

The Christ Church News



17th July 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, it is a time to reflect on all that has been achieved and to celebrate the many successes of our school community.

One of the highlights of the final weeks was undoubtedly our Year 6 production and leavers' services. The children showed talent and enthusiasm, showcasing the teamwork that have characterised their time with us. We are incredibly proud of every child who took part and grateful to the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the production such a success.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we do so with immense pride and affection. They leave us ready for the next stage of their journey, carrying with them the values and experiences that have helped shape them into the young people they are today. We wish each and every one of them happiness, success and fulfilment in the years ahead. As our school scripture reminds us, "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go*" (Joshua 1:9). We hope they carry these words with them as they embrace new opportunities and challenges.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise our exceptional staff team. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated, talented and caring professionals working at Christ Church. The rich range of opportunities, clubs, trips, performances, sporting events and enrichment experiences offered throughout the year reflect the commitment and generosity of staff who continually go above and beyond for our children. These opportunities do not happen everywhere, and they make a real difference to the lives and experiences of our pupils.

My sincere thanks go to every member of staff, both in the classroom and behind the scenes. Thank you to the teachers and teaching partners, the office staff, the finance team, the kitchen team who keep us so well fed each day, the lunchtime supervisors and all those whose hard work often goes unseen but is absolutely vital to the smooth running of our school. Together, they make Christ Church the special place it is. In our recent Year 6 parent survey, 100% of those that responded would recommend the school to others – you can't get better than that.

I would also like to thank our governors for their support, challenge and commitment throughout the year. Their dedication to the school helps ensure we continue to provide the very best education and care for our children.

This term we also say a special farewell to Simon Heron as he retires. Simon has provided service to our school community, and we are extremely grateful for all he has contributed. His support will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike. We wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement filled with health, happiness and new adventures.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful PTA. Through their tireless fundraising, enthusiasm and support, they have helped provide additional opportunities and resources for our children throughout the year. We are very grateful for all they do and for the support of all the parents and volunteers who contribute to their success.

Finally, thank you to all our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Working together enables us to provide the very best for our children.

I wish you all a safe, restful and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at Christ Church.

Mrs Pope

Dress as an Animal Day

Thank you for supporting our Dress as an Animal Day – voted by children to raise money for the “Uniformed” charity as we think of how we can make a difference to others. It was a great fun way to end the term!



Year 2 Butterfly Decorations

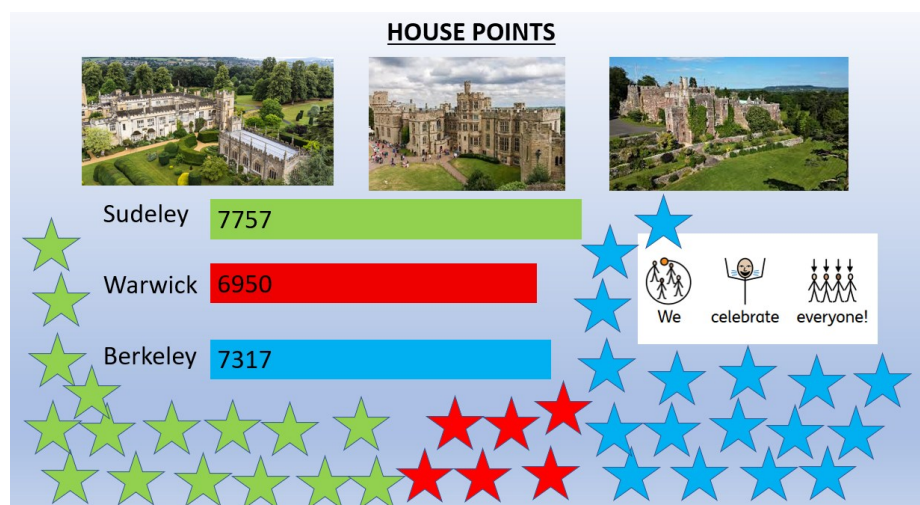
We love these colourful butterfly decorations Year 2 created this year in their DT Project learning to sew. Once designed, the children followed their design to choose the correct colours then created symmetrical patterns to finish them off. You can see all the photographs on the Year 2 class webpage.



House Point Winners – Sudeley



This year it was Sudeley who scored the most house points across the year. Congratulations to everyone in Sudeley but if your child is in Warwick or Berkeley – they also scored an incredibly high number too. Each house point matters and we tally them up each Friday in our Celebration Service.



Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an end of the year treat on Wednesday. They had Domino's pizza and ice cream for lunch. It was very much enjoyed by all. Thank you to the PFA for funding this.

Celebrating Our Reading Rewards Success!

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who have worked so hard to achieve our school reading rewards this year. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils developing a love of reading, exploring new books, and reading regularly at home.

Every reading reward represents dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to building strong reading habits. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort shown by all of our children as they have worked towards their goals.

A very special congratulations goes to the children who achieved the Platinum Reading Award. This outstanding achievement reflects exceptional commitment to reading throughout the year. To celebrate their success, our Platinum Award winners enjoyed a well-deserved morning of juice and cakes with Mrs Pope this week. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise their hard work and celebrate this fantastic accomplishment together.



Year 1 treat day

Last Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic end of year treat day filled with creativity, fun and delicious treats!

The children loved designing and decorating their own T-shirts, showing off their wonderful artistic skills and unique ideas. In the afternoon, everyone had the opportunity to create their own ice cream masterpieces by choosing from a variety of tasty toppings before enjoying their treats together in the shade.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for their generosity in providing each year group with £100 towards end of year treats. Their dedication, hard work and support make so many special experiences possible for our children.

Without the PTA's kindness and commitment to our school community, days like this would not be possible. Thank you for helping to create such happy memories for our pupils. We are incredibly grateful for everything you do.

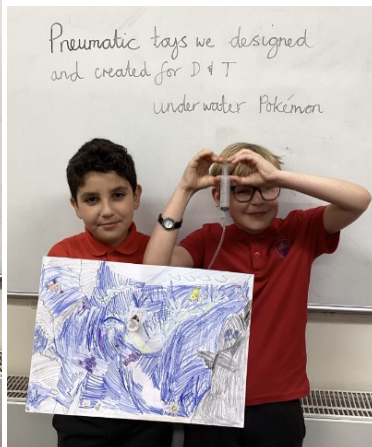


Class Webpages

Please remember to look through your child's class webpage now at the end of the year to celebrate all the fantastic learning they have done and experiences they have taken part in. It's a lovely way to reflect on the year looking through their **photographs**. <https://christchurchschoolchelt.web05.juniperwebsites.co.uk/class-pages>

Year 4

We have had a busy end of term with our Design and technology and Computing projects! Our pneumatic toys were so fun to make, and we loved using microbits to collect temperatures of our playground surfaces (during this heatwave!).



Mad Science: KS2 (Years 3-6)

We had a great session with Rob from Mad Science yesterday morning. Please do keep an eye out for the flyer for this fun after school club which will be available next term.



Year 2 Food Chain Artwork

We think these look wonderful and show their learning about food chains so well. Hopefully they make you smile!



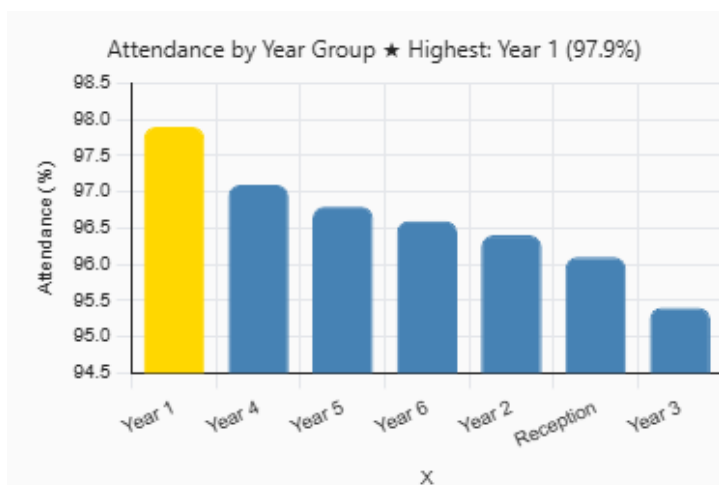
Summer savings for families

The Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme. From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Free bus travel will also be made available during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England.

Attendance

You will have received a letter separately regarding attendance and unauthorised absence this week. Please ensure that you have read this.

Here are the final scores for the academic year 2025-2026



Order (highest to lowest):

1. ★ Year 1 – 97.9%
2. Year 4 – 97.1%
3. Year 5 – 96.8%
4. Year 6 – 96.6%
5. Year 2 – 96.4%
6. Reception – 96.1%
7. Year 3 – 95.4%

Well done to Year 1: our attendance stars!

