

# The Christ Church News



5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Our value this term is: **JUSTICE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful half term break and were able to enjoy some of the recent warm, sunny weather. It has certainly been a welcome change, and we return to school refreshed and ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead.

As always, our children have been immersed in a rich programme of learning experiences that extend well beyond the classroom. Even this week, pupils are taking part in a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities, including first aid training, yoga sessions, visits to the Science Festival, and had a visit earlier from the Stage Door Theatre. These experiences not only enhance their learning but also build confidence, curiosity and a real love of learning. Looking ahead to next week, we are equally excited to be welcoming specialist-led workshops in geometry and geography, which will further deepen pupils' understanding and bring their learning to life.

Our children are incredibly fortunate to benefit from such a wealth of opportunities that go above and beyond the core curriculum. These experiences are made possible through the dedication, creativity and commitment of our staff team.

## **Class pages on our school website**

Don't forget to check out what your child has been learning about by looking on their class page.

## [Christ Church C of E Primary - Class Pages](#)

Thank you to the respondents in our recent 'pulse' survey. This is now closed and we will be looking at the results closely.

Mrs Pope

## **Diary Dates 26**

| Date                  | Event                                                                                                 |
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| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | Book Fair arrives at school for the week – see information below                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Y6 Leavers' service Gloucester Cathedral – children only<br>Y5 Cadbury World Trip – Payment via Arbor |

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Whole school geography workshop day                                                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June                   | PTA Disco –Infants 4.45-4.45pm, Juniors 6-7pm                                                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Sports Day - KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon                                                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Y4 Robinswood Trip – Payment via Arbor                                                          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Y4, 5, 6 first aid training<br><br>Reception 2026 parent meeting                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Prince of Wales Athletics – invited children                                                    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> June                   | PTA Summer Picnic (note change of date)                                                         |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                   | Reserve Sports Day                                                                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Y1 Weston-super-Mare trip – Payment via Arbor                                                   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> June                   | YR Perrygrove Railway trip – Payment via Arbor                                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July                    | Move up morning – children go to their new classrooms                                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                    | PTA Beach Party theme non-uniform day                                                           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Whole school skipping workshops                                                                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July                    | 9.00am YR Class Service – YR parents invited to watch<br><br>2.45pm RSE meeting for parents TBC |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 Residential Trip to Viney Hill                                                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July                    | Y4 & Y5 Cheltenham Music festival trip                                                          |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July                   | 2.00pm & 5.30pm Y6 Performance – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE                                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm                                                                      |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm<br><br>Last day - School finishes at normal time                        |

**Term 6's Value – Justice**



## JUSTICE

This term we will focus on justice. In term, 6 we always explore a value the children have voted on and they have selected Justice.

What is Justice? Treating everyone with fairness, equality, and respect.

Rather than just focusing on rules and punishments, it empowers children to ensure every voice is heard, stand up for others, and understand right from wrong. Here are some aspects we will explore in our services....

- 1. Personal Justice ("Playing Fair") Understanding Fairness, Rule Following, Taking Responsibility**
- 2. Social Justice (Equality & Inclusion) Respecting Differences, The Right to be Heard**
- 3. Global Justice, Fair Trade, Environmental Care**

**WE CAN BE AGENTS OF CHANGE – small steps / big changes!**

### OPAL Playtimes



Children enjoying a range of OPAL activities in the glorious sunshine! They made a sun lounger, a sun shelter and a water run! Lunchtimes are so much fun and so much learning takes place!



## Readathon – Read for Good hospital charity

Thank you to those who supported the DGAT Readathon at the end of Term 5. We raised £224 from our school so along with the other DGAT schools, we hope this goes towards making a difference to children in Gloucestershire. Some classes joined in a video lesson with author Thiago de Moraes who told us about his new books and the children did a draw-a-long session inventing a new monster for his books.



## Stagedoor Learning Theatre Performance – “The Time-Travelling Guitar”

On the last day of Term 5, our children were treated to enjoy watching a play written and performed by students from Stage Door Learning based at the Everyman Theatre. The students had researched, written and acted in their play all about time-travelling including facts about life in the Victorian times. We had chimney sweeps, policemen, teachers and inventors in the storyline too. The children in the audience loved their jokes, the interactions and songs performed. Well done to the students who use this work for their final assessment! We loved it!



## Congratulations

Well done to Reuben and Harry Wi who have been selected to progress to the next stage of the trial for the Cheltenham Primary Schools Football Association Under 11s (Year 6) representative team. Congratulations on being selected from a very strong group of players that attended the trials that were completed over the last few weeks.

## Mini First Aid Sessions



This week, all our children took part in Mini First Aid sessions learning life skills that could save someone's life.

Please talk to your child about learning their home address and post code off by heart. Most children did not know this vital information they would need to pass on if phoning 999 to ask for an ambulance. If they already know their address, it is worth learning the address of a grandparent too.

KS1 learned about how to stop bleeding, how to deal with a head injury, what to do if someone is unconscious but breathing and how to put someone into a recovery position.

Year 3 learned what to do if someone has a burn, how to give CPR and how to put someone into the recovery position and why it is important. They also had a go at putting a bandage on each other and understood the importance of learning their home addresses and postcodes!

## Cheltenham Science Festival 2026

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to Cheltenham Science Festival this week. How lucky we are to have all these different festivals right on our doorstep!

Year 2 loved their Sorcerer's Apprentice Workshop and time in the Maker Shack!

Thank you once again to all our parent volunteers who give up their time to allow these trips to go ahead. We really appreciate it.



Don't forget there are many FREE things to access if you pop along this weekend! It is running until Sunday afternoon. Year 2 LOVED the MAKER SHACK!

