

The Christ Church News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to enjoy another spell of warm weather, school life shows no signs of slowing down! The sunshine has certainly provided a wonderful backdrop to a busy and memorable week, with children taking part in a range of experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

Our Year 6 pupils have been away on their residential visit this week and we are very much looking forward to hearing all about their adventures, achievements and memorable moments when they return. Residentials are always a highlight of primary school life, providing opportunities for children to develop independence, resilience and friendships. I am sure there will be plenty of stories to share! A huge thank you goes to the staff who have supported the trip—while incredibly rewarding, these visits certainly require a great deal of energy, and I suspect they may be ready for a well-earned rest when everyone is back safely.

This week also saw a wonderful Reception class service. The children spoke and sang with confidence, making us all incredibly proud. Thank you to families who were able to join us and celebrate their learning.

Alongside this, a number of year groups have been out on educational visits and trips. These opportunities play such an important role in enriching the curriculum, bringing learning to life and helping children create lasting memories. We are fortunate to be able to offer such a wide range of experiences, and it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement they inspire.

As we move towards the final week of the school year, we look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate the achievements, experiences and successes of our children. A reminder that children do need to have suncream on, have a hat and bring a named and filled water bottle.

Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 26

Date	Event
13 th July	House Point Winner – non-uniform for SUDELEY

	Dress rehearsal Y6 performance to school
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 organised by School Council - £1 donation for school uniform charity
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm - Y6 parents invited Last day - School finishes at normal time

Parking

We have recently received several complaints from parents and local residents regarding parking at the beginning and end of the school day. While most families park considerately and safely, a small minority are parking dangerously – often repeatedly. These actions put children, families and other road users at risk. We kindly ask all parents and carers to allow extra time for drop-off and collection. By working together and showing consideration for safety, we can help ensure that everyone arrives at and leaves school safely. Thank you for your support.

House Point Winners

Congratulations to Sudeley House on their win this year. All children in **Sudeley** have a non-uniform day on Monday.

Skiping Workshops





Everyone had great fun learning to skip this week in our skipping workshops. Each class went outside and enjoyed learning how to skip with a rope and some tricks too!

Year 4 greatly enjoyed the skipping workshop and improved their skills by learning to jump in and to skip with their arms crossed.

Year 6

Eight budding mathematicians and scientists from Year 6 were selected to take part in the **International Women in Engineering Day (INWED)** event at the Spirax headquarters on Thursday 26th June. The children enjoyed an exciting day of hands-on STEM activities, including learning about the history of modern technology, making seed bombs, and designing, building and testing their own race cars. It was a truly inspiring day, providing the children with a fantastic opportunity to explore engineering, science and technology in a real-world setting while encouraging their curiosity, creativity and problem-solving skills.



Summer Library Challenge



We had a visit from Jemima from Cheltenham Children's Library who told us all about this year's exciting Summer Reading Challenge. Visit 3 times from this weekend until September and you can do 12 different tasks to win prizes including cinema vouchers for your family! More details can be found here...[Welcome to The Library Challenge! | Gloucestershire Libraries](#)

Eco Council

We celebrated our Eco Council this week and Ms Guy gave all the children a special certificate to say thank you. The children talked about their recent trip to Sandfields Care Home where they painted the shed with flowers.



Reception Class Service

We look forward to this every year! Reception led a fantastic class service this week showing their confidence in speaking out to a hall full of people. They retold the story of “The Smeds and The Smoos” by Julia Donaldson sharing an important message of love, tolerance and hope. The children also shared what they have enjoyed most while learning at school and we are so proud of how much progress they have made since starting at our school in September.



Big Hike



On Saturday 11th July, a few staff are taking part in the half marathon Big Hike for Cancer Research around the Cotswolds. If you would like to sponsor them and contribute to this amazing charity, please scan the QR code opposite or click on this link - [Team CCPS](#)

We wish them lots of luck for Saturday! Go Team CCPS!



Attendance

[The Impact of Unauthorised Holidays](#)

We understand that family time is important; however, holidays taken during term time can have a significant impact on children's education. Even a short absence can result in missed learning that is difficult to catch up on, particularly in subjects where new learning builds upon previous lessons. Children may return to school feeling less confident, having missed key teaching, class discussions and collaborative activities. They can also miss important social experiences, friendships and school events.

We ask all families to support their child's education by booking holidays during school holiday periods whenever possible. By ensuring children attend school every day, on time, we can work together to give them the very best opportunity to thrive, learn and succeed.

Animal Shelter Donation

The PTA received the following message:

Thanks so much for getting in touch, and for sharing the details of Christ Church Primary School's wonderful Pet Parade fundraiser.

