The Christ Church News

28th March 2025

Our value this term is: **CREATIVITY**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite being a small school, we are lucky to have such a wealth of extra-curricular clubs on offer. Please see the pictures later in the attachment to this newsletter celebrating some of these. Thank you to the staff who volunteer to do these.

We are looking forward to the PTA wine tasting tonight – a new venture! Thank you to them for arranging this event and to the parents (and staff!) who have signed up to attend.

We look forward to parents' evenings next week. Staff will be keeping to the 10 minutes per child slot so that they do not run into someone else's appointment - please do not be offended if they draw the meeting to a close. Running late means that sibling's appointments can be impacted. Should you need further discussion, do ask to see them at another time. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 2024-2025

Date	**Event**
28th March	Y2 Farmers' Market Visit PTA Wine tasting event (adults only!)
31st March	Jonathan's Jungle Workshops for Y4,5 & 6
1st April	Parents' Evening – email invites sent Y5 Desperate Journeys trip
2nd April	Parent Prayer Group 8.45 Healy Hall – sign in at office
3rd April	Parents' Evening – email invites sent Y3 Science Festival trip
4th April	Y6 SATS meeting for parents 3.30pm PTA Disco

7th April	Author visit – B Ware
8th April	10am Y4 led Easter Service (at church)
9th April	2.30pm Rock Steady concert
10th April	PTA bake sale – info to follow
11th April	Last day of school – finish normal time – Easter Holiday
28th April	Children back to school
28th – 30th April	Y4 Residential
30th April	Y2 Sandfield Farm Visit 2.30pm Cyber safety talk for parents – info to follow
5th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
7th May	Parent Prayer Group 8.45 Healy Hall – sign in at office
8th May	Y1 Class Service
9th May	PTA quiz
W/b 12th May	Y6 SATS
19th May	Class Photos
21st May	Y2 trip – info to follow
23rd May	Last day of school – finish normal time – May half term
2nd June	Children back to school
3rd June	Y4 Science Festival – info to follow
5th June	Y3, 5, 6 Science Festival – info to follow PTA meeting
6th June	Y2 Science Festival – info to follow
10th June	Sports day - timings to follow
11th June	Y6 Leavers' service – Gloucester Cathedral (children only)
18th June	Y5 Cadbury world trip – info to follow Y4 Robinswood trip – info to follow
26th June	Reserve sports day
5th July	PTA Summer Picnic – info to follow
9th-11th July	Y6 Residential trip

15th July	Y6 performance 2pm & 5.30pm – ticket information to follow
16th July	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
18th July	Last day of school – finish normal time – Summer Holiday Y6 leavers' service 2pm in the hall
21st July	INSET day – no school for children

Wildlife Quiz

Well done to the Christ Church Nature Team who took part in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Quiz on Monday. They worked together really well as a team and showcased some amazing wildlife knowledge!

Ducklings

We have had such an egg-citing week in Year One watching our eggs hatch and seeing our four ducklings emerge. They are now out of the incubator safely in their new home staying warm under the heater. We are learning all about the duck life cycle and what omnivores, like ducks, might eat. We are also getting to grips with how to care for our new classmates, all to the background of their little chirps.

Year 1 and 2 – "Hansel and Gretel Songs of the Forest" Show

Pupils in Years 1-2 enjoyed a special treat this week when 3 BTec Drama Students came to perform a 30 minute fun, educational show they wrote for this age group as part of their final assessments. The children really enjoyed the singing, acting and silliness alongside learning about the life cycle of different woodland creatures. We were so impressed they had written the songs, the script and the storyline themselves!

OPAL

Den-building remains a firm favourite in our OPAL lunchtimes! As we come into the summer months now, it would be great to have donations of large cardboard boxes, fabrics, chalks, bubble solution…

<u>Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow</u>

Pupils in YR, 1 and 2 LOVED their visit from Jonathan's Jungle last week.

