

The Christ Church News



24th April 2026

Our value this term is: **COMPASSION**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely so be seeing some sunshine again!

Sports day will be held on Tuesday 16th June at Farnley Field. Timings will be Juniors at 09:30am and Infants at 13:15. Further details will follow after May half term. In the event of inclement weather, sports day will be moved to our reserve date of Tuesday 23rd June.

OPAL – we are still looking for volunteers on 16th May to help spruce up areas of the school. If you can spare an hour or two, please help us!



I mentioned last week that there was a delay in publishing our new website. It is now live and the staff are busy getting to grips with how to upload pictures / news etc so please bear with us. Every day is a learning day! There are also still some tweaks we are asking the host to sort for us. [Christ Church Primary School - Home](http://www.christchurch.dgat.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pope

[Diary Dates 26](#)

Date	Event
27 th – 29 th April	Y4 Residential trip
4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
6 th May	Class photos – children to wear full smart uniform
11 th - 15 th May	Y6 SATs week
16 th May	OPAL Working Party 10.00-13.00
18 th -22 nd May	Readathon Week – information to follow Walk to School Week – information to follow
19 th May	Y6 Residential meeting 3.30pm
20 th May	Y1 class celebration service 9.00am - parents welcome
21 st May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – no more volunteers needed thanks
22 nd May	Last Day – School finishes at normal time
1 st June	Children back to school First aid training workshops for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3
2 nd June	Y2 Science Festival trip – information to follow (no more volunteers needed)
3 rd June	Y5 & Y6 Science Festival trip – information to follow (no volunteers needed)
4 th June	Y3 Science Festival trip – information to follow
5 th June	Y4 Science Festival trip – information to follow
8 th June	Book Fair arrives at school for the week
10 th June	Y6 Leavers' service Gloucester Cathedral – children only
16 th June	Sports Day - KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon
17 th June	Y4 Robinswood Trip – information to follow
18 th June	Y4, 5, 6 first aid training
20 th June	PTA Summer Picnic (note change of date)
23 rd June	Reserve Sports Day
24 th June	Y1 Weston-super-Mare trip – information to follow

25 th June	YR Perrygrove Railway trip – information to follow
3 rd July	PTA Beach Party theme non-uniform day
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential trip
14 th July	2.00pm & 5.30pm Y6 Performance – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
15 th July	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm Last day - School finishes at normal time

Reception

Reception are learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar. We have been joined by some special animal visitors and are watching them carefully to see what happens.



Year 1

This week Year 1 had a lovely time designing and making fruit kebabs as part of their DT project. The children chose what fruit they wanted to use and used perseverance and patience to cut their fruit and carefully slide it onto their kebab stick.



Year 2

Year 2 have started their ukulele lessons with Mrs Proctor learning how to hold it correctly, how to play and we've already learned the chord C. The children are really enjoying the satisfaction of achieving something individually but also playing as a class singing along to nursery rhymes that they know so well. If your child has their own ukulele at home and you'd like Mrs Proctor to add the stickers to help them play, just send it in. We love the colourful ukuleles that were purchased by the PTA a few years ago. Here they are enjoying the music lessons and dancing to "Ring a ring a roses."



Year 3

We love this RE display by Year 3 exploring our new curriculum question “Who is a Humanist in the UK?” The children loved learning about a different way of thinking and how Humanists think and view the world.



Year 5

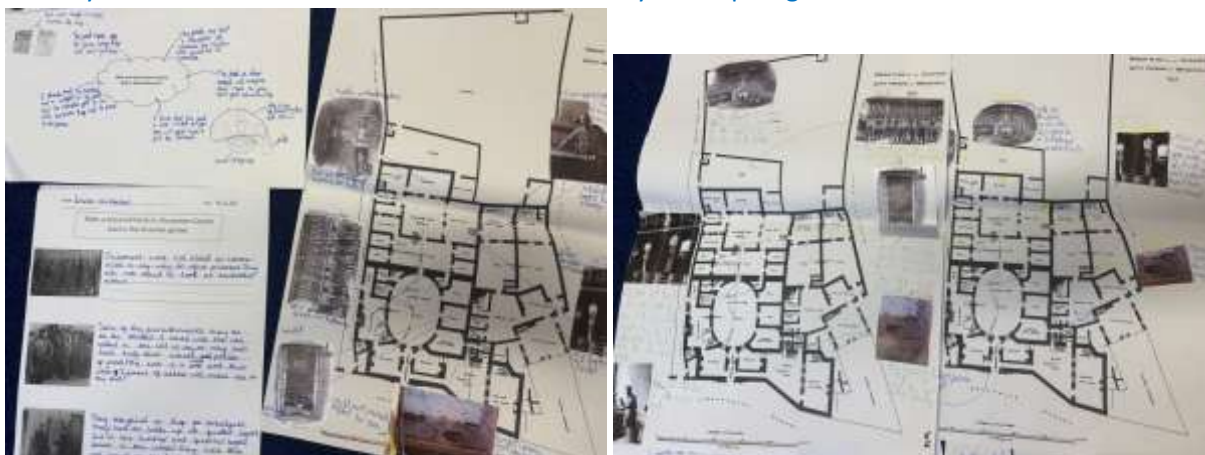
Year 5 visited Greystone Farm Nature reserve near Bourton-on-the-Water last Thursday to learn about the features of a river and the habitat that it creates. They measured the depth and width of the river at various points as well as floating dog biscuits to measure the speed of the water (whilst also feeding fish and ducks downstream!) After a picnic lunch the children were able to take water samples to investigate the living things that called the river home. We had a great day and the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust staff were very impressed with the children's knowledge.





