

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see our school family back in school this week. The children have settled brilliantly. We would like to welcome our new children and staff members to the Christ Church family.

We hope that you had a good summer. If any circumstances have changed, please let us know. This is so that we can support children well and be aware of any changes. It is also important that we have up to date contact details so please contact the office if you have any new numbers or addresses.

Many of you have commented on the fantastic new play equipment on the astro. The children have had a great time playing on it. A gentle note that children are not allowed on any equipment before or after school. Thank you.

Can all children have a waterproof coat in school every day please. This week has shown the need for this!

This letter has several reminders in it to get us ready for the year so please take the time to read it. Next week will have more photos etc!

I will be out on the playground most mornings before school and afternoons after school. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Pope

Newsletter

This is one of the main forms of communication. It is important that this is read each week and really helps the office.

School Rules

To help guide the children in their work and play, we have three clear and simple school rules: We are **READY**, We are **RESPECTFUL**, We are **SAFE**. These rules and their meaning are discussed frequently with the children in services and in class in the hope that that all members of our school family can live and work together in a caring and supportive way so that everyone feels happy, safe and secure. If you do have concerns, we ask that you talk to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that we can work together to help everyone be the best they can be.

In the morning, please feel free to catch a member of staff if it is a simple message. Mornings are busy so staff cannot spend a lot of time talking because children would otherwise not be supervised in the playground. You can also catch teachers at the end of the day to talk. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the school

office (admin@christchurch.dgat.org.uk or 523392) in the first instance who can pass a message on. Do remember that staff cannot leave classes so may not call you back immediately, especially if they then have a club after school.

Class Pages

The class pages of our website have lots of information so please visit them <https://www.christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk/class-pages/>

Parking

Parking remains a big issue for us at school. May I remind you that cars should not be parked on the pavement or yellow zig-zag lines outside of school as this can limit visibility and make it dangerous for children to cross the road to school.

Please can I also ask that you do not block access to our neighbours' drives as this can cause them great inconvenience and stress, and stop them getting safely in and out of their homes. Indeed, on several occasions at the end of last term, our neighbours were made late for work or appointments due to our inconsiderate parking. I am certain you would appreciate this same courtesy was shown to you. Thank you.



Attendance

As you are aware, attendance and punctuality is so important. Our aim is always that children are in school 100% of the time, although we appreciate that there are occasions that absence is unavoidable. In order for our children to take full advantage of all the educational opportunities on offer, it is vital that they are at school and on time as much as possible. The routines children develop around attendance and punctuality at school are the same as the expectations of any future employer in the world of work. High attainment and confidence with peers and staff all depend on good attendance.

- All children should be in the school playground at 8.40a.m. The register is taken twice a day and a day counts as two attendances. If a child arrives after the registration period, he/she must report to the school office and will be marked as 'Late'.
- When a child is unwell, parents should contact the school before 9.15am on the first day of absence, and every day thereafter, informing the school of the reason for absence.
- Every effort should be made to arrange medical appointments outside school hours.
- Parents are urged to avoid booking a family holiday in term time.

Thank you for your support and understanding and if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Dogs

One or two people have asked about bringing dogs and puppies on to the playground. While we appreciate, many adults and children love dogs, some of our children are scared and worried about having dogs on the playground. As our primary duty of care is to all of our children and their need to feel safe, we ask that no dogs are brought on to the school premises, even if they are puppies or are being held. They should not be tied to the gates at the entrance to the playground either please. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Mobile Phones

We have sent a message to Year 5 and 6 parents about mobile phones. We have asked that mobile phones are brought straight to the office via the front entrance and that parents sign a form in order that children do this. Children then have the phone handed back by the class teacher and may not use this until out of the playground. We would only want children to bring a phone to school if it is imperative for their safety so expect very few children to do this – and this is certainly the case this year so far. Many thanks for helping us with this matter.

Healthy Snack

For children in Years 3 to 6, we kindly ask that you provide a healthy snack for them to eat in the morning. Our timetable means that the children have quite a long morning so it is important that they have a piece of fruit, vegetable or healthy cereal / fruit bar. Please can we ask that there are no nuts in school and that if children have crisps, they are saved for lunch. Thank you.



Our first week in Year 1

Our children have had a fantastic first week in Year 1. The children have been having a wonderful time exploring their new learning environment and trying new challenges and tasks during discovery time. We have been having lots of fun!





Letter from the Prime minister

The DFE has asked that we share this letter from the Prime minister with you:

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/?es_c=28C896379D7EBD5B82DD43CC8D3072BC&es_cl=71C9A2D5AD3C3E8AE36E2D78BB80601B&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

Diary Dates 25-26 (please note these can be added to each week)

8 th – 11 th September	Yr 6 Bikeability week
15 th September	Yr 2 Parent Information Meeting 3.20pm – info to follow
17 th September	Yr 5 Evacuee trip
18 th September	Yr 6 Swimming starts
23 rd September	Yr R and Year 1 Phonics meeting 3.30 – info to follow
6 th October	Yr 3, 5, 6 Literature festival visit – info to follow
10 th October	Yr 2 Literature festival visit – info to follow
13 th October	Yr 6 & Yr 4 Literature festival visit – info to follow
15 th October	Yr 2 Cathedral / Mosque visit - TBC
21 st October	Yr 3 lead Harvest Festival service at Church 10am
21 st & 23 rd October	Parents' evening – info to follow
24 th October	INSET day – school closed for children
27 th – 31 st October	Half term – School closed
3 rd November	Children back to school
4 th , 5 th 6 th November	9.15am Reception 2026 tours for prospective parents – book via office
10 th and 11 th November	Isong pop rehearsals this week
12 th November	Positive noticing day
13 th November	I-Sing pop concerts – info to follow

19 th November	Individual & sibling photograph day
9 th December	Nativity performance 2.15pm – ticket info to follow
10 th December	Nativity performance 9.30am – ticket info to follow
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	Yr R Everyman Theatre – info to follow
18 th December	Yr 4 lead Christmas Service – info to follow
19 th December	Last day – finish at usual time
5 th January	INSET day – school closed for children
6 th January	Children back to school

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>

Community Notices



Cheltenham Bournside School

Open Evening

Thursday 11th September 2025, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's welcome at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm

Parents and families are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening. Hear from our senior leadership team, teachers and students and find out about life at our school. You will be invited to explore our extensive facilities and departments, take part in interactive activities and discover our inspiring enrichment programme on a student-led tour.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bournside.

Open morning tours run daily at 9.00am, from Monday 15th September.

Please contact us to book (open mornings only):

- admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk
- 01242 235555



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