to our players of the match in football - **Harry B, Arthur and George P.**

Poppy B and **Isaac** are having great success in the swimming pool passing their current stages, well done!

Congratulations to **Alfie** who won his most recent go karting competition!







Respect - this is one of our school values and, unfortunately, a neighbour has been in touch to say children in our school uniform are running along a wall on their property before school. Please do make sure your children are showing respect at all times and remind them to stay on the pavements and off other people's property. Thank you.



Up coming PTA events...

Thanks to the PTA for all their organisation and for most recently finding 2 iPads and securing the funding for another.

- The **Special person's pop** up shop preparation is in full swing - make sure you return the slip that's coming home this week if you'd like your child to bring a gift home.
- **School discos** are planned for Thursday 14th May
- **Bingo** is in the diary for Friday 1st May



Chilthorne Domer PTA



Special Person's Flower Pot

THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BUSY
DECORATING THEIR VERY OWN DAFFODIL
POTS, READY TO GIFT TO THEIR SPECIAL
PEOPLE.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD/REN IN WITH
£2.50 AND THEIR SLIP IF THEY WOULD
LIKE TO PURCHASE THEIR PERSONALISED
PLANT BY FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS
SUPPORTING OUR LOVELY SCHOOL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT!





World Thinking Day

The World Thinking Day 2026 theme was "Our Friendship".

Marking the 100th anniversary of the first World Thinking Day, the 2026 celebration focuses on celebrating, strengthening, and reflecting on the bonds of friendship within the global Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement and local communities'.

Our Rainbows and Brownies wore their uniforms to school to mark the day and didn't they look wonderful.



And finally...

We have published our **inset dates** for the 2026-2027 academic year. [You can find them on our website](#) and in the photo stack here.

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough uptake to run the **Sketchbook Club** but Katherine is running a free pop up session on the 7th March - do go along and see what it's all about!

If you collect from **Tea Time Club** - please call ahead to collect. You can contact them on **07714523811**.

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu		6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24		
W		2	9	16	23	30	We		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25		
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
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December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M		7	14	21	28		M		4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22		
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March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
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June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
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Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

- Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days)
- Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days)
- Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days)
- Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days)
- Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days)
- Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2026*	May Day Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
New Year's Day Holiday	01 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

NEW AFTERSCHOOL ART CLUB
FOR 7-11 YR OLDS
STARTING AFTER EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Sketchbook Studio

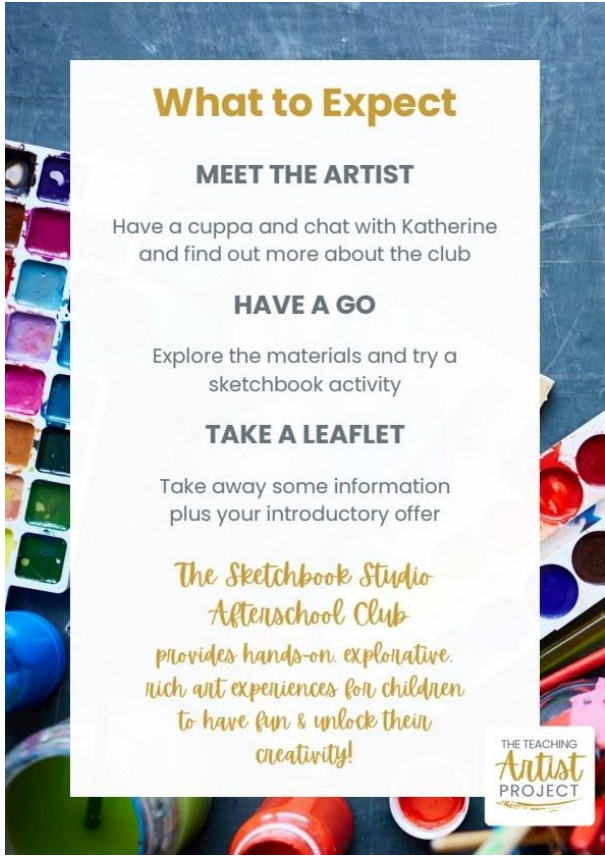
POP-UP SESSION
THE HUB,
WYNDHAM PARK
7TH MARCH 2026
DROP IN BETWEEN
10AM - 12PM

FREE EVENT WITH A CUPPA AND CAKE
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Drop in to find out more about
The Sketchbook Studio afterschool club, have a go at some sketchbook activities and grab a discount for your first booking.

INTERESTED? CLICK HERE





What to Expect

MEET THE ARTIST

Have a cuppa and chat with Katherine
and find out more about the club


HAVE A GO

Explore the materials and try a
sketchbook activity

TAKE A LEAFLET

Take away some information
plus your introductory offer

*The Sketchbook Studio
Afterschool Club
provides hands-on, explorative,
rich art experiences for children
to have fun & unlock their
creativity!*




**Families are often the first to notice
their child is being exploited.**

**Parents/Carers
can access this
FREE online
session to**

Scan me to
book for the
18th March



- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline.
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Lead by Prevention Officer Andre
Manning from the Specialist Child
Exploitation team.



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30th March

