

# The Christ Church News



3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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**RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in service, I talked about the 500 Words story writing competition organised by the BBC. Some children have asked for clarification as to how to enter. Here is the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/ce5jljmy5ljt> It would be great if you could encourage your children to enter.

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM last night. Your support is appreciated. The additional money raised by the PTA is invaluable in supporting your children.

Please look out next week for parents' evenings communication about how to book an appointment.

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2 Literature festival visit – pay via Arbor
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 6 Yr 4 Yr1 Yr3 Yr5 Literature festival visit – pay via Arbor
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2 Cathedral / Mosque visit -
17 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA School Disco – infants 4.45pm-5.45pm juniors 6pm-7pm
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Yr 3 lead Harvest Festival service at Church 10am
21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent evening – info to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Non-School Uniform Day
24 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – school closed for children
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term – School closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children back to school
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am Reception 2026 tours for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 5 Remembrance service TBC

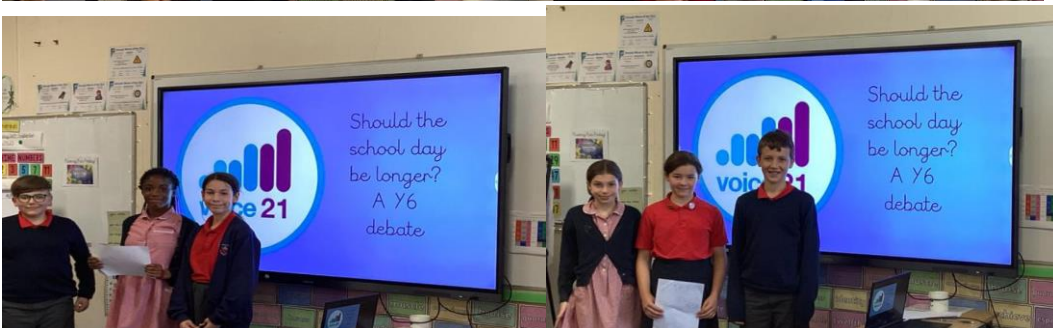
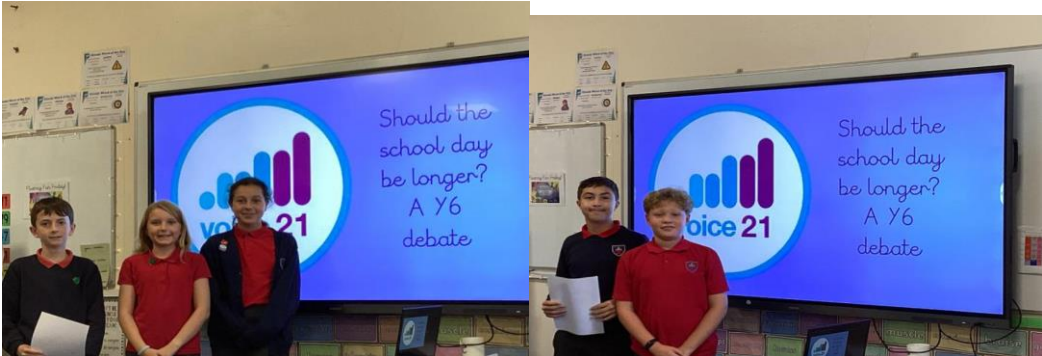
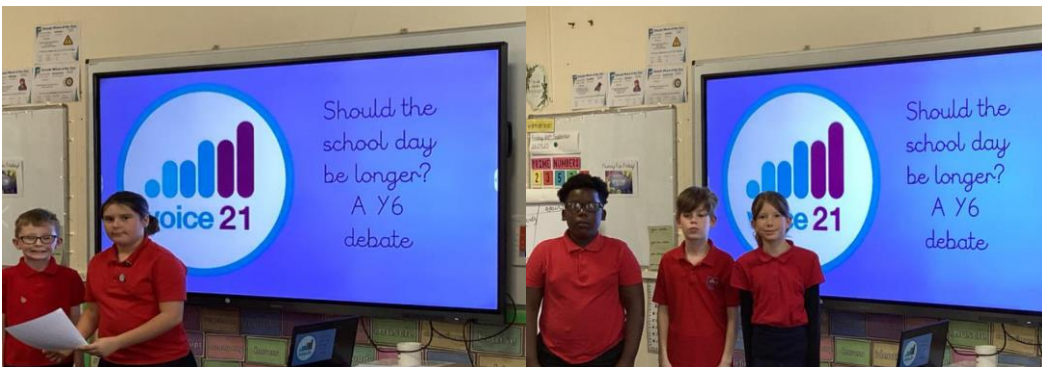
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Positive noticing day  9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
13 <sup>th</sup> November	I-Sing pop concert at church–2pm & 6pm info to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Quiz Evening (adults only!)
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & sibling photograph day
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-School Uniform Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book
5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Crafternoon – information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance 2.15pm – ticket info to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance 9.30am – ticket info to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr R Everyman Theatre – pay on Arbor
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 4 lead Christmas Service – info to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day – finish at usual time
5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day – school closed for children
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school
27 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Picnic

