



# NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter – 8th May  
2026



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Cheapside Community,

What a beautiful May bank holiday we enjoyed and the children have loved their Mufti Day today- It was a real joy to welcome them back through the gates this morning.

Year 5 have been exploring our Biomes topic, focusing this week on the unique characteristics of deserts and investigating the remarkable life cycles of the animals that thrive in them. Their curiosity has been wonderful to see.

Forest School has, as ever, been a highlight across year groups. The child-led approach allows our pupils to follow their own questions, take sensible risks and forge deeper connections with the natural world around them. I'm always struck on my walks past the woodland by how absorbed the children are.

Our Year 6 children are now in their final preparations for their SATs next week. They have worked so hard, and we are full of pride and confidence in them. We will be doing everything we can to make next week feel calm, positive and well-supported.

### A note for parents next week:

**Year 6 will be welcomed onto site early each morning for breakfast** ahead of their SATs. We are very proud of how settled and prepared they are.

Between 9.00 and 11.30am, **please bear with us if our phone lines take a little longer to answer** – every member of staff will be supporting our children. Urgent matters can of course be sent to [school.office@cheapsideschool.org.uk](mailto:school.office@cheapsideschool.org.uk) and we will respond as soon as we are able.

Something has stood out to me again on my learning walks this week, and I want to share it openly: reading. In my view, reading is the single most important strand of our National Curriculum. It is the key that unlocks every other subject- from understanding a Maths problem to making sense of a Science investigation to Writing with imagination and flair.

Ten or twenty quiet minutes on the sofa, in the car, or curled up before bed really do change a child's education. It does not matter whether it is a picture book, a chapter book, a comic, a recipe, or a sports report - what matters is that you are reading together, talking about the words, and enjoying the time.

This is something we cannot do alone in school. The most powerful difference is made when we work together with you at home, and the research is genuinely eye-opening:

# READING MATTERS!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

## A STUDENT WHO READS



## WILL BE EXPOSED TO

1,800,000  
WORDS PER YEAR

282,000  
WORDS PER YEAR

8,000  
WORDS PER YEAR

## AND IS MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE



And Finally...

Thank you, as always, for your understanding next week and for your support. It is a privilege to be on this journey with you and your children.

Have a lovely weekend together.

Conrad Martucci.

# THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE- COMMUNITY

This week's focus:

**Reconciliation** : "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." — Colossians 3:13

Next Week's Focus: Trust



## Celebrations

Congratulations to the children selected for the Headteacher's awards this week- they should be proud of themselves.

Year 6 were all awarded Head Teacher Awards for their hard work in SATs preparation.



# Notices

Learning Without Limits.

Developing Leaders, Creators, Critical Thinkers.



Charters School's Year 5 Open Evening  
Thursday 9th July | 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Choosing a secondary school is an important milestone, and we know how vital it is to find a place where your child will feel confident, supported and inspired.

We'd love to welcome you and your child to our Year 5 Open Evening at Charters School this July – and show you what makes us special.

Our values of Unity, Respect and Excellence aren't just words; they shape every classroom, every relationship and every opportunity we offer. On the evening, you'll see them in action as you explore our school, meet our staff and talk with our students – a community that works together, values every individual, and strives for the very highest standards.

We look forward to showing you how Charters nurtures curiosity, builds confidence and gives every child the tools they need to become leaders, creators and critical thinkers – ready to thrive in Year 7 and beyond.

UNITY

RESPECT

EXCELLENCE

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Scooters, bikes etc. not to be used on site
- Please do not use the adventure trail or school play equipment before or after school
- Please check lost property for missing items
- Dogs must be in arms if entering the school site
- Please can we remind you to park considerately, being mindful of both our neighbours and the safety of children

## PE Kits on Sports club days

Children who have school sports clubs at the end of the day may wear their school PE kit to school on that day.

## Safeguarding concern?

Do you know who to talk to should you have a safeguarding concern?

Safeguarding Lead - Mr Martucci

Deputy Safeguarding Lead - Mr Wickenden

We have an open door policy - don't hesitate to ask at the office if you would like to meet with a teacher or governor.

