

# The Christ Church News



19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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**RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy week in school with some visitors and trips. Do enjoy reading to see what we have been up to. We would like you to check your eligibility for Pupil Premium. Many of our families have been surprised that they are in fact eligible. This, of course, allows access to free school meals and well as many educational benefits and family support. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/families-in-partnership-newsletters/families-in-partnership-newsletter-february-2023/free-school-meals-have-you-applied/>

A reminder that a named coat is needed in school every day please. Also, if your child is too poorly for school, please call the school office first thing.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates 25-26

19 <sup>th</sup> September	Uniform sale 3pm in the hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Yr R and Year 1 Phonics meeting 3.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA Drink & Draw – see information in Newsletter
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 3, 5, 6 Literature festival visit
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2 Literature festival visit
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 6 & Yr 4 Literature festival visit
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr 2 Cathedral / Mosque visit
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Yr 3 lead Harvest Festival service at Church 10am
21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents' evening – info to follow
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 – book via office
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November	I sing pop rehearsals this week
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Positive noticing day 9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents- book via office
13 <sup>th</sup> November	I-Sing pop concerts – info to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & sibling photograph day
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – book via office
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 – info to follow
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

## Year 5

As part of their World War 2 topic, Year 5 were evacuated to the countryside of Winchcombe on Wednesday. They travelled on the steam train and experienced a little of what it would have been like for the millions of children who left their families behind when they were evacuated from the cities.

At the station in Winchcombe, the children took part in fire training and learnt about the dangers of incendiary bombs. When the air raid siren sounded, they went to the ARP shelter and again, experienced a little of how it would have felt to listen to the planes fly over and the devastating sound of bombs falling.

In the 1940's school room, they learnt about rationing and got to try some of the games that the children would have played with.

This was a fantastic learning opportunity for the children and hopefully a trip they will remember for a long time. To see more of our photographs, please visit our Year 5 class page.





## Year 4

Today we were visited by Rob from Severn Trent Water to lead a whole school service and follow up with a water conserving workshop in Year 4.



Please visit our class page on Christ Church Primary School website, Year 4, Autumn Term for more photos of our learning.



## Year 6

Y6 enjoyed using place value grids to learn about numbers to 10 million in maths



## National Coding week

Here are some of our classes making code in different ways from using colours for notes to create a tune to building code in Scratch where they generated incredible patterns using loops!

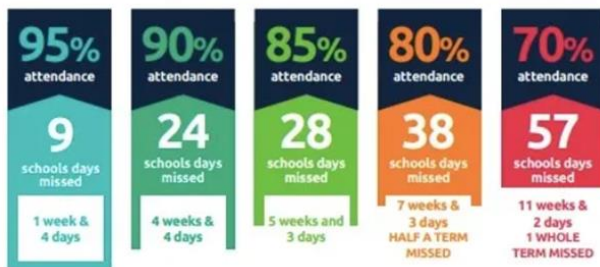




## Attendance

Here at Christ Church, we are committed to ensuring every child become “the best they can be...” Every school day is carefully planned and each lesson informs a wider programme of learning. Therefore, every lesson really does count.

### Every day in school counts...



### and every minute counts...



## PTA

Please support our PTA this year. They provide so many opportunities and resources for our children.

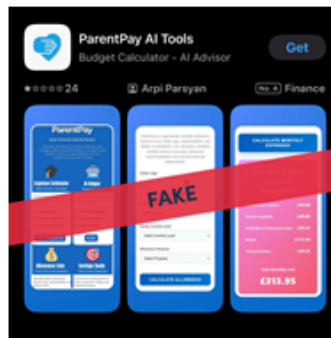


Sign up here: <https://square.link/u/PkGD8Gsb>

### Important Notice from ParentPay



We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.



Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

- ParentPay **does not have an app available for download from any app stores**
- To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer
- After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen

This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,





**ParentPay Group Customer Service Team**

## Community Notices

### Cheltenham Sea Cadets

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September** we will be hosting an **Open Evening** for any prospective new cadets. We therefore ask as parents and guardians of our current cadets, that you share this with your friends and family who have children aged 9-17 that may be interested in joining us.

We will be showcasing a number of the activities that we have on offer for our cadets and will be inviting our guests to get involved with the following:

-  Have a go on our brand new ship simulator
-  Try your hand at some interactive first aid
-  Test your seamanship skills
-  Take part in our STEM building challenge

Our team will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions!

Looking for an adult **#volunteering** opportunity? You are also very welcome to attend to find out more!

Contact [join@cheltssc.co.uk](mailto:join@cheltssc.co.uk) to find out more and to let us know you're coming!

Arrival at 19.30.

We will also be hosting our **Macmillan Coffee 'Evening'**, so please come along, and enjoy some cake and a brew for a donation to a great charity - all donations (cash only) will go towards the amazing work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Our team of volunteers will be making a range of home baked goods which we will ensure ingredients/allergy information are included for.

[#SeaCadetsUK](#) [#LifeatSeaCadets](#) [#SeaCadetsFamily](#)



The poster for Winchcombe School Open Events 2025 features the school's crest at the top. Below the title, three colored buttons list the events: 'OPEN MORNING Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September' (teal), 'OPEN MORNING Wednesday 1st October' (green), and '\*OPEN EVENING\* Wednesday 1st October' (purple). At the bottom left is the Ofsted Good Provider logo. At the bottom right, the text reads: 'Open Mornings: 9:30-10:30am', 'Open Evening: 6-8pm', and 'NO NEED TO BOOK'.



The advertisement for the Fully Funded School Support Course features a photo of a teacher and a student. Text includes 'Fully Funded School Support Course', 'STUDY SMART Free Online Courses', 'Fully Funded Course', and the website 'www.studysmartuk.online'. A QR code is provided for more information. Eligibility criteria state: 'This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours. If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.'

Looking to work in a school, that fits in around your family?

Join Aspire Education Academy's Fully Funded (FREE) Education Support Course.

Starting on **Monday 29th September!**

**Online ONLY** Education Support Course with live webinars

Available in Levels 1, 2 & Level 3 progression

### Level 1

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing

Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

## **Level 2**

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

## · **Level 3**

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

You'll receive guided support from our friendly tutors throughout the course of your choice.

**Simply go to the 'Education Support Course' tab on our website:**

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**

We run within school hours and ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

No previous experience required.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: **[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) and click on 'Education Support Courses'** for more information.