



# SCHOOL NEWS



**NOTE FROM HEADTEACHER.....**Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a great Easter break although it does seem like a long time away now as we are back at school in full swing!

Thank you to all those who attended Parents' Evening and please feel free to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Hopefully the weather has finally turned and the children are enjoying being able to use the field now it has dried out! Please make sure all your child's clothes are clearly labelled so we can identify jumpers etc that are left around school due to the warmer weather.

Just to remind you that we still have a vacancy for a parent governor so please email the office with your expression of interest if you would like to be considered. This is a great way to support the school ~ **Ms Sutherland**



## 29.4.24 ECHOES 10 ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Eight of our Hockney students proudly represented our school at the amazing Echoes 10 event at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday. Our students not only sang but played their french horns too!

This concert brought together 1600 singers from 62 primary schools across Buckinghamshire, performing two separate halves of inspiring vocal music, accompanied by the Bucks Music Trust Orchestra.



It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone involved and a massive thanks to Mr Bains, Ms Nyakila and Mrs Silsby for all their organisation, to all our pupils for representing the school so well and to all the families who came along to support.

The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**Photo credit - D Ford**



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## ROTARY YOUNG ARTIST AWARD

A huge congratulations to Philippa (Yr2) and Endre (Yr1) for both winning a Rotary Young Artist award.

Amersham's Rotary President came along to present both pupils with a certificate and a prize. Congratulations to both students. Check out their amazing award winning art:



## CATERPILLAR DELIVERY

We had a very special delivery of caterpillars this week for our Van Gogh class who are studying the lifecycle of insects. The class has a nature corner with our new addition caterpillars, water snails and ants.



## SATS

### (STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS) – YEAR 6 ONLY

Ms Sutherland and Ms Whittingham held a parent information session on Thursday, 25 April regarding the upcoming SATs. These SATs are for our year 6s only and will start on Monday, 13 May and finish on Thursday, 16 May. If you missed the session and would like a copy of the presentation please contact the school office.

We will be providing breakfast on SATs days for those Year 6s that would like it. Please advise the office if your child will be attending breakfast. Children can be dropped off from 7.40am onwards.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS & MUSIC

There are still spaces available for some of our after school clubs and music lessons at school. Please contact the school office for further details or to book:

Monday (lunchtime)	Recorder lessons	Mrs Palfreyman
Monday (during school hours)	Drum lessons	Ms Dann
Monday (3.15-4.15pm)	Nature Club	Mrs Silverstone
Tuesday (3.15-4.15pm)	Activities Club	Ms Sutherland
Tuesday (3.30-4.30pm)	Multisports	The Elms Group
Wednesday (3.15-4.15pm)	Football	First Touch Sports



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## PTA NEWS

Our PTA have got several awesome fundraising events coming up including a Sunflower Growing Competition, Tuck Shop and Brush Party. You can find the dates below and more details on Classlist.

Sunflower Kits for sale!  
Includes seeds, soil, marker, pot and instructions!

Only £2!

How tall will yours grow?

Enter the competition!

Closing date

September 13th

Kits available to buy with cash on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd May in the playground or buy a ticket on classlist



Tuck Shop is at 3.15pm on Friday, 3 May & tickets for the Brush Party on Friday, 24 May are £33 per person

## FOOTBALL

Mr Cook has identified students that would like to play in our football team. We are currently in talks with some other local primary schools to arrange a couple of 'friendly matches' at home. The matches would take place after school; we will send out a consent form in the coming week and be in touch with further details.

## NEW SIGN IN / VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Thanks to ODBST we have had a new digital sign in and visitor management 'Inventory' system installed by Reception. All visitors must continue to report to reception and we can guide you through how to sign in and out.

Please note if your child is late arriving at school or leaving early for any reason they will also need to report to reception and sign in / out on this system.

Where painting gets social

**Grab a drink, grab a brush and experience a great night out..**

It doesn't matter if you haven't picked up a paintbrush since school, you'll be delighted as your blank canvas transforms in just a couple of hours, made all the better by good company, great music and a glass of wine or two!

**Paint Bluebell Woods**  
Fundraising Event for Chenies School PTA  
at Chenies School, Claypit Ln, Chenies, Rickmansworth WD3 6EG  
on Friday 24th May 2024 - 7.00pm

Book today at <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1064350972>

Instagram icon: @cheniespta

All materials provided. No experience needed



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## SWIMMING - HOCKEY

Our Hockney class start their swimming today at the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Amersham. This will be taking place every Wednesday (during term time) until 17th July.

