

Chenies School



Chenies School Prospectus

Persevere, Achieve and Flourish

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Welcome to Chenies School

Thank you for your interest in our lovely school!

Welcome to Chenies Primary School, an ambitious, friendly school in the heart of the village community. I am so proud to be head of this unique school set in beautiful surroundings, an environment where pupils can achieve and flourish.

We are very proud of our school, its history and the village location with its beautiful countryside surrounding and believe our size allows us to foster a caring and engaging school, where each child is known and valued individually and is positively encouraged to harness a passion for learning.

Our dedicated team of teachers and staff work tirelessly to create a nurturing and stimulating environment that inspires our students to explore their interests and develop their talents. At Chenies Primary School, we emphasize the importance of collaboration, respect, and kindness, ensuring that every child feels supported and confident in their educational journey. We live by the theme of 'the Golden rule', to 'Do unto others as to you I would have them do unto you'.

We invite you to visit our school, meet our wonderful staff, and see first-hand the vibrant learning environment we have cultivated. Together, let's inspire the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and innovators.

Ms R Sutherland
Headteacher



Chenies as part of the Oxford Diocesan Bucks Schools Trust

Chenies is our newest member of schools to join the ODBST family. Our learners are at the centre of all we do; empowered to learn and achieve; valued within each of our schools as resilient, active, and responsible citizens; served so that they develop and thrive (intellectually, socially, culturally, and spiritually).

The ODBST is committed to ensuring that every pupil leaves Chenies with high aspirations, a real enthusiasm for learning and confidence. All our schools provide high quality teaching and an exciting holistic curriculum which will develop a child's passion for life-long learning where they can discover their individual strengths and talents within and beyond the classroom.

Our parents and community are key partners. We are committed to working together to sustain our strong sense of community, promote educational achievement, raise children's self-esteem and engender a sense of pride in our school and ourselves.

We look forward to welcoming you to come and see our school.

Sulina Piesse CEO ODBST



About our school

Chenies school was first built in 1846 to serve the children of Chenies village and its surrounding areas which it still does successfully today. It has a rich history and was originally started by the Duke of Bedford's wife. The school is overlooked by the picturesque Chenies manor – a continuing source of interest for our local history study.

Chenies school is set in a quiet peaceful village ensuring a calm atmosphere and creating a sense of safety and security for all our pupils.

The school is unique in its bucolic setting and the use of local area enriches a wider learning across our curriculum (from River Chess chalk stream projects, nature walks in the local woods, local history studies and trout release in to the river). We are incredibly lucky to have a garden planting area with our own greenhouse and wildlife area used for our forest school and outdoor learning in our beautiful grounds.

We are a very small school which allows each and every one of our pupils to be known and cared for by all of our staff. The mixed age group classes allow children's needs to be met at their level, exposing children to more challenging work whilst reinforcing and embedding learning within the expectations of the year group. The mixed age classes allow us to perfectly match the learning objectives as organised in the national curriculum and beyond.

Chenies is a very warm and friendly school and children know they will be listened to and cared for. They enjoy their time here and build strong bonds with their peers and adults alike.

It is an exciting time to join Chenies school – whilst acknowledging and building on our history we are also strive to be relevant, dynamic and inclusive, keeping our curriculum offer and enrichment opportunities under review to ensure that all our children leave the school as prepared and ready for the next phase as they can be.

I like the fact that our school is a very small school so that we know everybody in the school, and there are mixed years so we can learn at a higher level.



"All the year groups get to play together at break and lunch which is really nice and different from the other school's I've been to." Y6



Forest school

Wild Kites small-group Forest School sessions are focus on boosting confidence, wellbeing and resilience through child-centred play. Students are encouraged to spot signs of wildlife, learning to use tools for nature craft projects and enjoying time in the outdoors. The group is delivered by experienced, DBS-checked Forest School Leader, Jemma Jackson. Wild Kites are nurturing in their approach and follow the Forest School ethos, giving children the time and space they need to play, take supported risks and develop self-esteem and social skills in a woodland setting.