## Year 6

This week, children in Y6 undertook a tricky maths problem-solving task based on a “coded hundred square,” beginning with 1 and ending with 100. They thoroughly enjoyed the complexity of the puzzle and the need to apply logical reasoning and pattern recognition throughout.

Rather than simply filling in a standard grid, the children had to interpret coded information and reconstruct the structure of the hundred square. This required a secure understanding of place value and the relationships within a 10-by-10 number system.

A range of sophisticated strategies were used. Some children began by identifying key structural constraints of a hundred square, such as fixed anchor points (1, 10, and 100), and then worked systematically to build rows and columns while checking consistency. Others focused on the vertical structure of the grid, using the pattern of increasing by 10 to deduce missing values and ensure alignment across columns.



Year 6 have recently started yoga sessions as part of their PE curriculum. These sessions combine calming music, mindfulness activities and sequences of yoga poses to help pupils develop both physical and mental wellbeing. Through yoga, children are improving their balance, flexibility, strength and coordination, while also learning valuable techniques for relaxation, focus and self-awareness. The mindful nature of the sessions encourages pupils to be present in the moment, supporting emotional regulation and concentration. The children have embraced this new activity enthusiastically and are already enjoying the many benefits it brings.



## Book Fair

We are delighted to let you know that our **Travelling Book Fair** will be arriving at school on Monday!

The fair will be in school from **Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June**, giving children the opportunity to explore a fantastic range of new and popular books.

This year the **buy 2 books and choose a third book for free is back!**

What you need to know:

- There will be a wide selection of books suitable for all primary age groups
- Children will be visiting the fair with their class and books will be on sale after school in the main hall from 3.15 to 3.45 each evening.
- Books can be purchased individually or as part of the 3-for-2 offer.
- **Cashless payment is also back this year** – simply scan the QR code at the fair to pay online by phone or use your credit/debit card on our contactless card reader.

The Book Fair is a wonderful way to promote a love of reading, and every purchase helps us to earn free books for our school.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Book Fair.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Attendance

### Holidays During Term Time: Why Every Day Matters

As we approach the summer, we know many families are carefully planning holidays and making the most of time together. Family experiences are incredibly valuable, and time away can be refreshing for both children and adults. However, taking holidays during term time can have a significant impact on children's learning, progress, and overall school experience.

Even a short period of absence can mean that pupils miss key teaching, new concepts, and important opportunities to practise and consolidate their learning. Unlike adults, who can often "catch up" quickly at work, children build their knowledge step by step. Lessons are carefully planned to build on what has come before, so missing even a few days can create gaps that make it harder for them to keep up when they return.

There is also a social aspect to attendance. School is not just about academic progress—it's where children develop friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging. Being away during term time can leave children feeling out of sync with their peers, particularly if they miss shared experiences such as group projects, performances, or special events.

Regular attendance also helps children develop positive habits for the future. Learning the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility at a young age sets strong foundations for later education and employment. When attendance is disrupted, it can send mixed messages about the importance of being present and engaged.

### PTA Diary Dates

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Disco - please complete form and send with payment to the office

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

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Picnic

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Beach party themed non-uniform day

### SEND support

## Listen to Me peer support coffee mornings and other Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum events

Join the team at Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum with other SEND families at their events around the county every month. The 'Listen to Me' events are welcoming coffee mornings designed for Parent Carers across Gloucestershire. These informal gatherings, along with other groups and 'stay and plays' offer a chance to connect with others, share experiences and access support in your local area!



[Listen to me link](#)

# Gloucestershire Grammar Schools

## Entrance Test

### Dates for 2027 Entry

Register in Year 5  
to sit Entrance Test in Year 6

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
Opens: Monday 18 May 2026 (12 noon)  
Closes: Friday 26 June 2026 (12 noon)

**TEST DAY**  
Saturday 12 September 2026

**REGISTER HERE**  
[g7.appizoo.com](https://g7.appizoo.com)



For more information and to register, visit school websites

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| <br><b>MARLING</b><br>SCHOOL     | <br><b>THE CLEEVE</b><br>SCHOOL  | <br><b>STOKE NEWINGTON</b><br>SCHOOL | <b>BOYS</b><br><a href="http://www.stoke-newington-school.co.uk">www.stoke-newington-school.co.uk</a> |
| <br><b>ST THOMAS'</b><br>SCHOOL  | <br><b>ST PAUL'S</b><br>SCHOOL   | <br><b>ST JOHN'S</b><br>SCHOOL       | <b>GIRLS</b><br><a href="http://www.stjohns-school.org">www.stjohns-school.org</a>                    |
| <br><b>ST GEORGE'S</b><br>SCHOOL | <br><b>ST ANDREW'S</b><br>SCHOOL | <br><b>ST DAVID'S</b><br>SCHOOL      | <b>GIRLS</b><br><a href="http://www.standrews-school.org">www.standrews-school.org</a>                |

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**Pate's Grammar School**

**Open Mornings for Year 7 Entry**  
Thursday 25 June & Monday 29 June 2026  
9.15am - 11.00am  
Headteacher's Welcome: 9.15am  
Tours start from 10.00am

Please join us for one of this term's Open Mornings. Come and explore our school and meet our students and staff team who will be delighted to share Pate's life with you and answer all your questions about joining us in Year 7.

[Book now](#)

Please note: No parking is available on site. Please use Coronation Square Car Park, GL51 7RG.

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### Message from Gloucestershire County Council:

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals for Gloucestershire Schools.

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents / grandparents of your own pupils, or indeed to anyone else in the community.

Here's the link to the relevant page

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)