

# The Christ Church News



23rd May 2025

Our value this term is: **COMPASSION**

Telephone: (01242) 523392

Email: [admin@christchurch.dgat.org.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.dgat.org.uk)

Web: [www.christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk](http://www.christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk)

**RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the whole school are preparing for their sponsored walk in aid of Empathy Action. Thank you all for your generous donations. So far, we have reached £365. There is still time to support your child and this worthwhile charity by visiting <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/desperatejourneys>. And so, we have come to the end of a very short term. A big thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard this term.

Next term is always a busy one so do check the diary regularly. We hope that you all have an enjoyable half term.

Best wishes  
Mrs Pope

## **Diary Dates Summer Term 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children back to school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4 Science Festival
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3, 5, 6 Science Festival 6pm PTA meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Science Festival
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day – KS2 am, KS1 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' service – Gloucester Cathedral
12 <sup>th</sup> June	New EYFS welcome meeting 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Cadbury world trip - payment via the Arbor Portal Y4 Robinswood trip
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Prince of Wales Athletics (invite only)

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

### **Sponsored Walk**

A message from the organiser:

#### **Updates**



**Alison Truphet**

19 May 2025 at 17:31

We are doing so well with this campaign - so many thanks to all the wonderful people who have made a donation and to the children who are going to be doing the walking.



### Year 5 History Project

On Tuesday this week, Year 5 were joined by 2<sup>nd</sup> year history student from the University of Gloucestershire. The students were impressed by how much knowledge the children brought to the activities and how engaged they were with primary and secondary sources of evidence.





## **PTA**

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising a super and successful summer quiz a couple of weeks ago. There were lots of interesting rounds, fun challenges to complete and great prizes won. We look forward to enjoying another quiz in the future!

A recruitment poster for Christ Church PTA. The background is light pink with decorative elements: a string of blue and red bunting flags in the top left, a pencil with a pink eraser and green band on the right, and several pushpins (yellow, orange, red) on the left. The text is in various colors and fonts, including red, blue, and black. The main title is 'Christ Church PTA needs you !!'. Below it, it says 'We're Looking for New Leaders!' and lists roles: Chair / Co-Chair, Treasurer / Co-Treasurer, and Secretary / Co-Secretary. It also includes reasons to join, contact information, and a closing statement: 'Together, we can make a difference!'.

# Christ Church PTA needs you !!

## We're Looking for New Leaders!

Some of our current PTA team is stepping back due to increased work commitments, and we're seeking passionate, committed parents or guardians to fill the following roles from September 25:

Chair / Co-Chair,  
Treasurer / Co-Treasurer  
Secretary / Co-Secretary

### Why Join the PTA?

Be a voice for parents and carers  
Help shape school events and fundraising efforts  
Make a real impact in your child's school community

No experience? No problem!

We'll support you with all the info and guidance you need to step into the role confidently.

Interested or want to learn more?

Email us at [ccpspta@outlook.com](mailto:ccpspta@outlook.com) or [claudiaplease@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claudiaplease@hotmail.co.uk)  
or speak to a current committee member.

**Together, we can make a difference!**

### Forest School

Forest School will not be able to go ahead in Summer Term 2 as the Dean Close site is currently closed due to the presence of diseased trees. At this stage, there is no indication of when the site will reopen. While we understand this may be disappointing, the safety of the children is our top priority. Year groups affected will be prioritised next year.

