

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! A very warm welcome back to all our children and families. It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. We are delighted with how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines, and it has been lovely to see classrooms already buzzing with learning.

As we begin the new school year, there are a few brief reminders that will help everything run smoothly:

- **Please park respectfully and safely** when dropping off and collecting children, being mindful of our neighbours and the safety of all members of our school community.
- **Newsletters remain the best way to keep up to date with school life.** They will always contain important information and key diary dates, so please make sure you read them regularly.
- **Please check your emails and the Arbor app frequently**, as we use these to share important messages and reminders.
- We have introduced **Meet the Teacher events** at the start of the year to give parents the opportunity to meet staff, find out about expectations and learn more about the year ahead. Further information has already been sent out.
- As the weather becomes more changeable, **please ensure children bring a raincoat to school each day.**
- If you have any concerns or questions, **please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.** You can catch them briefly at the classroom door or contact the school office, who will arrange for them to get back to you.
- Please let us know if **your address, telephone number or email address has changed**, so that we can keep our records up to date.
- Likewise, please ensure that any **medical information** we hold for your child is current and notify us of any changes as soon as possible.
- Club forms need to be completed by Sunday 6th September. **We will not be accepting any requests for club places after this date.**

We are very much looking forward to another successful year of learning, growth and achievement, and to continuing to work in partnership with you. Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates

Date	Event
7 th & 8 th September	KS2 BMX workshops – PE Kits needed in school including joggers/leggings
7 th September	Y6 Meet the Teacher 3.25-3.45pm
7-11 th September	Y2 D+T Bread-making week – pay in Arbor
9 th September	KS1 Climbing Wall – PE Kits needed in school
10 th September	Y3 Meet the Teacher 3.25-3.45pm 6pm PTA AGM
11 th September	Y4 Meet the Teacher 3.25-3.45pm
14-17 th September	Y6 Bikeability – pay in Arbor (Children will need a roadworthy bike & helmet)
15 th September	Y2 Meet the Teacher 3.25-3.45pm
22 nd September	YR & Y1 Phonics meeting 3.30pm
24 th September	Y1 & Y5 Meet the Teacher 3.25-3.45pm
29 th September	YR Maths meeting 3.25-3.45pm Y5 Evacuation Trip – Pay on Arbor
9 th October	Y4 – Literature festival visit – Information to follow
12 th October	Photo day - Individual children
14 th October	Y1,Y2 & Y3 Literature festival visit – information to follow
20 th October	10am Y3 Harvest service at Church – all welcome – Food Bank donations
20 th & 22 nd October	Parents’ evening – booking information to follow
21 st October	Y2 Mosque & Cathedral Trip – – information to follow/parent helpers needed
22 nd October	Flu immunisations – consent information to follow Last day - finish normal time
23 rd October	INSET day – school closed for children
2 nd November	Term 2 begins - first day back for children
3 rd November	Y3 Stone Age Workshop at The Wilson Museum – information to follow

11 th November	9am Y5 Remembrance Service - Y5 parents are welcome
15 th -21 st November	Road Safety Week
20 th November	Children in Need
25 th November	9am Y6 Friendship Service – Y6 parents are welcome
8 th December	Yr & Y1 Nativity 2.15pm – information to follow
9 th December	Yr & Y1 Nativity 9.30am – information to follow
10 th December	Christmas Jumper day
14 th December	10am Y4 Christmas Service at church
18 th December	Last day – finish normal time
5 th January	Term 3 begins – first day back for children

Reading Corner

Oxford Reading Buddy at Home

We are delighted to remind families about Oxford Reading Buddy, our online reading platform that gives children access to a wide range of engaging, levelled eBooks to enjoy at home. Children can read independently or share books with a parent or carer, helping to build confidence, fluency and a love of reading. Many books are accompanied by interactive comprehension quizzes, enabling children to practise key reading skills while allowing teachers to monitor their progress and understanding.

All children in Years 1 to 6 will find their login details inside their reading records, making it easy to access the platform from home. We encourage children to log in regularly and make the most of the fantastic range of books and quizzes available to support their reading journey.