Message from the PTA team...

Thanks so much for a brilliant year - we rely on parents' support and involvement to make our events happen! This year we have organised a huge variety of events including the summer party, 3 school discos, D'Arcy wine tasting event, drink & draw, quiz night, wreath making, sports day drinks, beach party, bulb planting, tea-towel & Christmas cards & Christmas crafternoon!

These events have raised funds to support the school with the following:

New library books, author visit, workshops in geography music & maths, teaching resources and class treat days, spring bulb planting, I-Sing Pop concert contribution, school marquee, cooking equipment & leavers gifts.

Goodbye & a big thank you to all our year 6 parents for their help over the years. Looking onwards to September, the PTA AGM will be held on the 10th September in the Healy Hall (KidsZone) at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer holiday,

Bex, Frankie, Gem, Pippa & Garry



Do you want to learn new ways of managing difficult thoughts and feelings?



Who is it for?

Anyone aged 9-25 years who lives and/or goes to school, college or university, or is registered with a GP in Gloucestershire.

What is InTER-ACT?

It's three, 1-hour online sessions to help you learn new ways of managing difficult thoughts and feelings, so that you can do more of what matters to you.

What happens in the sessions?

Sessions are live on Zoom with videos, slides & anonymous polls, and you can join in or just watch.

Cameras and microphones are turned off so no one will ever see or hear you, if you don't want them to.



Where do sessions take place?

There are three, weekly live online sessions every Tuesday evening. Each session lasts one hour.

Early Bird at 6pm
Night Owl at 7:30pm

How do I book?

You will need an email address to register (it can be a parent/carer's). If you don't have access to an email you can **contact us** for help.

Scan the QR code or go to:
www.letstalkwell.org.uk/interact



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Trained & Trusted

You can be confident in our trained team to offer a range of strategies, support and advice to help young people manage their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Whatever you're going through, you're not alone - and you will always be taken seriously.



"They listened and didn't judge, I feel like sometimes just listening to someone helps enough."

Available Sunday -
Thursday, 5pm - 9pm*

*Start your chat or call before 8:30pm



Scan the QR code to find out more or visit
letstalkwell.org.uk/letstalkwellchat

You can also access LetsTalkWellChat using **Alex**, our Infobot which you can find in the bottom right-hand corner of our website.



Picture News For Parents



July 2026

Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this term! Let's get started...



News Recap

Special What can football teach us about the world?

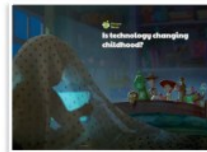
June 2026



To celebrate the biggest-ever World Cup in the US, Mexico and Canada, this resource explored what football teaches us about other people and places in the world. Children discussed why countries want to host the tournament, and what football shows us about cultures, teamwork, respect and diversity.

Is technology changing childhood?

15th June 2026



With the launch of Toy Story 5, this pack focused on the film's plot about the impact of technology on childhood. Children reflected on how toys and children's pastimes have changed, and the importance of imagination, creativity, and spending time together whilst using screens responsibly.

Social media ban: Advice for parents



This term has seen news of the social media ban for under-16s. Picture News schools covered this topic back in February, when conversations in UK Parliament emerged following Australia's social media ban for under-16s.

Now the ban has been announced for the UK, lots of schools and parents have been in touch for ways to talk about this with children.

You know your children best and each child's experience of the online world is different. Some may be frustrated, others relieved. But you may find the blog linked below useful to guide some of your conversations around the social media ban for under-16s.

READ THE BLOG

P.S. For some thought-provoking stats on children's screen time, check out our recent Instagram post [here](#)



Big World Cup Primary Party!

Talk about an end of year party!
This month, we welcomed

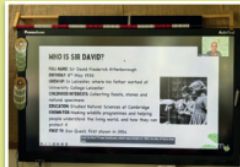


Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Live Celebration!

It was the 100th birthday of national treasure, Sir David Attenborough, this term! And what better way to celebrate than with our biggest-ever online birthday party, which saw over 7,000 schools join!

With special guest naturalist and explorer, Steve Backshall – you may recognise him from CBBC's *Deadly 60* – we looked back at Sir David's life, his legacy, and the importance of protecting the natural world.