# Great Athletes<sup>®</sup>



# NOTICES

**The school designated area (catchment) map has successfully been extended to include part of North Ascot.**

Have you seen our school social media pages and YouTube account?  
Join the pages to keep up to date with what's happening at school:

[Click here for the Cheapside Facebook page](#)

And use this handle for instagram: @CHEAPSIDESCHOOL

<https://www.youtube.com/@cheapsideprimaryschool>

## Weather

**Please may we remind you that whilst we are in the Summer Term please send your child/ren to school with a waterproof coat daily. We will take the children outside even in the rain!**

**During the warmer days please ensure your child has suncream applied and brings a water bottle to school daily.**

## New Menu for Summer 2026

Please note that the menu for the summer term has changed.

Please ensure that if you have pre-ordered meals they reflect the choices in the new menu which can be found on the school website.



# Reminders

Over the Easter holiday, please take the opportunity to stock up on your Super Six so you are ready for the Summer term.

We would like to encourage all children in Year 3-6 to bring in their own equipment as below;

## Stationery – ‘Super Six’

In Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5 and 6) we ask that the children bring in some of their own stationery and we call this the “Super Six”.

As a school, we want to encourage independence and personal responsibility and so we ask that the children bring in this “Super Six”:

- Pencil
- rubber
- ruler
- glue stick
- pencil sharpener
- writing pen (the pen is not necessary for Year 3).

Glue sticks and pencils will need to be replaced regularly as these are not provided in Key Stage 2.

These items **MUST** be named/labelled and in a pencil case that will fit in the children’s tray – so the flatter and smaller the pencil case, the better. If the children have their own colouring pencils or felt tip pens, they may bring those in too.



**MY NAMETAGS**

**NO MORE LOST ITEMS!**

Our nametags are perfect to label all of your child's possessions. From clothing to shoes, stationery, toys - everything is identified!

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4.8/5 ON TRUSTPILOT

- STICKERS STAY ON IN THE WASH!
- NO SEWING REQUIRED
- QUEEN'S AWARD WINNER
- UK MARKET LEADER FOR 20 YEARS

School ID: 23310

\*If blank ask your school for your School ID

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# SEND Reform

## SEND Reforms Consultation Round Table

Bracknell Parent Carer Forum is hosting two Round Table sessions on the proposed SEND Reforms. What these sessions are for;

1. A clear, straightforward explanation of the key reform proposals
2. Real conversation at your table
3. Gathering your unfiltered opinions on the SEND Reforms
4. A chance to agree the information that will go into Bracknell PCF's consultation response

Bracknell PCF exists to represent local parent carer voices. What you say in the room will be passed directly to government.

Sign up here:

[click here](#)

If you are unable to attend but would like to share your views on the SEND Reforms, please email: [bracknell.pcf@gmail.com](mailto:bracknell.pcf@gmail.com)

[Bracknell Parent Carer Forum](#)



## Uniform

Brigade May Bank Holiday Weekend Promotion – 10% Off Parent Online Orders

MAY DAY PROMOTION – 10% Discount  
Date: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Code: Enter BANKHOL10 at the checkout

