

The Christ Church News



8th May 2026

Our value this term is: **COMPASSION**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are visiting school, you may see our new school vision poster around. This comes after much consultation with stakeholders. We hope you like this condensed vision as much as we do:



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 26

Date	Event
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 – fundraising for children in Gloucestershire hospitals 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 – (no volunteers needed)
4 th June	Y3 Science Festival trip PTA meeting at The Swamp 7pm
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
11 th June	Whole school geography workshop day
12 th June	PTA Disco – information to follow
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 Reception 2026 parent meeting
19 th June	Prince of Wales athletics – invited children
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
1 st July	Move up morning – children go to their new classrooms
3 rd July	PTA Beach Party theme non-uniform day
6 th July	Whole school skipping workshops
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential trip

9 th July	Y4 & Y5 Cheltenham Music festival 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

Sports Day



Readathon Week starts 18th May

We are taking part in the DGAT Read for Good Readathon starting 18th May to raise money for children in Gloucestershire hospitals. Please see the separate letter sent out last week. We hope the children will be excited to read a variety of different texts across the week to get sponsorship at home for this great cause. You can watch this video to see a special message from Michael one of the Read for Good authors.

<https://vimeo.com/1173358782/f14e669ff0?fl=pl&fe=sh>



Year 4

Living things and their habitats is Year 4's Science topic this term so we have been identifying and creating food chains from a range of habitats to find out what the producers, prey and consumers are!



Year 6

Year 6 children took on the role of historical detectives this week as they explored one of the most enduring and debated stories from the ancient world: the tale of the Trojan Horse. Rather than accepting the story at face value, the children were encouraged to question, investigate and evaluate the evidence - just as historians do.

The enquiry began with an introduction to the legend in which Greek soldiers are said to have hidden inside a wooden horse to gain entry to the city of Troy. The children explored a range of sources, including ancient texts, artwork and modern interpretations and quickly noticed that accounts differ.

Using source analysis skills, the children asked key questions about reliability and purpose. A key focus was weighing up evidence. The children considered different viewpoints, with some suggesting the Trojan Horse may be symbolic, while others questioned whether it was entirely fictional. They supported their ideas with evidence and recognised that history often involves interpretation rather than certainty.

This enquiry not only brought ancient history to life but also strengthened critical thinking, as the children learned to analyse sources, evaluate reliability and draw reasoned conclusions.



Swimming

On Thursday 30th April, a group of Year 5/6 children attended a special celebration event at Cheltenham Lido to mark their participation in the Heidi's Heroes swimming programme.

The children had a fantastic time, enjoying a fun and energetic swimming session in glorious sunshine. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their progress, build confidence in the water, and enjoy being active together in a supportive and positive environment.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Jaynes and Miss Gillen for taking the children to their swimming sessions in the lead-up to this event and for their continued support and encouragement.

Swimming is an essential life skill. It not only promotes fitness and wellbeing, but also plays a vital role in keeping children safe around water. Developing confidence in the water from a young age helps build strong, lifelong skills that could one day be life-saving.



SEND

We have received the following information for our SEND families:

We are pleased to introduce ourselves as a contracted provider for Gloucestershire County Council, delivering specialist support for children and families with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our roles include:

SEND Specialist Community Connector

SEND Specialist Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Provider

As part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in Gloucestershire, we are committed to supporting families of children with disabilities to access enriching activities and nutritious meals during school holidays.

Our service is designed to reduce barriers to participation and ensure that every child has the opportunity to engage in a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment. We can support families with:

Access to holiday activities tailored to children with SEND

Provision of healthy meals during sessions

Transport arrangements where required

1:1 support for children who need additional assistance

We understand that each family's needs are unique, and we work closely with parents, carers, and professionals to provide flexible, person-centred support.

There will be many other exciting and alternative opportunities in the summer, including our Summer SEND Celebration on 20th August. Lunch will be provided for every child that books via HAF.

Families can find out more and register by using this link

<https://www.parentandcareralliance.org.uk/haf>

Attendance

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes, until...	No, but inform your child's class teacher of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chicken Pox (Until all blisters have crusted over).• Vomiting and Diarrhoea (Return 48 hours from the last episode).• Flu-like temperature (Until they no longer have a high temperature).• Impetigo (Until their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics).• Measles (4 days after the rash first appeared).• Mumps (5 days after the swelling started).• Scabies (Until they've had their first treatment).• Scarlet Fever (24 hours after they started taking antibiotics).• Whooping Cough (48 hours after they started taking antibiotics).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cough• Sore throat (keep off school if accompanied by a high temperature)• Earache• Head lice• Hand, foot and mouth• Threadworms• Glandular Fever• Slapped Cheek• Tonsillitis• Conjunctivitis• Cold sores

PTA Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th June – 7pm PTA meeting at the Swamp

Friday 12th June – Summer disco

Tuesday 16th June –Sports Day, selling ice coffee and soft drink in cans

Saturday 20th June – Summer Picnic

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

Community Notices

41st Cheltenham Scout Group
Teeth-gritting, sleep-or-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



Scouts **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 1-7) 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

1.5 mile run through beautiful NT woodland

FUN RUN

£6 entry - medals for all runners

Sunday 10th May

Run starts at 10am from Sherborne C of E Primary School, GL54 3DH

Come along and enjoy a fun family morning
Lots of great prizes, BBQ, tea & cakes!

Book your entry at Race Nation 

in association with  National Trust
Proceeds to FOSS charity



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

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 30th April or 4th June
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National Year of Reading 2025

CAMP 421

MAY KIDS CAMP
UNLIMITED FUN FOR AGES 3-14!

26TH - 28TH MAY 2026

- Gloucester - Dinglewell Junior
- Chipping Norton - Kingham Hill

29TH - 31ST MAY 2026

- Cheltenham - St Edward's

ARTS & CRAFTS • SPORTS • POLYDRON CONSTRUCTION • SWIMMING (KINGHAM & ST ED'S)

CONVULSION WATCHERS ACCEPTED!

BOOKHERE: <https://camp421.co.uk/>

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The Unique Football Experience

Weekly Football Sessions

FRIDAYS

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

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

FOCUS ON INVOLVEMENT, FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL!

TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL

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COLOUR UP FOR KIDS

Prices from **£10**

Saturday 9th May 2026
Plock Court, Gloucester

Get ready for a splash of colour, bubbles, music, and inflatables!

Run, walk, or skip through this fun-filled family event while supporting local children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

JAMES HOPKINS TRUST • 20 Years of Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust

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SPRING FAIR

12PM-3PM

**SATURDAY
16TH MAY**

CAKES, BBQ,
REFRESHMENTS

TOMBOLAS, RAFFLE, ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING & FIRE ENGINE