

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **THANKFULNESS**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 6 at Christ Church. Next week we are hoping for fine weather for sports day. Should we need to cancel because of the weather, we will endeavour to message as early as possible. It is always hard to make decisions based on the British weather and its variability, so please be understanding of this. A letter with details has already been sent home.

You may have noticed that the yellow zig zag lines have been refreshed outside school. Parking on these can endanger children and families so please refrain from this out of consideration for others.

Don't forget we have a clothes / shoe recycling bin in the front car park (it's grey!). This raises valuable money for the PTA and is also very convenient.

Please can children have a waterproof coat in school? This week, some children have come to school without one and have had to borrow one to prevent them from getting wet – we don't have enough for the number of children arriving without one. Thank you.

Best wishes
Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
9 th -13 th June	Book fair 3.20-3.50pm in school hall
10 th June	Sports day – KS2 am, KS1 pm
11 th June	Y6 Leavers' service – Gloucester Cathedral (children only)
12 th June	Y1 trip to Weston-Super-Mare New EYFS welcome meeting 6pm
16 th June	KS2 trip to Gloucester Rugby Stadium
18 th June	Y5 Cadbury world trip Y4 Robinswood trip
20 th June	Prince of Wales Athletics (invite only)

25 th June	Whole school trip to Cattle Country
26 th June	Reserve sports day
1 st July	9am EYFS service
2 nd July	Move up morning – children meet new teachers
5 th July	PTA Summer Picnic – info to follow
10 th July	9am Y2 service
9 th -11 th July	Y6 Residential trip
15 th July	Y6 performance 2pm & 5.30pm – ticket information to follow
16 th July	2.30pm Rock Steady concert
18 th July	Last day of school – finish normal time – Summer Holiday Y6 leavers' service 2pm in the hall
21 st July	INSET day – no school for children

Science Festival

Year 4 very much enjoyed their trip to Cheltenham Science Festival this week despite some showers on the way there! While in the Discovery Zone, they experienced lots of hands-on activities from carrying out CPR to using VR headsets! After, they heard from the incredible gold medal winning British Paralympic swimmer, Grace Harvey, who gave a talk on what it takes to become an Olympian. Year 4 were truly inspired!



Y3, 5, 6 enjoyed their trip to the Science Festival on Thursday where they enjoyed the 'Rude Science' session. The children enjoyed a range of stunts, experiments and rockets with the scientist, Stephan Gates. They learnt lots and enjoyed the fun, engaging elements of the show!





Year 6

Y6 learnt about Mount Everest in Geography with student teachers from The University of Gloucestershire just before half term 🏔️



Cattle Country trip

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming trip to Cattle Country on June 25th. We are very grateful to the PTA for their hard work and generosity in this fully funding event. If you DO NOT wish your child to attend please contact the school office.

Term 6 Value – Thankfulness

As we have five core values (Respect, Friendship, Perseverance, Compassion and Creativity) we always ask the children to vote for a value in Term 6. This year, Worship Team chose between “Service” and “Thankfulness” and the children voted for the latter.

