

The Christ Church News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderfully busy and enriching week in school, with staff organising a range of exciting additional activities for the children. Our geometry and geography workshops have been a real highlight, bringing learning to life in engaging and memorable ways. Thank you to all the staff for making these opportunities possible, and to the PTA for funding the geography workshop – we are very grateful for your support.

We are also very much looking forward to the PTA disco this evening. A quick reminder: please can all children leave coats at home to help the evening run smoothly.

With Sports Day just around the corner next week, and the weather finally beginning to improve, we are hoping for a brilliant event. Families are warmly invited to follow their child around the carousel of activities before enjoying the more 'traditional' races together.

We are also looking ahead to our new Reception parent meeting next Thursday. For our current EYFS families, this must feel like only yesterday – time really does fly. On the same day, Years 4-6 will be having first aid training. We think it is really important that children learn these basic skills to help if ever needed.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Pope

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Date	Event
12 th June	PTA Disco –Infants 4.45-4.45pm, Juniors 6-7pm
16 th June	Sports Day - KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon at Farnley Field
17 th June	Y4 Robinswood Trip – Payment via Arbor
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 – Payment via Arbor
25 th June	YR Perrygrove Railway trip – Payment via Arbor
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
7 th July	9.00am YR Class Service – YR parents invited to watch 2.45pm RSE meeting for parents TBC
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential Trip to Viney Hill
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

Water Safety and Swimming Lessons

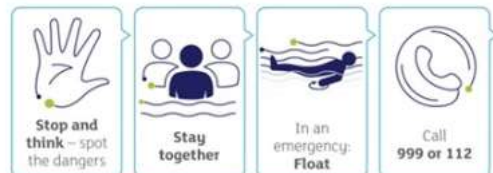
On Monday, we had a special assembly thinking about how to keep safe near water especially open water as the weather gets warmer. We talked about the Water Safety Code and what to do if you did get in trouble. We used this resource and watched this video you can discuss with your child. <https://vimeo.com/863949936?fl=pl&fe=cm>

The Water Safety Code

Read through the information below about staying safe in water and the Water Safety Code.



What is the Water Safety Code?



Photos: Western Gateway Park, California

Look at the photo...

What can you see?

What looks fun?

Do you think the people here are enjoying the water safely? How?

Can you spot anything that might need extra care or thought?

1. **Stop and Think** - Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.
2. **Stay Together** - Always stay with adults when you're near water.
3. **Float** - If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.
4. **Call for Help** - If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999.

Why do you think the Water Safety Code is so important?
Can you think of a way to help you remember the Code?

Does your attend weekly swimming lessons?

This is a good opportunity to consider swimming lessons if your child does not already attend weekly sessions, it is important they ideally begin in Reception or Year 1. School swimming only supplements your child's swimming teaching and is not enough to have your child swimming confidently 25m by the end of Year 6 as we can only offer 10 half hour sessions in Year 4, 5 and 6. We believe it is an important life skill for everyone.



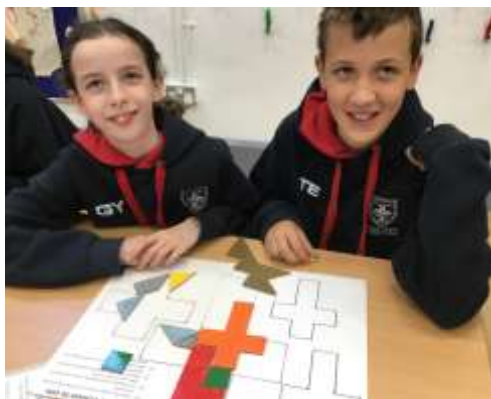
Geometry Workshop

We all thoroughly enjoyed Geometry Workshops this week. Everyone solved lots of tricky shape puzzles. A lot of perseverance was shown. Thank you, Mrs Readman, for organising this for us.

Here are some photos from Year 5.



Year 6 loved their geometry workshop on Tuesday. They were able to undertake a range of practical, shape-based tasks which stretched and challenged their mathematical thinking. The children were really inspired!



Year 2 LOVED the puzzles as well – so much pride when they persevered to achieve a tricky one!



Reception had a wonderful time at their geometry workshop. They persevered and helped each other solve the puzzles.



World Ocean Day

Year 2 joined a webinar with a scientist who taught us all about Manta Rays.

We learned they are a type of fish, they can jump out of the water and look like they are flying! We also learned they have to keep moving to be able to breathe. We watched a video of them swimming in the Maldives and it was a super start to a week logging into this lesson!



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#WorldOceanDay

Year 2 Paper Sculptures



Year 2 have finished their art journey learning about paper sculpture and they created this amazing colourful work using so many techniques.

Geography Day

On Thursday the whole school enjoyed a Geography Day. We welcomed Adrian Hall to school. Adrian is an experienced explorer and has travelled to all corners of the world. All our children and staff enjoyed hearing about his expeditions to the Arctic and finding out about the local wildlife and landscape. The children then enjoyed taking part in mapping and orienteering activities around our school grounds. A truly inspiring day had by all. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding this amazing day!



Year 5

Year 5 had a great day at Cadbury World on Thursday as part of their history topic about the Ancient Maya. They learnt how this ancient civilisation were the first people to create a drink from boiling cacao beans and even used cocoa pods as a form of currency. They then learnt about how chocolate as we know it today was developed by the

Cadbury family. The children were then lucky enough have a go at tempering chocolate and using it as a material for art.



Year 6

On Wednesday, Year 6 attended a wonderful Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral alongside pupils from other DGAT schools. Through prayers, songs and reflection, the children celebrated their time in primary school and marked this important step as they prepare for the next stage of their education.





Attendance

What happens if your child is absent from school?

For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%.

Days Absent	Equal to Absence %	Overall Attendance % by End of Year
1 day	0.5%	99.5%
5 days	2.5%	97.5%
10 days	5%	95%
20 days	10%	90%

PTA Diary Dates

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

ALL TOGETHER SERVICE

Church for all the family!

Sunday 14th June

Join us for pastries &
other refreshments
from 10am - service
starts at 10:30