Swimming and water safety are a mandatory part of the children's curriculum with the focus that all children should be able to swim 25m by the end of the their time at primary school:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/13/did-you-know-swimming-and-water-safety-are-part-of-the-school-curriculum/>

## WE'RE NOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We are delighted to advise we are now on social media! We have accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Please be sure to follow us:

### FACEBOOK

<https://m.facebook.com/people/Cheniess-Primary-School/61558125770891/>

### INSTAGRAM:

<https://www.instagram.com/cheniesschool/>

**X/TWITTER:** <https://twitter.com/CheniessSchool>



## DATES FOR YOU DIARY:

**Wed, 1 May** – Hockney Swimming Starts

**Thu, 2 May** – PTA Sunflower Growing Competition (3.15pm)

*Please refer to Classlist for more details*

**Fri, 3 May** – School Photos (Groups & Leavers Only)

*Individual School Photos will be later in the year. Sept/Oct TBC*

**Fri, 3 May** – PTA Sunflowers Growing Competition & Tuckshop

*Please refer to Classlist for more details*

**Mon, 6 May** – BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

**Mon, 13 May** – SATs start (Yr 6 only)

**Thu, 16 May** – SATs finish

**Fri, 24 May** – End of Term

*(3.15pm finish as usual)*

**Fri, 24 May** – 7pm = PTA Brush Party

*Please refer to Classlist for more details*

**Mon, 27 May to Fri, 31 May** – May Half Term (SCHOOL CLOSED)

**Mon, 3 June** – Inset Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

**Tue, 4 June** – School reopens

**Mon, 10 June** – Van Gogh Vision Screening

*Details will be sent out nearer the time*

**Mon, 17 June to Thu, 20 June** – Hepworth Activity Week. *Details to follow*

**Tue, 25 June** – Sports Day

*(Back up date in case of bad weather = Tue, 9 July)*

**Wed, 10 July & Thu, 11 July** – KS2 Production

**Wed, 17 July** – Hockney Swimming Final Lesson

**Thu, 18 July** – Leavers BBQ

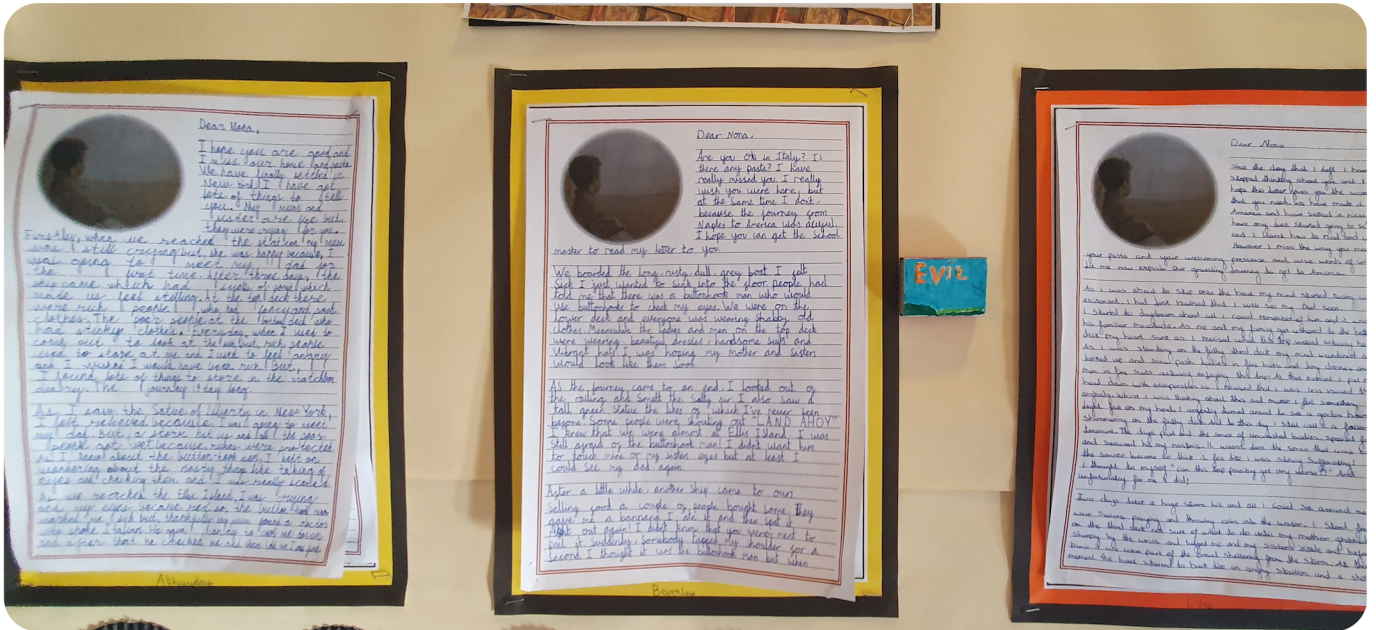
**Tue, 23 July** – Last day of term (Early finish 1.30pm)

