

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **JUSTICE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start by saying a huge well done to all of our children for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm during Sports Day. It was wonderful to see such determination, teamwork and sporting spirit on display across all year groups. Thank you also to all the parents and families who came along to support the event. Your encouragement and cheering made a real difference and helped to create such a positive and exciting atmosphere for the children. A special thank you must go to Miss Greenwood and Miss Hillier for organising such a successful event, as well as to all of our staff for their support in making the day run so smoothly. We are very proud of everyone involved.

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the fantastic school disco last Friday. The children had a wonderful time and it was clear how much thought, effort and time had gone into making the event such a success. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mr Benaicha for being our DJ and keeping everyone entertained throughout the evening. Your continued support and commitment are greatly appreciated, and we are very grateful that the money raised goes straight back into supporting opportunities and resources for our children.

We are really looking forward to the summer fair tomorrow – please do support us in raising funds for school and to support the organisers of this event – no mean feat! A request that we do not park in front of people's driveways when attending. There is free parking further up the road.

Best wishes.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 2026

Date	Event
20 th June	PTA Summer Picnic 12pm - 3pm
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

Parking and safety

We have been made aware of a concerning incident that took place this week regarding parking and driving outside of school. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but the situation could easily have been far more serious.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our school community of the importance of driving and parking safely, particularly at busy drop-off and collection times.

Please could we ask that all parents and carers:

- Avoid parking on double yellow lines, zig-zag markings, or in restricted areas – even just once and even if you are in a hurry.
- Drive slowly and patiently, allowing extra time for drop-off and collection.
- Model safe behaviour for our children by showing courtesy and care towards others.
- Be considerate when parking and not block the driveways of our neighbours.

The safety of our pupils is our highest priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe. Thank you for your continued support.



Junior ParkRun

It is lovely to see a few Christ Church families at the weekly Junior ParkRun – Sundays at 9.00am at The Park Campus OR at the Burrow's Field, Leckhampton. You just need to register online before your first visit and you bring along a printed copy of your child's barcode. A great way to start your day especially in these sunny months! Parents don't have to run with your child, but the aim is to have fun so encourage your child to put on their trainers and join in whatever their pace. It's a run, not a race!

Fidget aids

In line with our commitment to maintaining a focused and supportive learning environment, we have a clear approach to the use of fidget aids in school. Fidget aids can be helpful for some pupils; however, to ensure they are used appropriately and effectively, only those agreed and approved by myself, as SENCo, will be permitted. This ensures that their use is linked to a genuine need and forms part of a considered support strategy. Please note that toys or non-approved items are not allowed in school, as they can become a distraction from learning rather than a support.

Thank you for your support with this matter

Mrs Pendlebury

Important Reminder – Squishy Toys

We have recently seen an increase in children bringing "squishy" toys into school. While these items are often marketed as fun and stress-relieving, they can pose a significant risk in a school environment.

Some squishies have been known to split or burst when squeezed, which can cause the filling inside to spray out unexpectedly. This can be messy and disruptive, but more importantly, it may present a health and safety concern, particularly if materials come into contact with eyes, skin, or clothing.

To ensure the safety and comfort of all pupils and staff, squishy toys are not allowed in school. If these items are brought in, they will be taken and returned at the end of the day.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment by ensuring that children do not bring these items into school. Thank you.

Year 4

Year 4 had a wonderful time with staff and our parent helpers at Robinswood hill exploring meadow habitats and pond wildlife. It was fabulous to see our class so engaged and excited to discover and identify British wildlife. A huge thank you to Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who funded this visit to their centre.



Year 2 Harvest their Potatoes!

On Tuesday, it was time to harvest our potatoes for the Grow Your Own Potato Competition where schools across the UK chit, plant and harvest two varieties of potatoes then weigh their crop to see who wins. Sadly, our potatoes did not get much watering in those hot weeks in May so we had a small crop this year. However, thank you to Lisa in the kitchen who kindly cooked them and the children were able to eat them with their lunch. Yum!



Justice Value

Every 6 weeks, our Values Reflection Area has an update linked to our current value. This term is Justice.



Our Prayer Wall currently has reflections from Year 6 about what spirituality means to them. We love your artwork that accompanies your thoughts and feelings.

School Council Justice Project – Animal Dress-Up Day

The School Council has been learning about **Justice**, which means making sure everyone is treated fairly and kindly.

During our discussions, we thought about the fact that some children and families may find it difficult to access school uniform, while we often have a large amount of clothing left unclaimed in lost property. This led us to think about how we can make a positive difference both within our school community and beyond.

To help support this important cause, the School Council has decided to hold a fundraising day. The money raised will help provide access to school uniforms for families who need them, while also supporting initiatives within our own Christ Church community. – if you would like to look at the charity we have chosen, please feel free to follow the link - [About Us | Uniformed Education Charity](#)

   **Animal Dress-Up Day – Thursday 16th July**   

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite animal (or wearing animal-themed clothing and accessories) in exchange for a voluntary donation £1. We encourage costumes to be simple and fun—there is no need to buy anything special.

Thank you for helping us put our Christian value of **Justice** into action and for supporting this worthwhile cause. We look forward to seeing lots of amazing animals around school! 🐾

Thank you,



Y6 Worship Team lead the last service in our “Artist’s View of God” series of assemblies

Thank you to the children who led our Values Service this week on another piece of art by Eloise Hopkins. We reflected on stereotypes about God and explored this beautiful piece of art inspired by aboriginal symbols, early man and seeing God as a mother figure.



The children were able to express their views to answer tricky questions to get them thinking about why the artist chose features like the flame, the circle shapes meaning community in aboriginal symbolism, the handprints from her family and the colour choices too.

We’d like to take this opportunity to thank all 16 of the Year 6 children who helped lead assemblies this year! It’s been fantastic to see your confidence grow across the year.

First Aid

We are delighted that all year groups have now completed child-friendly first aid training. This has helped our pupils to develop the knowledge, confidence and practical skills needed to respond appropriately in an emergency. Learning basic first aid empowers children to help others, promotes responsibility, and could make a real difference in a situation where someone needs immediate assistance.



Sports Day

KS1 Results

1. 🏆 Sudeley – 5,321
2. 🥈 Warwick – 4,176
3. 🥉 Berkeley – 3,155

KS2 Results

1. 🏆 Warwick – 1,917
2. 🥈 Sudeley – 1,863
3. 🥉 Berkeley – 1,822

Overall Results

1. 🏆 Sudeley – 7,184
2. 🥈 Warwick – 6,093
3. 🥉 Berkeley – 4,977



CC SAMBA Band

We have been practising this term ready for the Summer Picnic!

We will be playing from 12.00 noon so come along and hear us perform!





Readathon

A message from Richard Lucas from our central DGAT team:

I just wanted to send a quick updated figure! So far DGAT schools have raised £2,655.60 for Readathon®, which is incredible.

Attendance

Thank you for supporting excellent attendance

Thank you to all our families who help their children attend school every day and arrive on time. Strong attendance makes a real difference to children's learning and confidence. On Monday this week we had 100% attendance!

If you are facing any challenges that may affect your child's attendance — such as morning routines, illness, worries about school, or family circumstances — please contact us. We are here to listen, work together, and support you and your child.

PTA Diary Dates

Saturday 20th June – Summer Picnic

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

Community Notices

Do you have an old gas BBQ?

Does anyone have a gas BBQ they are replacing? 41st Cheltenham Scout Group are looking for a replacement ideally free or for a lower price – if you are upgrading yours at home, please let Mrs Proctor know – many thanks!



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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

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