

The Christ Church News



9th October 2026

Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another good week at school, with lots to celebrate. Across the school, children have been working hard, showing resilience in their learning and demonstrating our values every day.

As the weather becomes increasingly unpredictable, please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat or jacket every day. We aim to get children outside whenever possible, and a suitable coat helps them stay comfortable and enjoy break times and outdoor learning, whatever the weather.

A reminder also about the importance of arriving at school on time for our 8.40am start. Those first few minutes of the day are valuable for settling in, receiving key information and beginning learning positively. Being just 5 minutes late each day adds up to around 16 hours of missed learning over a school year, which is the equivalent of more than two and a half school days. Arriving promptly helps children feel confident, prepared and ready to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Good luck at the quiz tonight if you are coming and a big thank you to the PTA for organising.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates

Date	Event
12 th October	Photo day - Individual children. Children to wear full smart uniform
14 th October	Y1, Y2 & Y3 Literature Festival visit –Pay on Arbor (Y2 have enough helpers now thanks, Y1/Y3 helpers still needed)
15 th October	&5 & Y6 Literature Festival visit – Pay on Arbor
16 th October	PTA Disco - please return payment & forms to the office
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 RE Trip – pay in Arbor (We have enough helpers now thanks) 9.15am R2027 Tour - contact the office to book your place
22 nd October	Flu immunisations – see below for link to give/deny consent PTA Go Green – non uniform event – 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 9.15am R2027 tour – contact the office to book your place
4 th November	9.15am R2027 tour - contact the office to book your place
11 th November	9am Y5 Remembrance Service at school - Y5 parents are welcome
12 th November	PTA meeting 7pm – at the Swamp (next to Deya Brewery) Teams4U Shoebox Appeal drop off deadline
13 th November	Children in Need
16 th -20 th November	Road Safety Week
17 th November	Y2 Cinema Trip – details to follow (we have enough helpers now thanks)
18 th November	9.15am R2027 tour - contact the office to book your place Y5/6 Cinema Trip – details to follow
19 th November	Y3 Cinema Trip – details to follow (parent helpers needed)
23 rd November	8.50am Stay and read – Join your child in their classroom and see how we teach reading
25 th November	9am Y6 Friendship Service – Y6 parents are welcome
27 th November	Y4 Cinema Trip – details to follow YR Everyman theatre trip – information to follow
2 nd December	PTA Wreath making event - information to follow (adults only)
4 th December	PTA non-uniform day – bottle & present donations
8 th December	YR & Y1 Nativity 2.15pm – information to follow YR & Y6 Height, weight & vision checks - letters emailed 24/9/26
9 th December	YR & Y1 Nativity 9.30am – information to follow

10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day - donations for Save the Children charity
11 th December	PTA Christmas Event after school
14 th December	10am Y4 Christmas Service at church – parents arrive from 9.50am
16 th December	2.30pm Rock Steady concert
18 th December	Last day – finish normal time
4 th January	INSET Day – School closed for children
5 th January	Term 3 begins – first day back for children
27 th January	Y2 Polar Visit at the Wilson – information to follow
9 th February	PTA sponsored Pancake Flip – information to follow Safer Internet Day
22 nd February	INSET day – School closed for children
23 rd February	Term 4 begins - first day back for children
4 th March	World Book Day
19 th - 21 st May	Y6 Residential trip –please note change of date
15 th June	Sports Day – information to follow
19 th June	PTA Summer Party
22 nd June	Reserve Sports Day

Young Minds Matter Assemblies

This week we had KS1 and KS2 assemblies about "Friendships and Big Emotions."



We found out what a friend is, what makes a good friend and strategies for how to deal with big emotions if we have a falling out with a friend.

KS1 Nature Explorers Club

We are making the most of the good weather by getting outside! So far, we have made leaf rubbings and found lots of different textures outside in our school grounds. We did a minibeast hunt then last week the children drew lots of pictures of British minibeasts we might find in our gardens.



Writers' Cafe

Year 2 enjoyed their first writers' cafe of the year where we "write for pleasure" and the children can choose to write about anything they would like to! We talked about how authors often write in cafes too while enjoying a drink and a treat!



Year 6

Our Year 6 mathematicians have had a fantastic week exploring prime, square and cube numbers. They have shown excellent resilience and perseverance when solving tricky problems; we are so proud of the mature reasoning and mathematical thinking they have demonstrated throughout their learning.



Celebrating Our Clubs at Christ Church

We are incredibly proud of the wide range of clubs and activities available at Christ Church. It is fantastic to see such an amazing choice of sporting and non-sporting clubs, giving everyone the opportunity to get involved, discover new interests, develop skills and make new friends. These clubs play such an important part in creating a vibrant, inclusive and connected Christ Church community. A huge thank you to all the staff and club leaders who give their time, energy and enthusiasm.



Black History Month Service

This week marks the start of our **celebration at Christ Church of Black History Month**. Throughout October, children will learn about key historical figures and events which commemorate Black History in the UK and around the world. Mrs Burton led a whole school service in which children experienced different accounts and listened to presenters explaining who their Black History heroes were and why.



Attendance

IF YOUR CHILD IS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER,

IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW IF YOU SHOULD SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR NOT.

UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL ILLNESS GUIDANCE.

HM Government **NHS**

Reading Corner

Many of our classes are eagerly looking forward to their upcoming trips to the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where they will have the opportunity to hear from inspiring authors, discover new books and take part in a range of exciting literary activities. To share in the festival atmosphere, why not pop along yourself this weekend? There

is a fantastic programme of events for all ages, from author talks and workshops to family-friendly activities. Take a look at the festival website to see what is on offer and perhaps find something that inspires you too!

<https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/festivals/literature-festival>



Flu Immunisations

Please click on the link to complete yes or no to consent:

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC138940>

See our email from 11th September for more information. Should you have any further questions or concerns then please contact the team on 0300 421 8140. Immunisations take place on 22nd October.

School Uniform Update:

Gooch Group Ltd has advised us that they will be ending their school uniform provision from **30th November 2026**. Orders can still be placed with them up to this date. We would like to thank Gooch Group Ltd for their support of our school community over the years and wish them well for the future. Our uniform is still available from Monkhouse and of course pre-loved from the PTA.

PTA

Events – dates for your diary

Friday 16th October – School Disco (Infants 4.45pm-5.45pm, Juniors 6pm-7pm)

Thursday 22nd October – Go-green non-school uniform event

Thursday 12th November – PTA meeting 7pm (at the Swamp - next to Deya Brewery)

Wednesday 2nd December – wreath making (adult event)

Friday 4th December – Non uniform day – bottle and present donations

Friday 11th December – Santa's Unlikely Helper's Show

Tuesday 9th February - sponsored Pancake flip

Saturday 9th June – Summer party



Community Notices



DENMARK ROAD
HIGH SCHOOL

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS ABOUT THE FSCE ENTRANCE TEST FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY

The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools Entrance Test for entry into Year 7 in September 2028 will take place on Saturday 3rd July 2027. If your child is currently in Year 5 and wishes to apply for a place at a Gloucestershire Grammar School, they must take this test.

Registration will open on Monday 8th February 2027 (12 noon) and close on Friday 19th March 2027 (12 noon).

Following the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools announcement earlier this year the test provider will be Future Stories Community Enterprise (FSCE). The admissions test will consist of three FSCE papers:

- Adventure Paper: English and Maths, with Multiple Choice Answer options;
- Beacon Paper: English and Maths, where you respond with Short Written Answers;
- Compass Paper: any of the following subjects you learn at school: Art & Design, Computing, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, Physical Education, Science, with Multiple Choice Answer options.



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Denmark Road High School Admissions

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About Denmark Road High School

Denmark Road High School is a girls' grammar school for students aged 11-18, located on Denmark Road, Gloucester.

FAMILY FOOTBALL AT KAYTE LANE

£15 Family Ticket (2 Adults + up to 4 Under 18s)



Cheltenham Town Women FC are offering a **Family Ticket for just £15** for our upcoming October home fixtures at **Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve FC (GL52 3PD)**.

UPCOMING HOME FIXTURES

Sunday 4 October, 2pm | Hashtag United

Sunday 11 October, 2pm | Plymouth Argyle

Thursday 29 October, 7:45pm | Swindon Town (*Local derby under the floodlights*)

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

Hashtag United & Plymouth Argyle tickets available now, Swindon Town tickets to go on sale soon.

Youth Spotlight Concert

St Mary's Church, Painswick
Saturday 17th October 3pm

Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year 2026
Showcasing finalists



Herbie Urquhart-Dixon
(Violin)



Isla Fujioka (Piano)



Robin Nishimura (Flute)

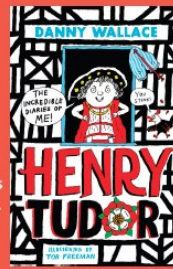
Tickets £12.50 - under 18s free



Scan the QR code
Or buy tickets at the door or at
www.painswickmusicsoc.co.uk
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Corinium Museum Children's Half Term Workshops 2026

New Family
Gallery Trail:
Henry Tudor:
The Incredible
Diaries of Me
Based on the
new novel by
Danny Wallace
and illustrations
by Tor Freeman.
Sat October 23,
2026 - Fri February
12, 2027



Meet Henry Tudor (the future Henry VIII)
when he was just eight and a half years old
and convinced that he is the best at absolutely
everything!

Gruesome Gargoyles

Thu 29 October,
10.30am-12pm

Join us for a gruesome,
glorious, gargoyle
gala. We will meet
at the Parish Church
to investigate the
gargoyles and
grotesques that grace
the building. Once we have our inspiration, we
will head back to the museum to create our
own gruesome gargoyles!



Creepy Corinium Cupcakes

Wed 28 October 10.30am-12pm

Back by popular demand, our Creepy Corinium
Cupcakes workshop allows you to make art
that you can eat! Create a monster cupcake
and hear about some of the monsters in our
collections.



Make Your Own Curse Tablet

Fri 30 October, 10.30am-12pm

Did you know that the Romans wrote secret
curses on lead tablets and threw them in
springs to hex their enemies? From stolen
cloaks to chariot race rivals, no grudge was too
small! Come & learn how to inscribe your own
spooky curse tablet just in time for Halloween.



For full details and to book
visit:
<https://coriniummuseum.org>
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