



Annual report 2025/26 – 1st Chesterton Rainbows.

1st Chesterton Rainbows continues to thrive, celebrating our 20th Anniversary this year. Our unit averages 22 girls and runs with the support of two leaders, two leaders in trading, one unit helper and one young leader, all volunteers from the village and locally. We are also often joined by young external volunteers as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

We welcome any girls aged 4–7 and encourage parents to sign up to the waiting list as soon as possible by registering on the Go Girlguiding website as early as possible. www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

This Rainbows year has been another busy one, with lots of exciting events. Some of the activities our Rainbows enjoyed was a Christmas pantomime group came to perform Cinderella for us at the community centre. We also enjoyed a Christmas Craftanoon where we made decorations for the St Edburghs Tree Festival and lots more to take home, we met with other Division units to celebrate Thinking Day and reflect on the theme of friendship and had an activity packed Spring Have Adventures Day.

Once again we are proud of our girls who have worked hard and completed many badges, theme and section awards. One of our members managed to complete the full set of 24 interest badges before moving on to Brownies!

We saw several girls achieving their Gold and Silver Section awards and many of the group achieved their Bronze Awards.

Our themes for this year have been; Take Action, Skills for my Future and Be Well. There have been many exciting games, plenty of crafting and lots of fun completing our unit meeting activities and skills builders.

In exciting news, one of our unit Leaders supported by the unit team has reopened the 1st Chesterton Brownies unit, which started meetings after Easter at the Community Centre. Brownies runs for girls aged 7–10 and you can sign up to the unit at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Finally, all of the Rainbow and Brownie units in our area are oversubscribed and we always welcome and need new volunteers. Our roles are completely flexible and we can work around your availability and the time you can give to help us. If you are interested in finding out more and register at

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or email us at
1stchestertonrainbows@oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk we'd love to hear from you.

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