



17 July 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Whilst still undoubtedly warm, there has been a fairly consistent breeze and even some clouds across the week which has made it feel slightly more bearable for most, I think.

On Tuesday we had a fabulous sports day with year group-based field events in the morning and then the marquee races in the afternoon with school cheering on their respective Houses with enthusiasm and pride. As the day closed, we crowned Chiltern as Sports Day winner for 2026 and recognised a “top performer” from each year group:

Year 7: Jacob and Maggie

Year 8: Charlotte and Ronny

Year 9: Peter and Megan

Year 10: Iris and Thomas

The day very much revolved around “get involved” and it was lovely to see staff and students across the morning taking part and supporting. It was particularly lovely to welcome back former students Charlotte, Rhys and Honey as well both our PE trainee teachers that we have supported this year Ms Nott and Ms Connolley.





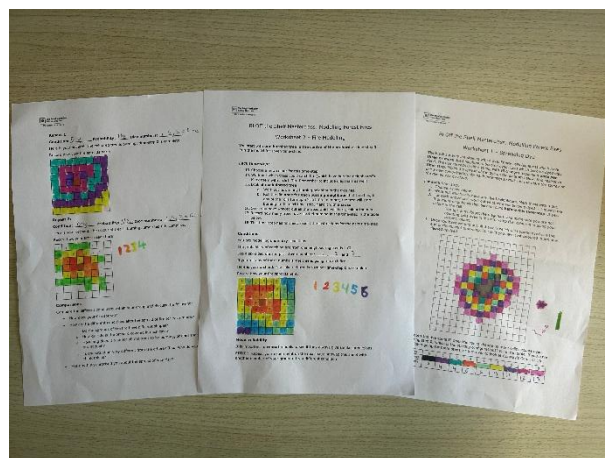
We welcomed volunteers from PepsiCo this week who spent Tuesday repainting the sports hall, building a new bike storage shed and cleaning and refurbishing the changing rooms for us. The group of over 20 volunteers worked with enthusiasm and care over the day and took real pride in their work.



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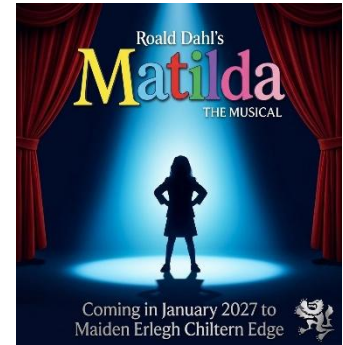
Our Silver club had two dedicated workshops on Wednesday and then today – focusing on language with Mrs Yaucat-Guendi and mathematical modelling of forest fires with Mrs Chakera. Thank you to these staff who have slotted these sessions in at the end of term when they had to be postponed due to Ofsted and then the Red weather alerts.



On Wednesday morning we sent our best wishes to Ms Cheeseman, Mr Caldwell and the 19 students from Year 10 and Year 11 who have headed to Kenya following their year-long fundraising and team building activities. Their trip starts with 2 days in the Masi Mari and on safari before they head to work in a rural community school delivering sports session and completing community building projects. This is an amazing opportunity, and we look forward to receiving a barrage of photos and stories from them along the way.



And finally, Ms Richmond & Mrs Brown are very excited to share that next year's production will be Matilda Jnr. Excitement levels were high during the big reveal, and I know the numbers of those signed up for auditions looks set to ensure that once again we will truly call it a "whole school production". Auditions will kick in once we return from the summer break and the performances themselves scheduled for the end of January 2027.



Best wishes,

Miss E Bliss
Headteacher