*Please note some dates may be subject to change*

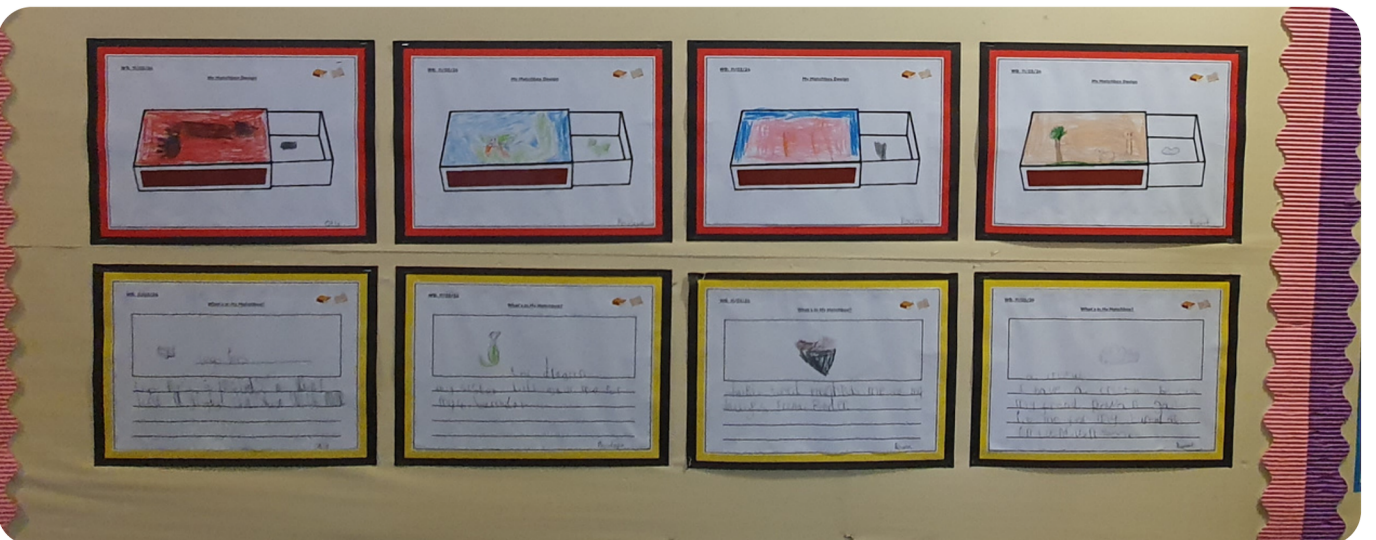


# WORK SHOWCASE

We are very proud of our student's work and have wonderful displays up in our hallways at school. Please feel free to pop in and check it out for yourself.



Monet Class used threads to embellish their self-portraits. They cut, twisted, knotted, plaited and braided.

