

The Christ Church News



4th April 2025

Our value this term is: **CREATIVITY**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday saw the first PTA wine tasting event – what an amazing success it was. It was great fun and raised so much money for school. D’Arcy’s wine were incredibly generous and took no profit from the event. We would like to thank them sincerely. What a fantastic gesture.

Tonight, we have the disco. As it is lovely weather, please do not bring coats. If children need a jacket, please take this home at drop off. Many thanks.

Thank you to staff and parents for parents’ evening. It is great to work collaboratively with you. We are sorry that our booking system appeared to have ‘gremlins’ this year and for any inconvenience caused.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Spring/Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
4 th April	Y6 SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm PTA Disco
7 th April	Author visit – B Ware
8 th April	10am Y4 led Easter Service (at church) PTA Uniform Sale after school
9 th April	2.30pm Rock Steady concert
10 th April	PTA bake sale – see PTA section below for details KS1 ‘activity’ day
11 th April	Last day of school – finish normal time – Easter Holiday
28 th April	Children back to school
28 th – 30 th April	Y4 Residential

30 th April	Y2 Sandfield Farm Visit 2.30pm Cyber safety talk for parents – email the office if you would like to attend
5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
7 th May	Parent Prayer Group 8.45 Healy Hall – sign in at office
8 th May	Y1 Class Service
9 th May	PTA quiz
12 th May	Y6 SATS week
19 th – 22 nd May	Walk to school week
19 th May	Class Photos
21 st May	Y2 Slimbridge trip
23 rd May	Last day of school – finish normal time – May half term
2 nd June	Children back to school
3 rd June	Y4 Science Festival – info to follow
5 th June	Y3, 5, 6 Science Festival – info to follow PTA meeting
6 th June	Y2 Science Festival – info to follow
10 th June	Sports day – timings to be confirmed
11 th June	Y6 Leavers’ service – Gloucester Cathedral
18 th June	Y5 Cadbury world trip – info to follow Y4 Robinswood trip – info to follow
25 th June	Whole school trip – info to follow
26 th June	Reserve sports day
1 st July	9am EYFS service
5 th July	PTA Summer Picnic – info to follow
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

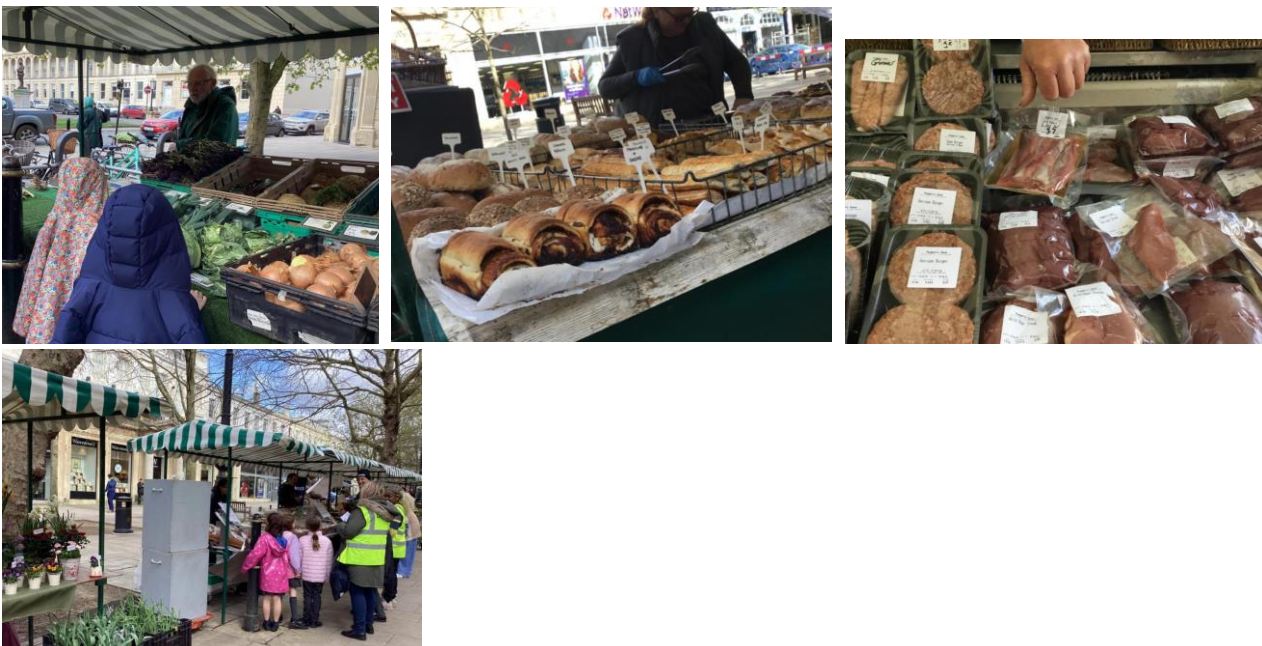
Jonathan's Jungle

A wonderful learning opportunity funded by the PTA was enjoyed by Y4, 5 and 6 this week - Jonathan's Jungle workshops where we got to meet and handle a range of animals including: katydids, scorpions and a python! 🐍