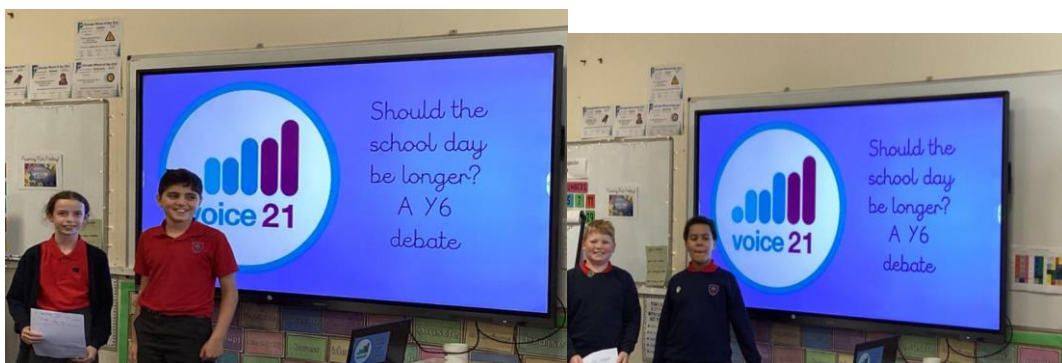
## Year 6

Y6 enjoyed using manipulatives to support investigative learning related to cube numbers this week.



As a Voice21 school, we have been practising our oracy skills in weekly debating and discussion sessions





## Year 4

Year 4 have a Sewing Club with Mrs Beeching and are even practising sewing skills at home!



They have been producing our final drafts of Journey poems using handwriting pens.



## KS1 Music Club

We are enjoying musical stories each week, silly songs and playing games. There are LOTS of giggles! The children created a list of things they'd like to do across the autumn term so we have used boom-whackers to make music and the glockenspiels to accompany songs. Great fun!



## Harvest Festival

“Let’s Harvest” Song



The children are rehearsing for the upcoming **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00am** at Christ Church. We hope to see you there. The children will bring items for the local food bank. More details to follow nearer the time.

If you would like to rehearse the song and actions at home...here is the link.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63mbZFuAsA8&list=RD63mbZFuAsA8&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63mbZFuAsA8&list=RD63mbZFuAsA8&start_radio=1)

## Flu Immunisations

Immunisations will take place in school next Wednesday, please click on the link in the letter emailed to you and consent or decline for your child to be immunised. Please call the number on the letter if you have any questions.



Immunisation Team  
Edward Jenner Court  
1010 Pioneer Avenue  
Brockworth  
Gloucester  
GL3 4AW

Tel: 0300 421 8140

[FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk)

Dear Parent/Guardian

**FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN  
(Reception to Year 6)**

This year it has been confirmed that the National Flu Vaccination Programme for 2025 is being offered to all school aged children from Reception to Year 6.

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. It is important that you consent or decline the flu vaccination as soon as possible. If you do not respond, we will contact you again to make sure that you have received the offer of vaccination.**

**Giving consent**

**Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link ensure you use the Unique School Code below. To ease submission please ensure that you manually enter your unique school code and not copy and paste from the attached letter. You will receive an email confirming receipt.**

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(ghcimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://ghcimmunisations.co.uk)

**Christ Church C of E Primary School Unique Code: GC138940**

This link will close at midday on the working day before the team is due to visit so please complete this as soon as possible as the team will be unable to take any consents after this point. If you are unable to access the online consent form for any reason, please contact Gloucestershire Immunisation Team on 0300 421 8140 or email:  
[FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk)

**Why vaccinate**

This vaccination will help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation. A leaflet explaining the programme is enclosed.

### Getting the vaccine sooner

If your school's scheduled date is late within the autumn term and you wish to vaccinate your child earlier, please contact the team and book your child into one of our community clinics.

