

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so lucky to be located so close to the town centre so that we can enjoy the Literature Festival. Classes had a fantastic time visiting, as did their teachers! We certainly love reading at CCPS. All staff reported how well our children behaved and represented the school.

We have pupils in our school with nut allergies, ranging in severity. Food allergies are potentially severe and exposure to these substances could result in anaphylaxis, a condition that requires immediate medical attention.

This includes:

- Peanut butter
- Nut-based spreads (e.g. Nutella)
- Snack bars containing nuts
- Cakes or biscuits with nuts

We are asking parents/guardians to be conscientious in the selection of food that your child brings to class in an attempt to limit the chances of the child being exposed to allergens. Please do not provide your child with products containing nuts in school. We know that many parents like to celebrate birthdays and other occasions with special treats. Any food sent in to share with pupils should be pre-packaged and contain an ingredients label. Please give these items to the class teacher for distribution. Thank you for your support in making Christ Church a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening next week. Please note that appointments will be for ten minutes and staff will need to move on after this. Should you need to discuss anything further, another appointment can be made.

Have a nice weekend

Mrs Pope

[Diary Dates 25-26](#)

Date	Event
17 th October	PTA School Disco – infants 4.45pm-5.45pm juniors 6pm-7pm
21 st October	Yr 3 lead Harvest Festival service at Church 10am
21 st & 23 rd October	Parent evening – please book on Arbor if you haven't already
23 rd October	Non-School Uniform Day – see PTA information below
24 th October	INSET day – school closed for children
27 th – 31 st October	Half term – School closed
3 rd November	Children back to school
4 th , 5 th 6 th November	9.15am Reception 2026 tours for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
7 th November	PTA Go Green Non-Uniform day – more info soon
11 th November	Yr 5 Remembrance service TBC
12 th November	Positive noticing day 9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
13 th November	I-Sing pop concert at church–2pm & 6pm info to follow
14 th November	Children in Need
19 th November	Individual & sibling photograph day
26 th November	Adult PTA event – Wreath making & book launch see PTA info below
28 th November	Non-School Uniform Day
3 rd December	9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book
5 th December	PTA Christmas Crafternoon – information to follow
9 th December	Nativity performance 2.15pm – ticket info to follow
10 th December	Nativity performance 9.30am – ticket info to follow
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	Yr R Everyman Theatre – pay on Arbor
18 th December	Yr 4 lead Christmas Service – info to follow

19 th December	Last day – finish at usual time
5 th January	INSET day – school closed for children
6 th January	Children back to school

Year 1

Year 1 had a wonderful time at the Literature Festival on Monday. The children enjoyed listening to an interactive story telling session. Enjoyed seeing the author Kristyna Litten and sketching a character from her book. Aswell as meeting the Mad Hatter and helping him find his missing Hatter hat. What a fantastic day enjoyed by all!



Year 2 Science



We tested the different materials by squashing, twisting, stretching, snapping, bending trying to change their shape. The children recorded their results in a table and used their scientific vocabulary to describe what happened.

Year 2 Cheltenham Literature Festival – Rob Biddulph

On Friday, Year 2 walked to Cheltenham Literature Festival to have a draw-a-long session with Rob Biddulph. We heard lots of his new stories and drew a rhino wearing a top hat with him!

We listened to a story in the Story Shack before having lunch and returning to school. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came with us!



Year 2 Mosque and Cathedral Trip

We are so proud of our Year 2 pupils on this trip. The coach driver, the imam at Masjid-e-Noor mosque and the volunteers at Gloucester Cathedral commented how amazing their behaviour was and just how respectful they were at both sacred places.

The children experienced the different parts of a mosque and it really brought their learning to life getting to see the prayer hall, prayer times, listening to a call to prayer and watching someone use the washroom for wudu. We shared our learning about what it's like to be a Muslim in their community in the UK and beyond. We learned about the generosity and the projects run by the mosque such as feeding the hungry, running a friendship café, giving donations for refugees or community projects – they raised £10,000 in just one week for a new hospital scanner!

At the cathedral, we learned about some of its history and looked around special places inside the building. It was amazing to see some of the 15 different chapels inside it and the children enjoyed making a special candle and stained glass window. Thank you again to the parent helpers who gave up their time to accompany us.



Year 3

What an amazing week it's been for Year 3! The children had a fantastic time at the Literature Festival, where they were absolutely captivated by Cressida Cowell's inspiring talk. Their enthusiasm didn't stop there-at the Wilson Museum; they stepped back in time to uncover The Secrets of the Stone Age. The children loved seeing and handling real artifacts, creating their own murals and beads, and even trying their hand at weaving. It's been a week full of creativity, curiosity and hands on learning. Thank to you all the parent volunteers we couldn't have done it without you.



Year 4 Cheltenham Literature Festival – Cressida Cowell

An inspirational visit to Cressida Cowell, creator and illustrator of the How to Train your Dragon series , at the Literature Festival - we even got to meet our author ! 🐉



Year 5 Literature Festival Trip

Year 5 enjoyed their trip to the Literature Festival this week. They listened to Ross Montgomery talk about his book 'I am Rebel'. After lunch we enjoyed participating in a 'Tales of Wonder' workshop.



Year 6 Cheltenham Literature Festival – Ross Montgomery

Y6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Cheltenham Literature Festival where they learnt lots about books, editing and creating characters in a session led by Ross Montgomery. Ross Montgomery is the author of award-winning books for children. His novels have been twice shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book of the Year and twice selected for the Waterstones' Children's Book of the Month, as well as chosen for the Sunday Times Top 100 Modern Children's Classics.



Cross Country



PTA News

Next Thursday 23rd October – Non-Uniform day £1 donation.



Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity in the penultimate week of a very long term to say THANK YOU to all our families who consistently ensure their children's good attendance and punctuality. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their future. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement.

Why Attendance Matters

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved attainment which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects in the future.

As well as this, going to school helps to develop:

- Friendships
- Life skills
- Social skills
- Cultural awareness
- Team values