CVJS News

Friday 2nd October 2026

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Weekly Update

I would like to start today's newsletter by thanking parents who came along to the PTA AGM on Tuesday this week. We now have a full committee in place, chaired by Rhiannon Winn, so my thanks to everyone for their support. Our first main event this year is our Family Firework Evening. This is by far the biggest event in the school and the PTA calendar. Your children will be bringing home a flyer this evening with details of the date, times, etc. Online tickets are now on sale! See the next page for the link and more information.

I also wanted to use this space today to mention school trips and, in particular, the funding of school trips. We are very lucky that the staff at CVJS are able to organise trips and events for the children in their classes. Typically, our trips link to topics that the children are studying in class and the purpose is to immerse the children in their learning. We do ask for contributions towards these trips. Although these are officially classed as voluntary payments (because they take place during the school day and cover the curriculum), without your parental contributions, we are simply unable to fund or run these events.

This is similar with swimming. If we cannot raise enough funds to pay for the swimming pool and coaches, we cannot run these sessions. Contrary to what you may think, we receive **no funding** from central Government to cover swimming lessons. As a school that has been in a deficit since 2019, we rely solely on the contributions made by parents and carers for all of these activities. We thank you all sincerely for your continued support.

Have a great weekend

Mr Bacon

Churchdown Village Junior School
Inspiring Learners

FOREST SCHOOL

4B (Miss Bacon's Class) will be doing forest school on **Monday 5th October** (afternoon) and **4F (Mrs France's Class)** will be doing forest school on **Thursday 8th October** (afternoon). Please ensure that the children have appropriate (old) clothing for the weather on the day. They will need long sleeves and long trousers in all weathers. This is to ensure that they are covered to protect against the natural hazards outdoors. Wellies, boots or outdoor shoes are also needed. Any clothing that will keep children warm and dry (and that you don't mind getting muddy!) will be perfect. On Forest School days, children should wear their Forest School kit to school in the morning. Any wellies or boots can be brought into school in a bag to change into at lunchtime. Many thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please just ask.

Mr Gue, CVJS Forest School Leader

Forest School

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 8th Oct	Jonathan's Jungle Y3
Weds 14th Oct	School Photos
Tues 20th Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Weds 21st Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Fri 23rd Oct	Flu Immunisation
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of term 1
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET day for staff only
Tues 3rd Nov	Start of term 2
Sat 7th Nov	CVJS Fireworks 5pm - 7pm

GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

Every Monday morning, we announce our Golden Book theme of the week and present the awards in assembly on Friday. The theme this week has been:

'BEING PART OF THE TEAM AND SUPPORTING THOSE AROUND US'

STOFFEL BUELENS 3G	**OLIVIA LOTT 3T**
DOUGLAS WITCHARD 3T	**LILY LOTT 4B**
STANLEY SMITH 4B	**ALL OF CLASS 4F**
MELITA POSKAITE 5A	**ARAYA SMITH 5A**
KIT MACINTOSH 5S	**AURELIA SQUIBBS 5S**
OCTAVIA BASHFORD 6C	**GEORGI CHAKAROV 6K**
THEODORE HANNINGTON 6C	**BRIAC BOTREAU 6K**
DYLAN FISHER 5A	**JAMES WINN 6K**

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' evenings this term take place on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**. Meetings with the teachers take place in the hall and are ten minutes. At CVJS, we use an online booking platform to make appointments with the class teachers. This platform is part of the ParentMail PMX system. The booking system will go live for you to book an appointment on **Monday 5th October**. The system start time has a default of midnight on Sunday night / Monday morning….not that we expect you to wait up until 12am to book your slot!

Please note that each child is entitled to one meeting over the two days. If your family circumstances requires an additional meeting, please contact the school office to make a separate appointment. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

FIREWORK HELPERS

My sincere thanks to those people who have signed up to help on Saturday 7th November. I will be in touch before the event with more details.
If anyone else is able to help out at the firework event, we would be very grateful if you could complete this very short Google Form to offer your services! Thank you. **Firework Helper Form**

FAMILY FIREWORK EVENING 2026

FIREWORK TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE! This year's event takes place on Saturday 7th November and the sales page of the website is now live and taking orders. As with last year, we are using an online ticket. When you purchase yours, you will receive an order and a QR code. All you need to do is bring this along on the night (on your phone) and we will scan you and your family into the event.

This event does sell out every year. We have strict ticket limits and once met, we cannot release any further tickets. The advice, as always, is to grab yours while you can. Once they're gone, they're gone!

Get your tickets here:

www.cvjs.org.uk/fireworks