The children's eBook is absolutely fantastic! The collection of beautiful artwork and stories are very special, and the children should all feel so proud of themselves for working so hard to produce such a lovely book of pet portraits,

memories and creative stories. Their support means the world to us all, and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them for choosing to fundraise for our animals in need here at the Shelter.

We currently have over 60 animals here in our care, and your donation will make a true difference, and help us to provide them with the love, warmth, comfort and medical support that they so desperately need whilst we work hard to find them loving homes of their own.

Community Notices



Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Children and Family Centres Summer Timetable

Teddy Bears Picnic

Come and make a picnic with us!

Bring a teddy
Children 0-11yrs
Gardners Lane
20 July 10:30am-12pm
Brockworth



10 August, 10:30am-12pm
Oakwood
17 August, 10:30am-12pm
Noahs Ark
24 August, 10:30am-12pm

Booking Required via Eventbrite

Ready for School Sessions

Parent and child sessions led by
School Nurse team

Noahs Ark
30 July, 10:30am-12pm
Gardners Lane
12 August, 1:30pm-3pm
Booking Required via Eventbrite



Parent Coffee Drop-ins

Drop in to have a drink and
connect with others.

Noahs Ark 1st Weds of month 1:30pm-3pm
Gardners Lane 2nd Weds of month 9am-10:30am
Brockworth 3rd Tues of month 9am-10:30am
Hesters Way 3rd Fri of month 9am-10:30am
Oakwood 4th Weds of month 1:30-3pm

Soft Play (under 8's) and Sensory Rooms (under 18mths)

@Gardners Lane

Mondays

20 July, 27 July, 3 Aug,
10 Aug, 17 Aug, 24 Aug
Sensory am slots and
Soft Play pm slots

SEND sessions

(under 8yrs)

23 July, 30 July &

6 Aug
am slots

Booking Required via Eventbrite

@Oakwood

Wednesdays

22 July, 29 July, 5 Aug,
12 Aug, 19 Aug, 26 Aug
Sensory am slots and
Soft Play pm slots

SEND Sessions

(under 8yrs)

28 July, 11 Aug, &

25 Aug
am slots

Booking Required via Eventbrite

Baby Hubs

Gardners Lane

Tuesdays 1pm-2:30pm

Stay and Weigh available

Closed on 18 August

Oakwood

Fridays 10am-11:30am

Stay and Weigh available

Hester's Way

Wednesdays 1pm-2:30pm

(not 1st Weds of month)

Stay and Weigh

available

Noah's Ark

Wednesdays 10am-

11:30am

Stay and Weigh

2nd & 4th Weds of month

Brockworth

Wednesdays 9am-11am

Stay and Weigh

available

1st and 3rd of month

Closed on 29 July

Bishops Cleeve Library

Thursdays 12:30pm-2pm

Stay and Weigh

available

HAF Sessions

Art workshop

29 July

10:30am-1:30pm

Brockworth

Drama workshop

4 August

10:30am-1:30pm

Noahs Ark

Drama workshop

11 August

10am-11am

Gardners Lane

Sports activities

& messy play

13th August

10:30am-1:30pm

Oakwood

Gloucestershire

HAF

Sessions

bookable via

the Virtual

Family Hub

Cheltenham Party in

the Park Event

Pitville Park

5 Aug

10am - 4pm

Come and find us at this

event!

Follow us on social

media to get

updates on the

sessions and more!

Scan the QR code

for bookable

sessions via

Eventbrite

Family Story Times

Gardners Lane - 0-8yrs

29 July, 10am-11am

Noahs Ark - 0-8yrs

26 August, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Booking required



Parent Carer Forum

Stay and Play Session 0-11's

Gardners Lane

22 July, 10am-11:30am

20 August, 10am-11:30am

Booking required



Stay & Play

0-5yrs

Oakwood

28 July, 1:30-3pm

4 August, 1:30-3pm

25 August, 1:30-3pm



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For centre details please see our Website - www.aspirefoundation.org.uk

Keen to tire out your bike-loving
kids over the summer holidays?



Kids MTB Development Groups run each week of the
summer holidays at FlyUp 417 Bike Park for 8-15 yr olds

- Hone downhill skills in small groups
- DBS-checked qualified coaches
- 9am-4pm Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (except bank holidays)

Book your child's place now at www.417bikepark.co.uk

Crickley Hill Farm, Witcombe,
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Guitar lessons in
Christ Church Primary School

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Bikeability Holiday Courses

Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays. These courses help children aged 9-14 build cycling confidence and safety skills in small groups with qualified instructors.

Dates/Locations

•Summer Holidays at Skillzone

(2 sessions available)

Gloucester

•October Half-Term at Pineholt

Village Hall, Hucclecote

Details

Age: 9-14 years

Cost: £10 per course

Format: 2 x 2-hour sessions

Bikes: Available subject to availability

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