Year 6

Y6 enjoyed a thoroughly enriching and engaging workshop with students from the University of Gloucestershire last Friday. They learnt lots about Victorian crime and punishment, as well as exploring sources about Gloucester Prison. Thank you to the student teachers from the university for inspiring the children.



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Attendance

Attendance during the summer term remains a key part of school life and building a sense of belonging. As the weather improves, children love spending more time with friends outdoors. Regular attendance helps children stay engaged with their learning, maintain routines, and fully take part in lessons, trips, and events that often make the summer term especially enjoyable. By coming to school every day, pupils can make lasting memories, continue to build confidence, and be well prepared for the challenges that come their way.

PTA Diary Dates

Saturday 20th June – Summer Picnic

Friday 3rd July – Beach party themed non-uniform day

Lost & Found

A fit-bit watch was found outside school last week. We are holding it in the office. Owner to identify.

Community Notices

41st Cheltenham Scout Group

Teeth-gritting, keep-on-going, summit-reaching, giggling, fun-loving Beavers! Monday nights-every week in term time at Scout District HQ, Brooklyn Road, Cheltenham.

Come and give it a go.
Beavers: Mondays 5.00pm – 6.30pm



BEAVERS



**41st Cheltenham Scout Group
Vacancies for Beavers !**

Our Beaver group meets on a Monday 5.00-6.30 at the Scout Hut on Brooklyn Road and we currently have vacancies for new Beavers. It is £12 a month for Subs and we meet in term-time only. If you think you have a keen child age 5,6 or 7 (Years 1-2) who would be interested in joining, please get in touch.

Please contact Harry "Brock" Butland, (41st Beavers Leader) by email:
41st.cheltenham.beavers@gmail.com



Previous attachment

ROCK Respect · Optimism · Community · Kindness

Open Evening

Thursday 4 June 2026
5:30pm – 7:30pm

For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027



Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm & 6:30pm in the main hall.

Denmark Road
High School

Be part of the Denmark
Road experience.

Join us for our Open Morning
30th April or 4th June
8.45-10.30

All welcome.
No booking required.



www.denmarkroad.org

'BEING ME' CLUBS

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CREATIVE CLUBS FOR AUTISTIC GIRLS + NON-BINARY PEOPLE

Our next round of FREE clubs are beginning again in Chalfont!

Clubs on offer from May to early July are:

- An 8 week block for 4-11 year olds on Wednesdays 'after school'
- An 8 week block for 11-16 year olds on Tuesdays 'after school'
- 2 sessions for 16-25 year olds on Tuesday evenings
- 2 sessions for 11-16 year olds on Saturdays

There will be no pressure for you or your children to do anything in particular during the session.

This project will be shaped by the people who join us, so each week we'll be planning activities based on who is joining us and what they're interested in and excited about!

To find out more about our Being Me programme, visit www.cantonschool.org or if you'd like to register interest in these clubs, complete [this form](#).

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MUSIC

Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 25 April, 10am - 12pm,
Archway School, Stroud



Let us know you're coming at gloucestershiremusic.paribar.com
Open to children of all ages.
T 01452 427242 W gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

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Frampton on Severn Sailing Club Junior and Families Info 2026

Short version:

Junior Sailing Opportunities (Ages 7–17)

Frampton on Severn Sailing Club is offering affordable junior sailing training sessions this spring, leading into their popular Junior Week in the summer holidays.

No experience needed – boats and safety gear provided. Just bring a wetsuit and the ability to swim!

Spaces are limited and training courses start soon.

Find out more about how to become a member and book here:

<https://www.fossc.org.uk/sailing/frampton-juniors>



Weekly Football Sessions

FRIDAYS

Cheltenham
BOURNSIDE SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE
Warden Hill Rd,
Cheltenham GL51 3EF

FOCUS ON INVOLVEMENT, FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL!

4-5 year olds	4:20-5:05
6-7 year olds	5:10-5:55
8-9 year olds	6:00-6:45
10-12 year olds	6:45-7:35
12-14 year olds	7:35-8:25

TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL

Book your child's place at www.kick-a-bout.com
Call DAVID on 07876 112444 | DAVID@kick-a-bout.com

Fully DBS (CRB) checked coaches First Aid responders on site
Full insurance Experienced FA qualified coaches




Saturday 25th April 2026 from 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Come and Play the Organ!

St. Andrew's United Reformed Church
Montpellier St, Cheltenham GL50 1SP.

Gloucestershire Organists' Association and the Royal College of Organists invite you to

An Introduction to the Pipe Organ and how it works, followed by a chance for you to play the organ!

Free of charge, starting at 2.30pm.
Led by Simon Williams (Teacher & RCO Director).
All ages welcome – just turn up.
No previous experience necessary.
Complete Beginners on the Keyboard welcome.
Feel free to bring along some music to play.
Refreshments available.