You can meet the animals on his webpage: https://jonathansjungleroadshow.co.uk/meet-the-animals/

Year 2 met the Giant Millipede, Bush Crickets, a King Python and a few tarantulas! We all had the opportunity to touch the millipede and the python snake – some very brave pupils (and staff)!

Thank you to the PTA who funded this experience for our children. KS2 pupils have their visit next week and we wonder which creatures he'll choose to bring for them?

EYFS: Some children from Reception Class were brave enough to hold a millipede and a snake. Some chose to look instead.

Tag Rugby Taster

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a tag rugby taster session. Tyler will be running a club in the summer term for our infant pupils. He is a brilliant coach, and the children really started to understand the rules of rugby in a fun way from just a 30 minute session. Already we noticed many children with fast footwork and dodging skills needed for this sport. We hope lots of them sign up after Easter!

Donut

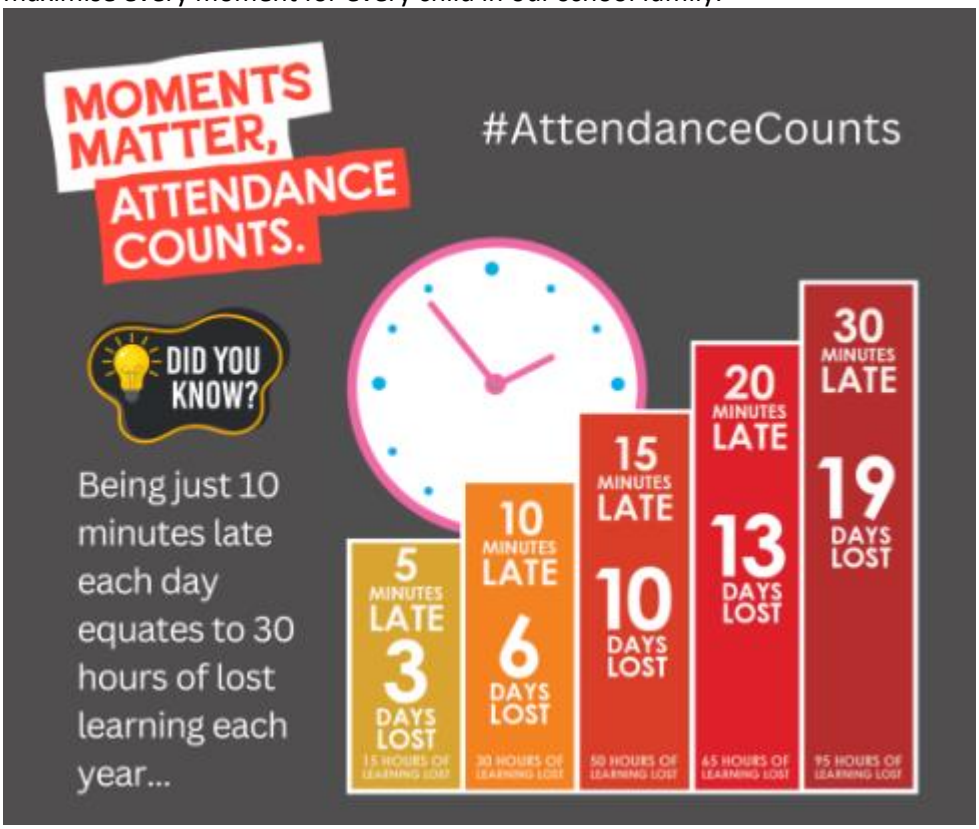
Donut the therapy dog visited Year 4 this week**.**

Year 5

Year 5 had a great day at Greystones Nature Reserve in Bourton-on-the-Water on Thursday. They enjoyed looking at features of the River Eye, such as the meanders and working out how to calculate the speed of the water. Children also carried out river dips to search for wildlife and had great fun identifying the invertebrates they found.

Attendance

Huge thank you to all parents who engage with their class teacher(s) and the attendance lead to ensure children are in school and on time every day. Mrs Pendlebury is always happy to discuss any concerns you may have to ensure we maximise every moment for every child in our school family.



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Start Date: Monday 14th April
End Date: Midnight, Wednesday 16th April