Year 2's walk to the local Farmers' Market

Year 2 walked to the Promenade last week to experience a Farmers' Market. We asked questions to the sellers and had a few samples of their produce. This links to their learning in Geography this term "Why does it matter where our food comes from?" We saw cheese from Gloucestershire and further afield, fudge, vegetables grown near Evesham, bread baked in Bishops Cleeve and we tasted some back at school! Thank you again to the parent helpers who came along to support us.



Year 2 Design and Technology – Vehicles

Year 2 finished their vehicles project designing and making a vehicle of their choice that moves with a chassis, body, wheels and axles. They really enjoyed being creative with their designs including lorries, caravans and even a golf buggy! All their photos are on the class webpage. <https://www.christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk/spring-term-4-2025/>



History Students – Year 2

On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed an afternoon of learning about The Great Exhibition of 1851 organised by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria’s husband.

The student teachers planned 5 activities for the children to rotate around and they answered questions such as:

- What was the Great Exhibition?
- Who visited it?
- How did they travel there?
- Did people enjoy it?
- What did they see there?

They used primary sources of evidence to find the answers and had a super time completing a special booklet to keep.



Desperate Journeys

Our year 5 pupils had a truly moving experience at St Laurence Church, Stroud, on Tuesday taking part in “Desperate Journeys”. This was an immersive drama activity, where the children were led through a maze like set with a group of actors playing the part of a family who are forced to flee their homes and become refugees. We would like to say a huge thank you to the small humanitarian charity “Empath Action” who delivered an amazing experience. The drama section lasted an hour, after which the children took part in a Q&A discussion. The set, music and lighting were so powerful and we are super proud of the mature way in which our children were able to “Walk a mile” in

their shoes. Year 5 have since been busy reflecting on their learning and would like to invite the rest of the school to join them in a sponsored "Walk a mile" to raise money for Empathy Action. Further details will follow.



General Knowledge Quiz

Well done to the Christ Church Y6 General Knowledge team who represented CCPS so well yesterday evening at The Rotary General Knowledge Quiz which was held at Warden Hill School. The team answered lots of very challenging questions on topics including history, geography, sport, maths and English, to name a few. They scored highly and came 5th overall out of 14 teams. The children received a chocolate egg as a prize for taking part. We are so proud! A special thank you to Mrs Jaynes and Ms Guy for taking the team and for enabling such a wonderful opportunity to happen - we appreciate you.



Author visit- Monday 7th April

We're excited to announce that B. Ware will be visiting on Monday 7th April with **WARNING: May Contain Dragons** – her second children's book (suitable for all ages). She will be running workshops for years 1-6 and will begin the day with a whole school assembly.

B. Ware will be selling signed copies at the retail price of £8.99 (via cash or card payments) at the end of the school day. Feel free to pop by the stall on the astro at home time.

Easter Service at Christ Church

All parents are welcome to join us next Tuesday 8th April at Christ Church for our Easter Service led by Year 4. Doors open to parents at 9.50am after we have seated the children for a 10.00am start.



Competition Schools Circuit Handicap Cycle Racing in association with the BSCA

Last term, Rory in Year 1 spoke about his cycling competition. They are keen to have more entries. Please take a look:

We have another exciting event on the 13th April, but this time we are on the track, for what promises to be a high-octane event.

Open to all levels of children attending primary school. There will be two categories: Experienced and Novice racing. We will start off with a Prologue (Time Trial) and end with a Scratch Race (Handicap mass start)

As previously all children are representing their school, they can enter individually or as a school team.

You can get more information by visiting our events page: <https://www.cyclestars.co.uk/bzca-school-racing>

If you wish to enter, email me for an entry form. £10 entry



Attendance

Don't underestimate how important attendance is. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning:

- 98 percent attendance means four school days missed
- 95 percent attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90 percent attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80 percent attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means three school days missed

PTA NEWS



BAKE SALE

Location: Playground

Date: Thursday 10th April

Bring any cakes at morning drop-off - individual, easily-portioned baked goods (e.g. fairy cakes or tray bakes rather than whole cakes). **NO NUTS**

50p suggested donation per cake

Card / cash accepted

KS1 and KS2 and Staff prizes given for the 'best bake'.