Visit: [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

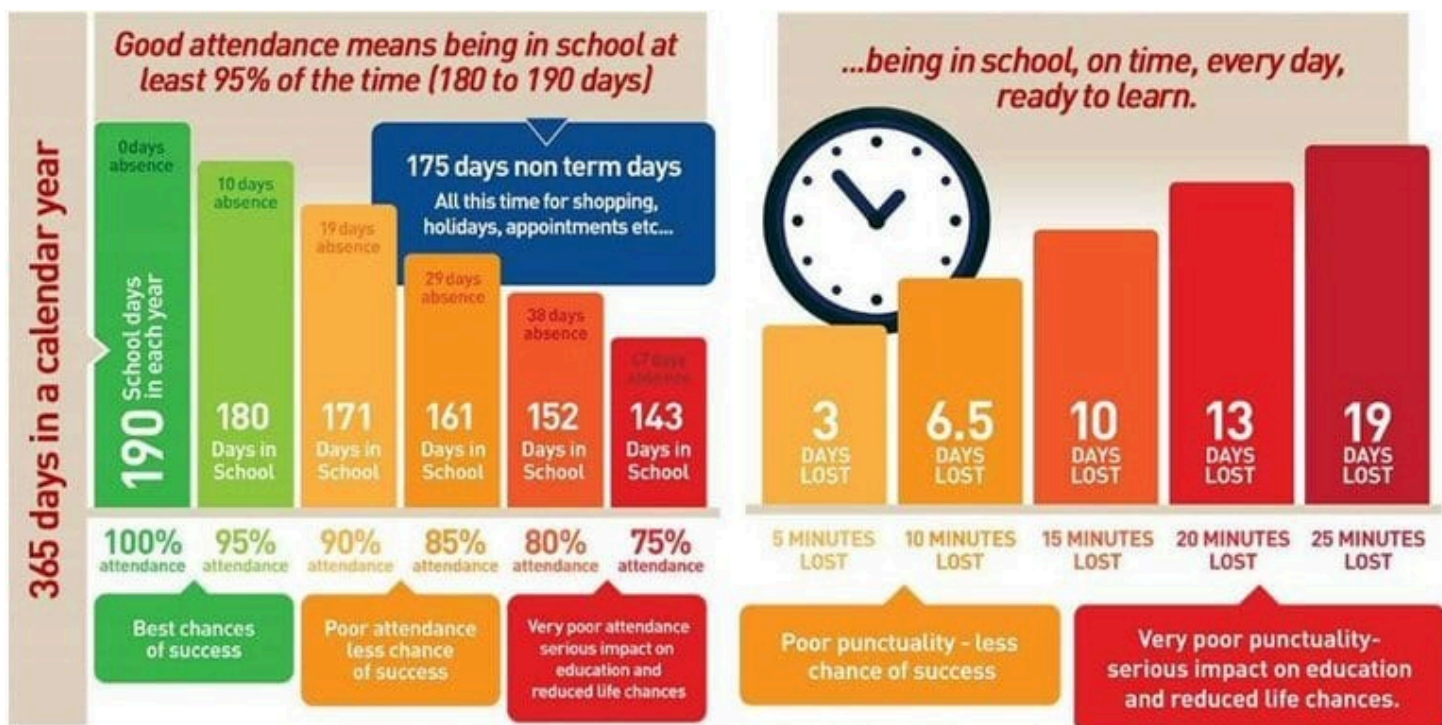
# Attendance & Lateness

May we remind you that our school day starts at 08.40am for Reception – Year 2 & 08.50am for Years 3-6.

Children arriving after 08.50am are marked as late for registration which impacts their attendance record. Attendance is monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer from RBWM.

The table below demonstrates the impact of this lost learning to the children.

School gates are open for drop off at 08.30am.



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?



**Attendance Matters**

Every student. Every day.

# Parent Teacher Association

## WhatsApp Community Update

We're making a small change to how class WhatsApp groups are organised, to make school communication simpler and easier to follow

Over the weekend, all class whatsapp groups will be merged into a new Cheapside Primary School WhatsApp Community.

Your class groups stay exactly the same – no changes to how you use them day to day