### Swimming

A huge well done to the Christ Church swimming team for taking part in the Primary Schools Swimming Gala on Tuesday. They made us very proud 🏊

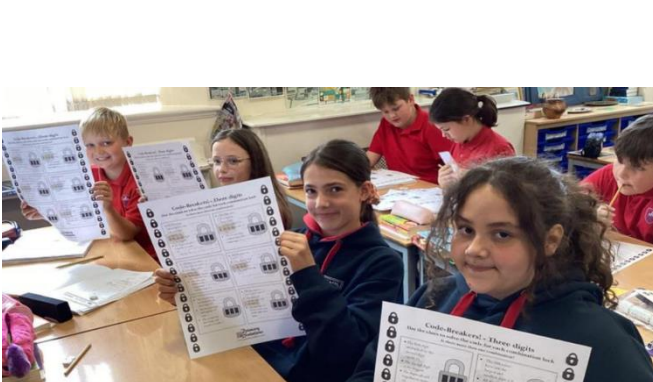


## Year 6

Y6 enjoyed a cream tea and active games on the field last week to celebrate the end of SATs.



Codebreakers at work. Y6 have been using "trial and error" - a problem-solving strategy where you make educated guesses (trials) and test them against the problem to see if they work (or if there's an error). If a guess is incorrect, you use the information gained to try again, refining your guesses until you find the correct solution. This has supported our ongoing critical thinking, reasoning and making connections between mathematical ideas 🕵️



## Year 2

Year 2 completed a teamwork challenge as part of their Archbishop of York Young Leader Award.

This term they explored what teamwork is and how leaders have to work well as part of a team. At the end of term, they had to come up with an idea to work as a team to help our school, so they decided to have a morning improving our school environment. We used litter pickers and filled a bin with rubbish and planted their beans and sunflowers in the planters.

Eco Council joined in and planted tomatoes and flowers we purchased to brighten up the place! Our welly planters look much better again too!

Well done Eco Council and Year 2!



A much-tidier playground now!



## Year 4

Year 4 are learning to play the violin with our violinist, Ollie Heath. We are gaining confidence and enjoying this musical experience.



Our DT Project on pneumatics has got off to a super start! Experiencing how a pneumatic rocket works and exploring how syringes and tubing can be assembled to form a pneumatic system.



## Year 2 WWT Slimbridge Visit

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to WWT Slimbridge, opened up by Sir Peter Scott, son of Captain Scott of the Antarctic who was so inspired by Edward Wilson, he asked his wife Kathleen to ensure his son Peter grew up loving nature and birds and look what happened! We saw the house he lived in on arrival.

The children loved pond-dipping and we caught so many baby three-spined stickleback fish, pond snails, water boatmen, dragonfly nymphs, whirligig beetles to name a few! After the otter talk, we walked through the busy paths dodging geese and their goslings before enjoying the playpark and wellybootland where the children got well and truly soaked! Many thanks to the PTA for the donation for ice-creams. Thank you to the parent helpers once again too.

We really recommend a visit soon! There is a beautiful new pond section with beautiful willow moon doors created by Chris who came to Christ Church and made the willow dome for our children.



## **Recycling**

Recycling bins are in now in place after Year 4 were inspired by our Sustainability enquiry. They are keen to act as Recycling Rangers and advise younger children on what and how to recycle.



## Attendance

The advertisement features a young boy in a white school uniform running happily on a grassy field. In the background, other children and an adult are visible. A pink speech bubble in the upper left contains the text: "THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!". In the lower right, a white box contains the text: "MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.". The bottom of the advertisement is a pink banner with the HM Government logo and text, and the NHS logo.

"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government  
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

NHS

## Internet

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by wasting hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and school work.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty levels are lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental control in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



X @wake\_up\_weds

f /www.thenationalcollege

@wake.up.wednesday

@wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 14.05.2025

# Half Term Fun at The Museum of Gloucester!

## **Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition**

Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

## **Family Trail: Mysteries of May**

Saturday 24 May - Sunday 1 June | £2 per trail

## **Doc Saurus: Fossil Hunter**

Wednesday 28 May, Sessions 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm | £2.50 per person

## **Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit**

Wednesday 28 May, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

## **Recycled Moomin Magic: Create your Own Blue House**

Thursday 29 May, sessions running 11am - 2pm | £6.50 per child - Adults go free!

## **Glorious Glevum Tour**

Saturday 31 May, 2pm - 3pm | Tickets from £5

**MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER**