Our sessions are run every Monday from 1-3pm and classes take turns each term.



Our Vision and values

Chenies School offers an engaging and inspiring curriculum which promotes resilience, curiosity and a love of learning. We ensure that all our children feel happy, safe and valued as individuals. Our children will be independent thinkers and compassionate citizens who are equipped to flourish in an evolving world. They will be ready and prepared for the next stage of their academic journey. We want our children to persevere and become the best versions of themselves through our core values: -

Courage
Kindness
Curiosity
Respect
Responsibility
Resilience

These values lay at the heart of our school and are instilled in the children through our carefully planned curriculum.





Admissions

We are fortunate to be able to offer children the opportunity to spend their first year of school in a small class of 15 children. This ensures that they benefit from a lot of adult attention and develop confidence in a secure and nurturing environment.

A meeting for all new reception parents is held annually in the summer term. In addition we arrange nursery visits so we can find out about the child's interests, strengths and needs before they begin school. Having joined our school in reception your child will progress through the school to the end of Key Stage 2.

Small class sizes throughout the school allows us to focus on the pastoral care of our children – each child is known individually and on a first name basis. This means we can quickly address any issues and concerns raised and identified by any of our team or parents themselves. No child is left unknown and we value the personal development of our pupils as much as academic achievement.

Transfer to secondary school

During the autumn term the children in year 6 follow Buckinghamshire Council's procedure for transfer to secondary school. This includes taking the secondary transfer test, which is set by Buckinghamshire Council and taken in school. The result of this test is then used to decide on the eligibility of a child to attend a Buckinghamshire Grammar School. Owing to the fact that Chenies is situated on the Buckinghamshire/Hertfordshire border, it is a fantastic opportunity for families not living in Buckinghamshire to access the Transfer test. Parents can also choose to withdraw their child from the test should they wish.

During the summer, children in year 6 visit their future secondary school.

School Uniform



Girls

- Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
- White blouse
- school jumper or cardigan with logo
- school tie
- grey tights or socks
- black school shoes
- blue/white checked or candy-striped dress (summer only)
- White socks (summer only)

Boys

- Grey trousers or shorts
- plain white shirt
- School jumper with logo
- school tie
- grey socks
- Black school shoes



Chenies PTA

The schools Parent and teacher association (PTA) is an integral part of our fundraising activity, providing invaluable financial support as well as promoting a sense of greater community by providing opportunities for parents to socialise. All new parents are encouraged to become actively involved with the PTA.

The Governing body

Our school has an active and supportive governing body. You can find further details of this on our website.

Our local community

Although pupils come from a wide catchment area we are still very much part of our local community with links to both of our local churches, performing for local church goers and pensioners, collecting donations for the local foodbanks during Harvest festival for example. We have local villagers who come and support our children in growing vegetables and plants, and we host the annual Chenies produce show in which our children take part. We also use the local garden centre for school visits who donate an impressive Christmas tree to the school annually!



The school day

The school gates at Chenies open at 8:30 every morning. Children are invited into their classrooms at this time; it allows the children to settle before registration and to complete a range of starter activities for the day. The school day then officially starts at 8:45, with registration at this time.

Children may bring a packed lunch or have a hot meal provided by the schools catering service.

The school day finishes at at 3:15 in the afternoon, when children can be collected from the playground. After school clubs are available and extend the school day to 4:15 or 4:30 depending on the choice of club.

Parents can apply to Buckinghamshire Council for transport.



Wrap around care

Chenies have a breakfast club available to those who need to drop their children off before the start of the school day. Breakfast club runs from 7:40am to 8:30am when school begins. The children have a buffet breakfast and take part in activities when they have eaten. The club is open to all pupils from Reception through to year 6 at a cost of £5.50 per session.

We also run a variety of after school clubs that extend the school day to 4:15 for a slightly later collection time.



Thank you for taking the time to learn about our wonderful school, we can't wait to embark on this exciting journey with you and your family, creating lifelong memories and friendships along the way. If you have any further questions or would like more information about anything, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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