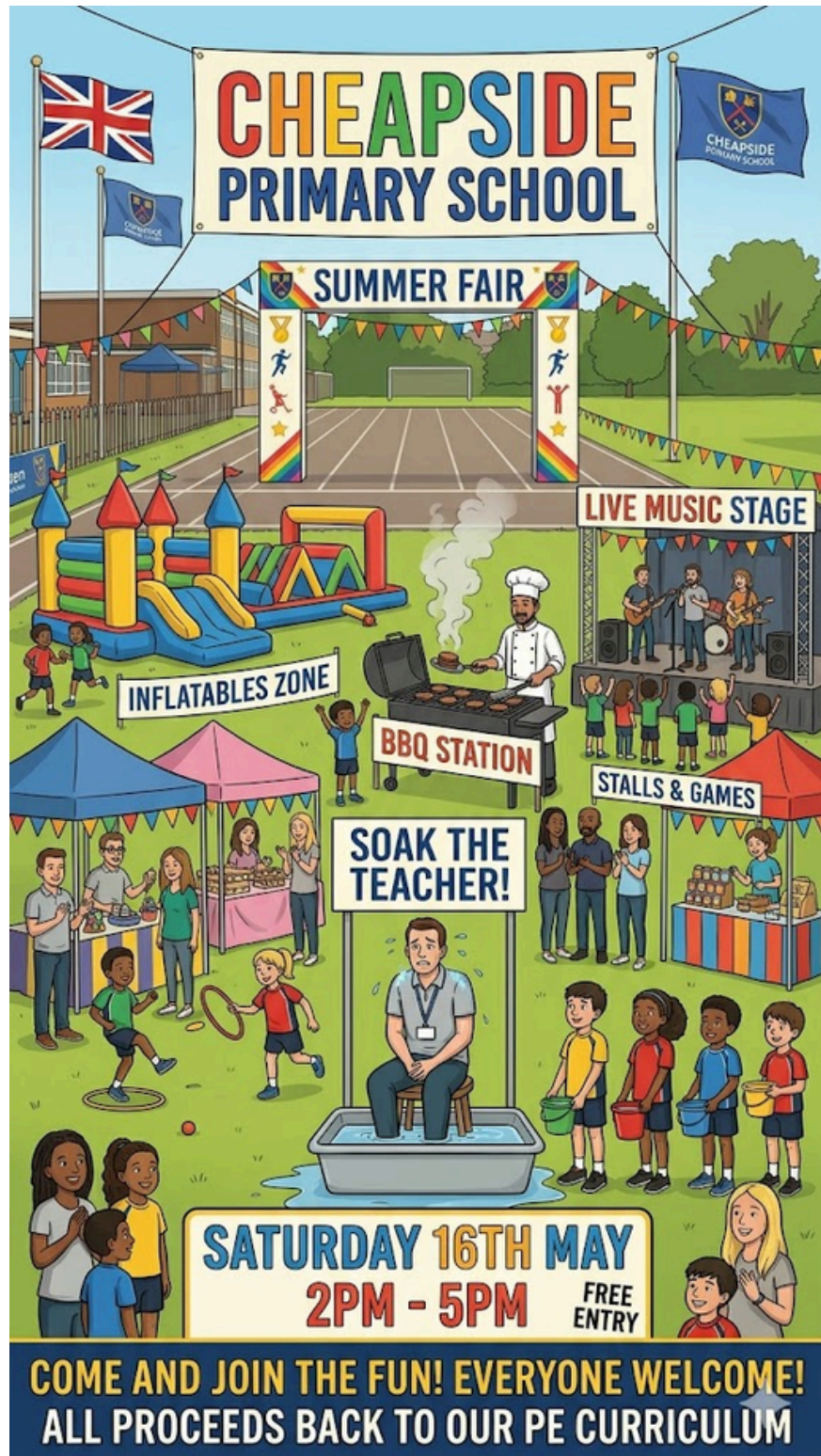
All groups will sit within one Cheapside WhatsApp Community including a new read-only announcements channel for important school updates you might otherwise miss in emails

You don't need to do anything – everything will be set up for you automatically

This builds on feedback around improving communication across the school community and should help ensure key information is easier to find and less likely to be missed.

Please reach out to your class reps or PTA chair if you have any further questions about this

Ben





# Dates for the diary - 2026



11 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATs Week
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	International Day of Peace
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Summer Fair 2.30-5pm
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Walk to school week
25 - 29 May 2026	May Half term
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Class photographs
9 - 12 June 2026	Year 6 residential trip
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Royal Ascot Week
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Sports Day R-2 - AM & 3-6 - PM
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Whole school move up day

## Quick Links to Class Pages:

**Reception- Wrens**

**Year 1-Robins**

**Year 2- Doves**

**Year 3- Nightingales**

**Year 4- Kingfishers**

**Year 5- Kestrels**

**Year 6- Owls**

**Facebook**

**Instagram**

**Youtube**

## Term Dates 2026 - 2027

The term dates are now available on the school website for your information.