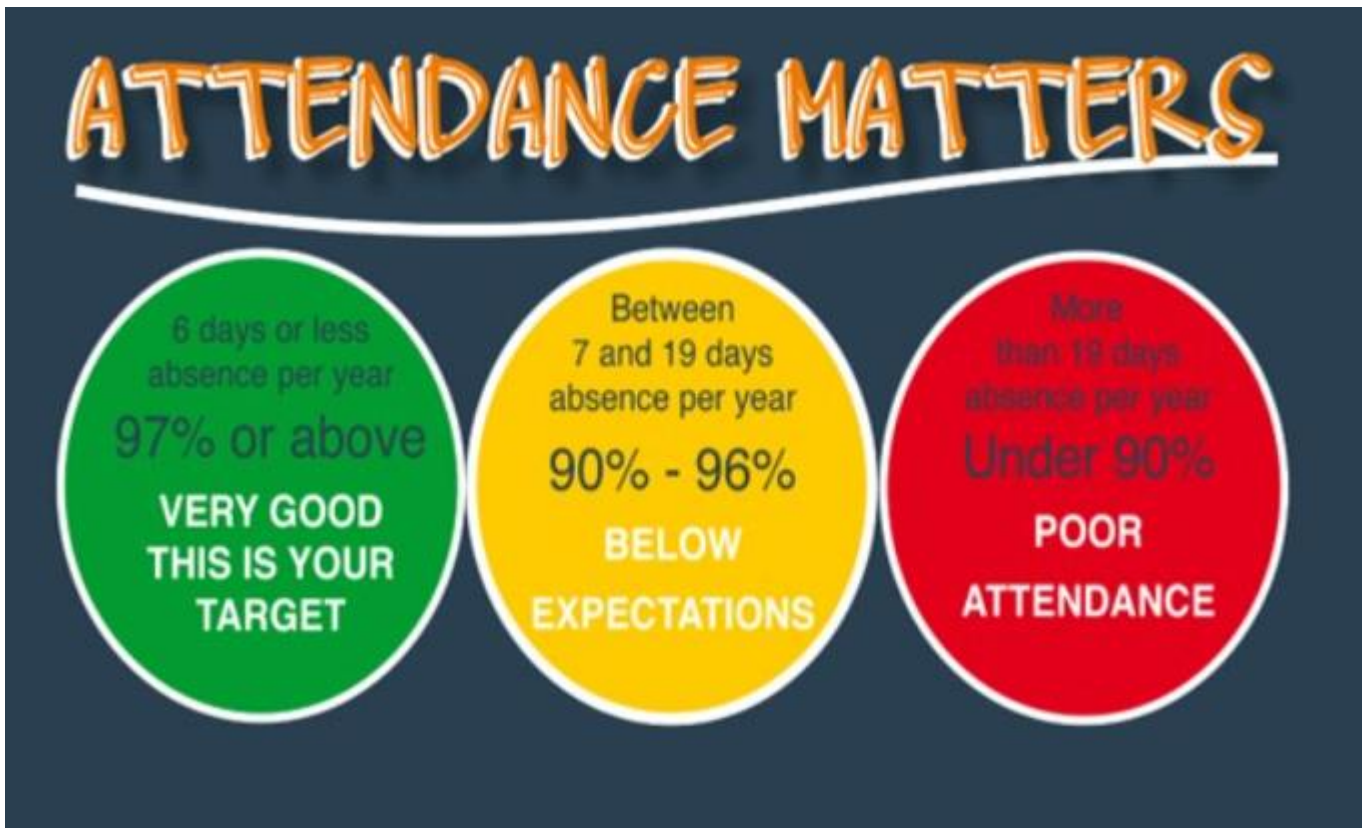
This term’s Bible story is “The Thankful Leper” from Luke 17 11-19.

We have created a beautiful display for children to interact with using the theme of flowers. Lottie in Y3 made a fantastic poster too.



The children have been making thank you cards or choosing to write what they are thankful for on a flower to add to the display. We hope you can talk to your child at home about what they are grateful for.

Attendance



If your child has particularly poor attendance, it is classed as persistent absence. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and this means your child missing 19 or more days during the academic year.

Sponsored Walk



Thank you for the continued donations. We have reached 46% of the target set out by the organiser: **£465**. Well done all.

Book Fair

The book fair opens on Monday and will remain open until Friday from 3.30-4.00pm Further details can be found in the separate email sent on Monday- we look forward to seeing many of you there. The children will have a chance to browse the Book Fair on Monday in their classes to whet their appetite for new titles!



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Community messages

SUMMER 2025

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Take Home Inventions				

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Take Home Inventions				

Please note, the above schedules are for reference only—please check our website for the accurate schedule of your local camp.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be re-purposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 🍷 (wine glass emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🍷 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (wine + 'woozy' face + pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Smiling face with smug expression) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
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- 👑 (Crown) 'Greatest of all time' (G.O.A.T.)
- 👁️👁️ (Eyes) Coiffidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) A warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🍷 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🗡️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍷 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍷 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍷 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍷 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noodle' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Brani is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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