Steve told us about his adventures and what Sir David means to him.



How did your child's school celebrate Sir David's birthday?



children online for a special live assembly inspired by the World Cup! Ahead of the final, we celebrated the excitement of the tournament whilst reflecting on the highs and lows of the school year.



The children shared some incredibly insightful thoughts as we discussed what football can teach us about teamwork, resilience, pride, disappointment and belonging.

Has the World Cup been topic of conversation in your family?



Bye for now!

That's all from me for now – the summer break is almost here! I hope you have a wonderful time together during the school holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published ahead of October half term, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below).

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

Katie, Editor

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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	Parent Coffee Drop-ins Drop in to have a drink and connect with others. Noahs Ark 1 st Weds of month 1:30pm-3pm Gardners Lane 2 nd Weds of month 9am-10:30am Brockworth 3 rd Tues of month 9am-10:30am Hesters Way 3 rd Fri of month 9am-10:30am Oakwood 4 th Weds of month 1:30-3pm	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 1 st Weds of month) Stay and Weigh available Noah's Ark Wednesdays 10am-11:30am Stay and Weigh 2 nd & 4 th Weds of month Brockworth Wednesdays 9am-11am Stay and Weigh available 1 st and 3 rd 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 13 th August 10:30am-1:30pm Oakwood Gloucestershire HAF Sessions bookable via the Virtual Family Hub	Family Drop In Sessions Activities for under 11's Parents must stay Gardners Lane 31 July, 1:30pm-3pm Brockworth 20 August, 10am-11:30am
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	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 sots @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	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	Family Fun Days! Entertainers and activities for children under 11's Come join the fun! Brockworth 21 July, 12pm-3pm Gardners Lane 18 August, 12pm-3pm Cheltenham Party in the Park Event Pitville Park 5 Aug 10am - 4pm Come and find us at this event!

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

Follow us on social media to get updates on the sessions and more!

Scan the QR code for bookable sessions via Eventbrite

Family first Newsletter: <https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>

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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Multi-Sports After School Club

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce that Christ Church Primary School are delighted to be working alongside Front Foot Coaching once more to provide our upcoming Multi-Sports After School Club.

Front Foot Coaching have been working in partnership with Christ Church Primary School for the last 18 months, delivering regular PE lessons across all key stages, as well as after-school clubs covering a variety of sports. We are pleased to continue this partnership and offer children further opportunities to develop their skills, confidence, and enjoyment of sport.

The KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) club will start on Monday 7th September and will run every Monday for 7 weeks during the Autumn 1 term, from 15:20 – 17:00.

The sessions will provide children with the opportunity to develop their sporting skills, build confidence, and enjoy a variety of activities alongside their peers in a fun and supportive environment.

Each session will last 1 hour and 40 minutes and will include:

- Expert professional coaching
- A healthy snack
- A drink
- A wide range of fun and engaging multi-skills activities
- Increased opportunities for your child to try out new sports with their peers

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We encourage you to secure your child's place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Click this link to book: <https://front-foot-coaching.classforkids.io/info/481>

Please note: This club is open to all current KS2 pupils, and we would also like to invite children who are currently in Year 2 to sign up, as they will be joining KS2 in September 2026 and will be eligible to attend the club.

We look forward to welcoming your children to what promises to be an enjoyable, active, and rewarding after-school experience.

Kind regards,

Front Foot Coaching



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It's the perfect time to get organised ahead of the term. Don't miss out- this offer ends soon!

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Message from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Good morning,

I am following up about a wonderful opportunity at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust for young people who are struggling with their mental wellbeing.

I am running a program called Nature Nurtures which is aimed at children and young people who struggle with their mental health. The activities across the 8 weeks focus on improving their confidence and connection to nature. This is a free afterschool series that families can sign up for individually, running at Springbank Community Centre (Cheltenham) starting at the end of the summer holidays. I have attached a flyer to distribute to parents/carers/families as you see fit. This also has the times that each group will be meeting. I would appreciate it if you would be able to recommend these sessions to families you think make benefit from them before the end of term. Feel free to pass on my contact details, or the link to our website for more information. Any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

[Nature Nurtures | Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust](#)

Many thanks,

Katie



SEND Summer Celebration

Free Entry • Free Activities • Everyone Welcome!

Parent & Carer Alliance C.I.C.

A Magical Day for Our Community

Thursday
20th
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10am - 4pm

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