Sporty September

We are excited to make September a month of movement, challenge and adventure as we launch our Christ Church 'Sporty September' activities. Throughout the month, every child in school will have the chance to get active, try something new and challenge themselves. Our KS1 children will take on a climbing wall challenge, and our KS2 children will get on two wheels for exciting BMX workshops. These experiences are designed to be inclusive and accessible to all, giving every child the opportunity to participate, have fun and be resilient. If you do not give permission for your child to take part in the relevant activity, please let the school office know ASAP.

Sporty September is a wonderful opportunity to bring our school value of resilience and our vision of courage to life. We want our children to have the courage to step outside their comfort zone, persevere when something feels tricky and celebrate their achievements along the way. Being active is also an important part of looking after our bodies and our wellbeing. We hope the children will enjoy pushing themselves, trying new things and discovering the positive difference that movement can make.

If any members of our school community have a sporting talent that they would like to share either in an assembly or as a workshop, please contact Miss Greenwood via the school office. Please note that this would need to be on a voluntary basis.

There will also be an opportunity for children to take part in the Move More Mile challenge on Sunday 20th September. Here is a sign-up link should your child wish to take part: <https://runcheltenham.com/>

[Move More | Every Child Thrives](#)lucy@move-more.org

Join #TeamMoveMore at the 2026 Run Cheltenham!

Move More is thrilled to offer you the chance to take part in Run Cheltenham and support a fantastic local cause!

★ Why Join the Move More Mile?

- Tickets only £5 – accessible for everyone
- A brilliant, feel-good morning at one of Cheltenham's biggest events
- Perfect for schools and families
- Celebrate movement, wellbeing and community together
- Support our mission to help every child thrive

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

Last year, thanks to supporters like you, Move More worked with over **20,000** children and young people across Cheltenham and Tewkesbury. By taking part, you're helping us make an even bigger impact this year.

Every runner makes a difference! The school with the highest percentage of pupils taking part will win a sports equipment voucher.



Term 1's Value – Respect



This term we focus on “Respect” as we remember our rules and routines at the start of the year.

‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.’ Matthew 7:12

- Respect yourself
- Treat others the way you would like to be treated
- Respect others’ thoughts, ideas and beliefs
- Embrace difference
- Look after your belongings and your equipment
- Take care of our school
- Take care of our environment
- Gain respect by giving respect
- Forgive others and seek reconciliation

Key Bible Story

Moses and The Ten Commandments (Exodus 19-24)



Our reflection area for this term.



The children have explored our school vision and this week we added actions to our vision – I wonder if they can remember it off by heart yet at home?



Clubs Reminder

Clubs forms need to be completed by Sunday 6th September. **We will not be accepting any requests for club places after this date.** See letter emailed on 2nd September for details of clubs on offer.

Community Notices



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

LIVING WELL
SUPPORT

Family Group



Thursdays School Holidays

Oct 29 / Dec 22 / Feb 18
10:00am - 12:00pm
Longfield Living Well Service
Burleigh Lane, Minchinhampton
Gloucestershire GL5 2PQ

Supporting families to connect
Is someone in your family living with a life-limiting condition or bereaved?
Bring along your family to our school holiday Family Group.
A welcoming space for all the family.
Enjoy craft activities, games, and nature.
Connect with others in a similar situation.

For more information:
livingwell@longfield.org.uk
01453 733706

longfield.org.uk/family-group
Registered Charity Number 298627



Looking For A Great-Value Family Day Out This Autumn?

Cheltenham Town Women FC compete in the FA Women's National League Southern Premier Division, the third tier of women's football in England, with a number of home fixtures coming up at Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve FC (GL52 3PD) throughout September and October.

Families can enjoy the action with our brand-new **Family Ticket for just £15**, covering **2 Adults and up to 4 Under 18s**.

Upcoming fixtures include:

Sunday 6 September, 2pm – Worcester City (WNL Cup)

Sunday 13 September, 2pm – Exeter City

Sunday 4 October, 2pm – Hashtag United

Sunday 11 October, 2pm – Plymouth Argyle

Thursday 29 October, 7:45pm – Swindon Town

Tickets: <https://app.fanbaseclub.com/club/cheltenham-town-women-fc>

Come along, enjoy live women's football and support the local team!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Family Tickets can be purchased online in advance or for £15 at the turnstiles on the day. All members of the Family Ticket group must enter the ground together.

Fixtures are subject to change. Please check ctwomenfc.com or our social media channels for the latest fixture information before travelling.