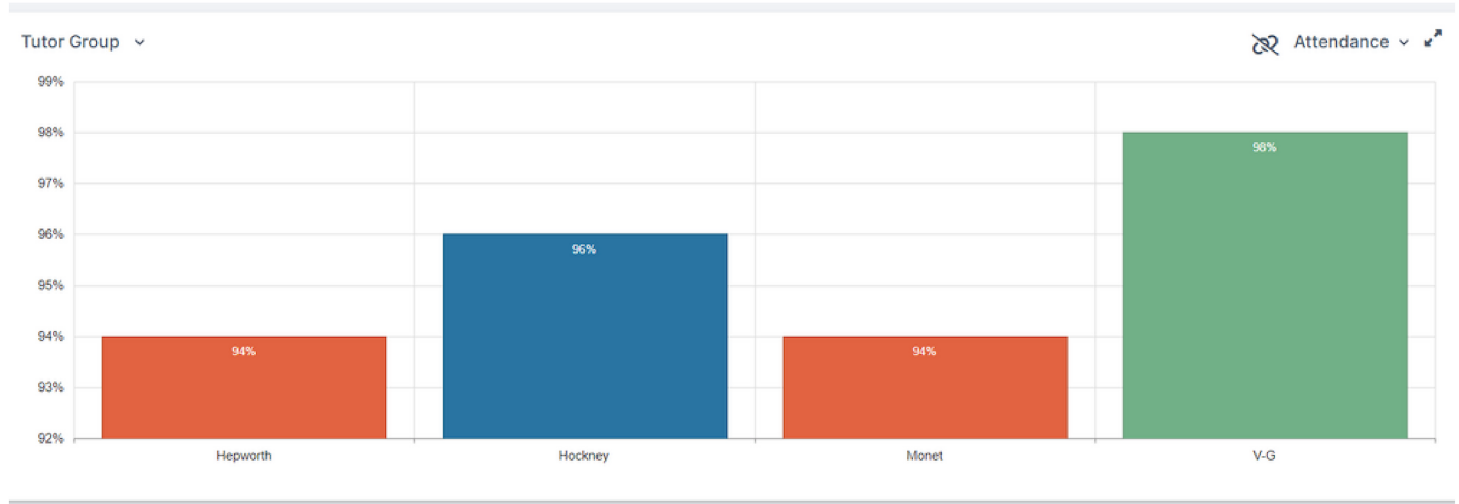




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## ATTENDANCE (April 2024)



## BUCKS ADULT LEARNING – COURSES & WORKSHOPS

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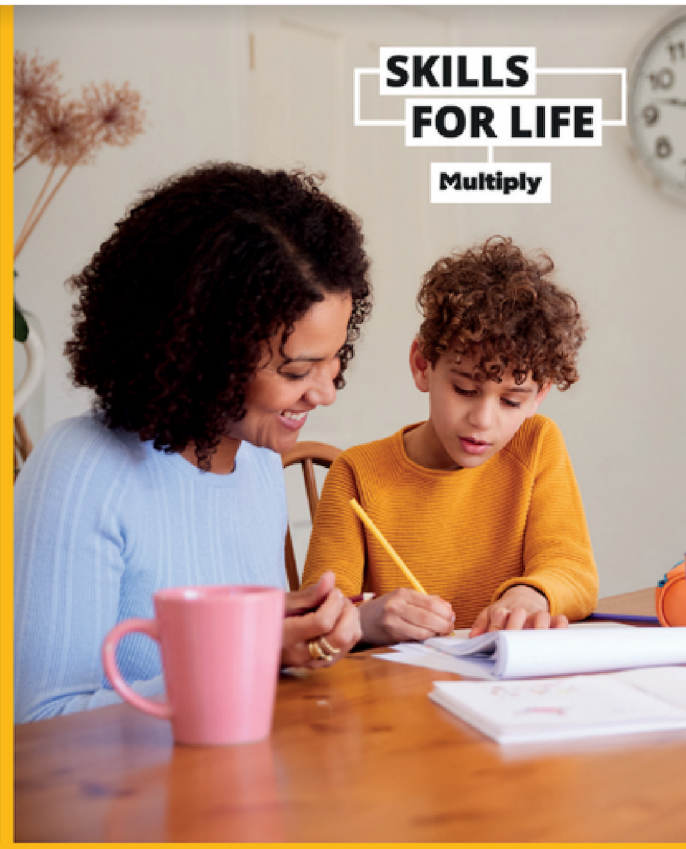
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PART**

Join the movement at [plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay](https://www.plantlife.org.uk/nomowmay)

**We are supporting NO MOW MAY and will be letting our orchard grass area grow for the month.**

**By letting this area grow we are providing a feast for our pollinators, helping to tackle pollution, reduce urban heat extremes, and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground!**

**For more details visit:**

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>