**[click here for term dates](#)**

# Sports

**BRING A BUDDY VOUCHER**




**INVITE A FRIEND ALONG TO YOUR SCHOOL JUDO CLASS**

This voucher enables you to bring a school friend to judo class for a free trial. If they sign up, you both will get a FREE Core judo t-shirt.

**MORE CLASS INFO SCAN QR CODE**




**AFBT** Subsidised by the Ascot Fire Brigade Trust  
Ascot Fire Brigade Trust



**BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER SCHOOL**



Get ready for our U7 & U8 Squads!

**MAY HALF TERM JUDO CAMP**



SUITABLE FOR AGES 6-13 YEARS OLD



**27TH - 29TH MAY 2026**

**TIME:**  
Camp runs from 10:00 - 16:00  
Early drop off from 09:00am  
Late pick up until 16:45pm

**VENUE:**  
The Dojo, Green Road, Thorpe Green,  
Surrey, TW20 8QL

**Cost:**  
£95.00 for full camp or £40 per day  
10% Sibling discount offer

**Coaches:** Great Britain Internationals  
and the Core Judo coaching team.



We are running our May half term netball camp on the following dates:

Tuesday 26th May  
Wednesday 27th May  
Thursday 28th May  
@St George's Ascot

10am-4pm each day  
(drop off from 9.30am)  
£45 per day or £120 for all 3 days

Please email me to book your place.

**Umpiring Course:** Clare Van Spall, B award umpire and Assessor is running umpiring training for any girls looking to do their "INTO Officiating" course or working towards their C award assessment. The sessions will run from 1-4pm and aim to prepare you for the next step in your umpiring journey. Both the theory and practical side of umpiring will be covered, and having direct contact with such an experienced umpire will accelerate the progression of anyone looking to become qualified. If you have already started your umpiring journey and are looking for an opportunity to practice, please email Clare to discuss how to move forward with your next steps into umpiring.  
**Cost £30 per afternoon, or £80 for all 3 afternoons.**

Clare will be able to guide you regarding future umpiring opportunities in social and junior leagues to get you  
**Please email [clarevanspall@aol.com](mailto:clarevanspall@aol.com) to book your umpiring place**

We look forward to seeing you for the camp, or for the umpiring training very soon!

Lucy French  
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[lucy@pronetball.com](mailto:lucy@pronetball.com)



**June 2026 Taplow United Youth Open Trial Days**




Are you looking to join a football team for the 2026/27 season?  
*We would like to meet you... Come join us for training*

Select your age group and register now at [www.taplow-utd.co.uk](http://www.taplow-utd.co.uk)  
Or scan the QR code below

Taplow United FC, Berry Hill, Taplow, SL6 0DA

Tuesday 2nd June - 18:15 - 19:30  
Girls U8 & U9

Wednesday 3rd June - 18:15 - 19:30  
Boys U7, U8, U9, U10

Thursday 4th June - 18:15 - 19:30  
U11, U12, U13, U14, U15

Saturday 6th June - 09:30 - 10:45  
Boys U7's, U8's, U9's, U10's  
11:15 - 12:30  
Boys U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's, U15's

Saturday 13th June - 09:30 - 10:30  
Girls U8 & U9

Coaches - Football cannot happen without you. We are always on the lookout for more coaches. Please get in touch to find out more.



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# Health & Wellbeing

## Upcoming Events

Please visit our website to book your space - [www.Gems4Health.com](http://www.Gems4Health.com)

<b>MAY 05</b> 7 PM TO 9 PM 3 Part Autism Course	<b>MAY 13</b> 10 AM TO 12 NOON Empowering Calm	<b>MAY 18</b> 7 PM TO 9 PM Understanding Emotional Regulation
<b>JUNE 03</b> 10 AM TO 12 NOON PDA - Demand Avoidance	<b>JUNE 09</b> 7 PM TO 9 PM Sleep - Autism and ADHD	<b>JUNE 10</b> 10 AM TO 12 NOON Managing Anxiety
<b>JUNE 10</b> 7 PM TO 9 PM 3 Part ADHD Course	<b>JULY 01</b> 10 AM TO 12 NOON Barriers to School, Can't go, Not won't go!	<b>TBC 00</b> 7 PM - 9 PM AUDHD & Interception workshop coming soon



### Therapeutic Support for children, young people, families & schools

Create Hope is a Christian charity working with families within the Berkshire & Wiltshire area. We provide therapeutic support for children, young people & families to support them with their emotional needs through a variety of services including play therapy, systemic family therapy, non-violence resistance therapy, embodiment psychotherapy & emotional education programmes.