### Is there Porcine Gelatine in the nasal spray?

The nasal spray contains very small amounts of porcine gelatine, which is used as a stabiliser in the vaccine. Some people may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in medical products. For these children, there is an alternative injectable vaccine available this year and parents/carers should contact the team on the number below to book a clinic appointment as the injectable vaccination will not be delivered at school-based sessions.

### Changed your mind?

If you have changed your mind and no longer want your child to be vaccinated, please email [WithdrawConsentSAIS@GHC.NHS.UK](mailto:WithdrawConsentSAIS@GHC.NHS.UK) at least **one full school day** before the session.

If withdrawing consent on the day of the vaccination session, please provide a written letter to your child's school reception for the urgent attention of the immunisation team. You will need to provide your child's name, date of birth and year group. If your child is too young to hand in the letter themselves, please ensure you give it to school reception at the start of the school day.

### Need more information?

If you have any queries or would like any further information please contact the immunisation team on **0300 421 8140**.

Yours sincerely

*Caroline*

Caroline Halford  
Head of School Aged Immunisations

**If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please inform the Immunisation Team via email on [FLUimmisation@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:FLUimmisation@ghc.nhs.uk) or alternatively, please ensure the school is made prior to 9:00am of the school-based session. For further information see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)**

All personal data received about your son/daughter will be held securely, and only accessed by appropriate persons involved in your child's care. It will be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of personal data. The Trust has a detailed privacy notice which is available here: [Privacy notice > Glos Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

We have a statutory duty to report statistical vaccinations data, as a percentage of the population; your response will form part of that statistical data. We provide this information to Public Health England, there is no personal data involved in this return.

Do you have a child aged 3–11? We'd love to hear from you. Gloucestershire School Nursing Service is gathering parent feedback to help us provide the best possible support for children as they begin and move through primary school. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. As a thank you, you'll also have the chance to be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.

[https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting\\_school](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/starting_school)



 **SIR THOMAS RICH'S**  
GLOUCESTER

# OPEN DAY & EVENING

## Thursday 16 October

We warmly invite Year 4, 5 and 6 boys and their parents to join us at the School (Oakleaze GL2 0LF; [info@strs.org.uk](mailto:info@strs.org.uk)) for our Open Day and Evening on Thursday 16 October. Hear from current pupils, the Head and key staff about life and study at Rich's; including the transition from Year 6 and our induction programme, pastoral care, the curriculum, extracurricular activities and the admissions process.

**Information talks and tours - 9.30am, 12pm, 6pm and 7pm**  
**Register online - [www.strschool.co.uk/admissions/opendays](http://www.strschool.co.uk/admissions/opendays)**



 **DEAN CLOSE**  
SCHOOLS

Come and join us at our  
**OPEN MORNING**  
Saturday 4th October 2025, from 8.45am.

Pre-Preparatory Ages 2-7	Preparatory Ages 7-13	Senior Ages 13-18
		

Please scan here to book your place



[www.deanclose.org.uk](http://www.deanclose.org.uk) #deancloseboarding #deancloseday #deancloseopenmorning



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# STAY AND PLAY

Every other Tuesday, 3:15pm - 4:15pm  
@ Gardners Lane Childrens Centre, Gardners Lane, GL51 9JW

Move More have partnered with the Aspire Foundation to offer FREE Stay and Play sessions at Gardners Lane Children's Centre. The sessions will provide a fun and safe place for children and their parents to play, learn and have fun!

**5 - 8 Years**

**HTTPS://BOOKINGS.MOVE-MORE.ORG/PROJECT/70833**

MOVE MORE CHARITY NUMBER 1175899



## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

Cheltenham's No 1 Community Tennis Club

Get Active! - Come And Join Us For Fun Tennis Activities For All The Family

- Recently Refurbished Tennis Courts!
- NEW Saturday Morning ADULT Beginners Group Coaching

### TERM TIME JUNIORS

Mondays & Wednesdays:  
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm: 7 – 9 years  
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm: 10 years +

1st session a FREE taster then £40 (£34 members) for a 6 week course

### OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

Fun and active tennis camps for juniors aged 7 years +  
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October: 2 pm to 5 pm  
£ 21 per day non-members / £18 per day members

To book and for more details about all the above activities, please contact:  
**Joe Chadwick Accredited Tennis Professional**

M: 07761 242 663  
E: joechadwicktennis@gmail.com



### Cheltenham Robins

**Location** - All Saints Academy (4g), Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 0WH

**When** - Friday Evenings

**Times** - (u5/6) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm (u7/8s) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Registration Link:** - <https://forms.gle/q1EzYN6RywbfrwET8>

Once registered we will offer the player a free 2-week trial.

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