

The Christ Church News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen unprecedented levels of extreme heat, and the safety of our children and staff has remained our top priority. Thank you all for your continued positive support and understanding in the decisions we have made—it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our staff for their dedication and care in managing these challenging conditions.

A massive thank you to those who were able to support the summer party on Saturday. The biggest shout out needs to go to the organisers though – you are awesome! Please see a message from the PTA below.



Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 26

Date	Event
1 st July	Move up morning – children go to their new classrooms

3 rd July	PTA Beach Party theme non-uniform day – details below
6 th July	Whole school skipping workshops
7 th July	9.00am YR Class Service – YR parents invited to watch 2.45pm Relationships and Sex Education 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 – Book tickets via the Shop in Arbor
15 th July	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm
16 th July	Dress as an Animal Day – fundraiser £1 donation
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm Last day - School finishes at normal time

Year 2 Science Microhabitats

As part of their learning in Science, Year 2 spent time considering what might live in our school grounds and planned to make microhabitats to attract minibeasts. They thought about how shelter, food sources, water and how different sections might be useful. Each week, they will monitor what has moved in to use their space as part of learning about the skill of observation and pattern spotting.



Year 2 release their painted lady butterflies!

Our painted lady butterflies were ready for freedom this week and it was lovely to release them on a sunny day near the buddleia. They flew away so quickly this year probably due to the hot weather! The children were fascinated watching the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly!



Prince of Wales Athletics



Last Friday evening, our athletics team took part in the Prince of Wales Athletics. Nearly all of our athletes progressed through their heats to reach the sprint finals – a fantastic achievement that reflected their hard work, determination and resilience.

Congratulations to our medal winners:

- 🏆 Emmanuella (Year 6) – Sprint Gold
- 🏆 Eva (Year 5) – Sprint Gold
- 🏆 Year 5 Girls' Relay Team – Gold
- 🏆 Stacy (Year 3) – Silver

A special well done to our reserve athletes, who supported the team brilliantly throughout the evening and were ready to step in at any moment. Their commitment, encouragement and positive attitude played an important part in the team's success.

Every athlete represented the school with pride, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, determination, and respect throughout the competition. We are incredibly proud of the entire team and the way they conducted themselves both on and off the track. Well done to everyone involved on a fantastic evening of athletics! 🏃 🏃 🏆

Year 4

Year 4 have begun a new science topic of Sound, and this week we investigated vibrations and pitch!



Writers' Cafe



Each month, children enjoy a Writers' Cafe in class where they enjoy a biscuit while "writing for pleasure." It's a great opportunity for pupils to choose what they'd like to write about – it could be anything from a letter, story, poem, fact file – whatever they like – about whatever they like! The children really enjoy this free time to write and chat with friends. Many authors have written their books in a cafe like this!

PTA summer Picnic

Last Saturday our wonderful PTA organised yet another fantastic Summer Picnic. It was a fun filled day enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event and our school. Our PTA manage to raise a whopping £2,237.07 for our school. We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for running such a successful event and a special thank you to Sally Walker for organising it all. We are very lucky as a school to have a dedicated and hardworking team of parent volunteers.



Atom Learning

Pupil Premium Atom learning: We are pleased to share access to Atom Learning, a high-quality online platform designed to support children aged 7–11 (Years 3–6). Through our partnership with Atom Learning, children eligible for pupil premium can **benefit from free access** to a comprehensive programme of online learning and 11+ test preparation materials. This is particularly valuable for pupils who would benefit from additional practice in English, maths and reasoning, as well as those preparing for entrance exams. The platform offers engaging, adaptive activities that pupils can complete at home, helping to build confidence, reinforce classroom learning and provide extra challenge where needed. Please click on the link above to find out more.

The above link is also on our school website under Pupil Premium.

Families who are not in receipt of pupil premium can still access Atom Home through a paid subscription if they would like their child to benefit from the platform.

Free learning resources for Christ Church CofE Primary School families

Reading, writing and 11+ preparation, plus a guide to the grammar schools Christ Church families most commonly apply to.

Christ Church CofE Primary School is in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, where children sit the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test in September of Year 6 to apply for grammar school places. There are 4 grammar schools within 9 miles of Christ Church, the nearest around 1 miles away in Cheltenham, using the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for admission. This page brings together free reading, writing, and 11+ resources, plus a guide to the local grammar schools Christ Church families most commonly apply to.

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Attendance

Thank you all for your continued support with attendance.

Well done to Year 1 who are the Summer Term's star class (data from 13th April to present!)

- Reception: Attendance rate is 96.4%
- Year 1: Attendance rate is 99.1%
- Year 2: Attendance rate is 97.3%
- Year 3: Attendance rate is 96.5%
- Year 4: Attendance rate is 97.1%
- Year 5: Attendance rate is 97.7%
- Year 6: Attendance rate is 97.3%

PTA Diary Dates

Friday 3rd July – Beach party themed non-uniform day, see below:



Payment can be made via this link:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLJ8YBT990XRN/checkout/IO7I4EVMOC34PIQTUQNPUW3Y>



Community Notices

We would like to share a new event run by Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum called 'Listen to Me'. These informal gatherings provide an opportunity for Parent Carers (parents and/or carers of children with any disability, condition, impairment or additional need) to connect with others, share experiences, and access support.

For details of these and other upcoming events, please visit www.glospcf.org.uk/events.

Listen to Me Dates for July



Date	Venue	Time
Friday 3rd July	Toby Carvery, Brockworth, Shurdington Rd, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4PH	9:30am - 11:00am
Monday 6th July Rainbow Days	Gardners Lane Childrens Centre, Cheltenham, GL51 9JW	5pm - 7pm
Friday 10th July	Redgrove Harvester Hatherley Ln, Cheltenham, GL51 6TA	9:30am - 11:00am

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Top Tips & Strategies Session

 Saturday 27th June

 3pm - 4pm

Get your child ready for Secondary School

- ✓ Develop skills they'll use in secondary school by taking part in fun lesson challenges and problem-solving activities
- ✓ Build confidence in a relaxed, supportive environment
- ✓ Learn simple strategies to help handle worries and new situations

Guest Artist: Explore Learning Chatterham, Inside Secondary's GLS1 089

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PEAK DAY

SATURDAY 11th July 10 - 4pm!

Huntersrope Primary School
Gloucester GL2 4EP

- Petting Zoo
- Food Stalls
- Bouncy Castles
- Craft Stalls
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