01344 566295  
www.createhopeuk.org  
mail@createhope.co.uk  
@createhopeuk

Registered charity no. 1162501

## CENTRE for AUTISM WELLBEING HUB

# Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond

As part of the University's centenary celebrations, we are hosting a free public hybrid (in person and online) event on the evening of 6 May on the theme of Autistic Thriving at School and Beyond.

Join us for an evening that brings together autistic children and young people, their families, students, professionals and researchers to explore what supports autistic children to flourish in education and everyday life.

The event will include talks from:

- Professor Elizabeth McCrum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education and Student Experience) at the University of Reading
- Dr Fiona Knott and Dr Jo Billington, Wellbeing Hub project leads
- Andy Smith, founder of Spectrum Gaming, and a passionate advocate for young people's voices in education.

For in person attendees, there will also be an opportunity to review a poster presentation of current autism research from academics and students in the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences. Refreshments will be provided.

**Wednesday 6 May**  
G10 lecture theatre, Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus, RG6 6EW

**In person:**  
18:45–21:00

**Online:**  
19:00–20:30 via Microsoft Teams

<b>Barriers to School, Can't go, not won't go</b>	Hosted by the Autism Group: To understand what EBSA/ERSA is. Recognising potential early signs in our children. Exploring strategies to support our children. Encouraging questions and sharing experiences. <b>Places are very limited and we can only allow parents and carers to attend whose child is experiencing school avoidance.</b>	<b>Autism or Dual Support</b> For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	<b>Online:</b> Wednesday 1st July 2026.	10am - 12noon	<a href="#">click here to book</a>
<b>PDA - Demand Avoidance</b>	Hosted by The Autism Group This workshop will allow you to explore what PDA really means and how anxiety drives demand avoidance. Learn practical and compassionate strategies to reduce pressure, build trust and support autistic children and young people with a PDA profile in home and school settings.	<b>Autism support</b> For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.	<b>Online:</b> Wednesday 3rd June 2026.	10am to 12noon	<a href="#">click here to book</a>

# Out & About

## SCOOTER SQUAD

<b>ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET</b> 	<b>DO NOT SCOOT ACROSS ROADS</b> 
<b>USE THE GREEN CROSS CODE</b> 	<b>BE AWARE OF OTHER PEDESTRIANS</b> 

My Travel Choices

Sunninghill & Ascot Parish Council presents  
HandMade Theatre

### 'THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE' FAMILY THEATRE IN THE PARK

Friday 29th May  
Victory Field Recreation Ground, Ascot, SL5 7AZ  
11 am - 3 pm  
Shows: 11.30, 12.45 & 2 pm

Follow the path into the woods to enjoy a unique family event. Bring a picnic and a rug and get cosy under the trees. 'The Butterfly House' is a show inspired by nature and packed full of original songs, music and beautiful puppets.

Suitable for children aged 2-10 & their families.  
Craft activities, stalls & walkabout performance  
Refreshments, toilets & parking onsite.  
Sorry, no dogs allowed in the performance area.

**FREE ENTRY**

For more information & to book tickets, please visit [www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sunninghillandascotparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## May Half-term Holiday Activities

**Lighthouse-Style Bird House**  
26 May 2026  
Assemble and decorate a wooden bird house shaped like a lighthouse.  
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm  
Cost: £4.50  
Booking is essential  
Age: 6-12 (5 year olds with adult)

**Weave a Bowl**  
28 May 2026  
Learn to weave with recycled fabrics and create a woven bowl.  
11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm  
Cost: £3.50  
Booking is essential  
Age: 7-12 (5 year olds with adult)

To book: <https://www.zefly.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>  
Or phone: 01932 565 764

[www.chertseymuseum.org/events](http://www.chertseymuseum.org/events)  
Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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