

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **PERSEVERANCE**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week of all weathers. Please can you ensure that children have a waterproof coat in school at all times.

Mobile phones - the vast majority of children will have no need to bring a mobile phone into school. We ask for your support in this. If it is absolutely essential for safeguarding because they walk home alone, they may only do so with signed permission slips available from the office. Children may not enter the playground with a mobile phone - instead they must come straight to the front office reception to hand in their phone before going on to the playground in the morning. The phone will then be handed back to them at the door at the end of the day.

Our wonderful PTA have been busy organising lots of events. Please do support them if you can!

Best wishes.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
29 th January	Y2 Polar workshop – see separate letter sent
30 th January	Evening event – PTA adult quiz (please see below)
6 th February	PTA school disco – details to follow
13 th February	PTA sponsored pancake flip
16 th -20 th February	Half term – School closed
23 rd February	INSET day – school closed for children
27 th February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
5 th March	World Book Day

12th March	Y4 'In the Net' - information to follow
20 th March	Red Nose Day
24 th March	Y2 lead Easter Service at Church 10am Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
25 th March	Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
26 th March	Y2 Sandfield Farm trip – information to follow
4th July	PTA Summer Picnic

Year 6

Y6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Mandir on Tuesday where they engaged with lots of learning to support their current RE unit. Thank you to Mrs Sugur for organising such an enriching experience ✨



Gloucestershire Table Tennis Tournament

A Year 6 pupil proudly represented the school at the Gloucestershire Table Tennis Tournament on Sunday, held at the YMCA. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase skill, determination and sportsmanship while competing against other schools from across the county. We are always delighted to celebrate our pupils' sporting achievements and the dedication they show both in and out of school. Well done for taking part and representing the school so positively - we are very proud!



Mad Science Club

The KS1 Mad Science Club got off to a great start last week with lots of experiments teaching the children the how and why of science.



Year 2 History

Year 2 loved looking at artefacts that polar explorers would have used in the past. The children are really enjoying learning about Scott's race to the pole. We even saw a photograph that showed Heinz beans were taken on their expedition in 1910!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy week! We are very excited to be learning how to play the violin this term. In science, we are finding out how our digestive systems works and in English we have be writing and recording our own persuasive adverts!



Perseverance – Winter Olympics

Miss Hillier led a service about Perseverance, our new value, linked to the upcoming Winter Olympics which start on 6th February. The children were so excited to see all the different winter sports and learn how the athletes have to be so dedicated and determined to even get selected to go to the Olympics!



Look Who's Talking

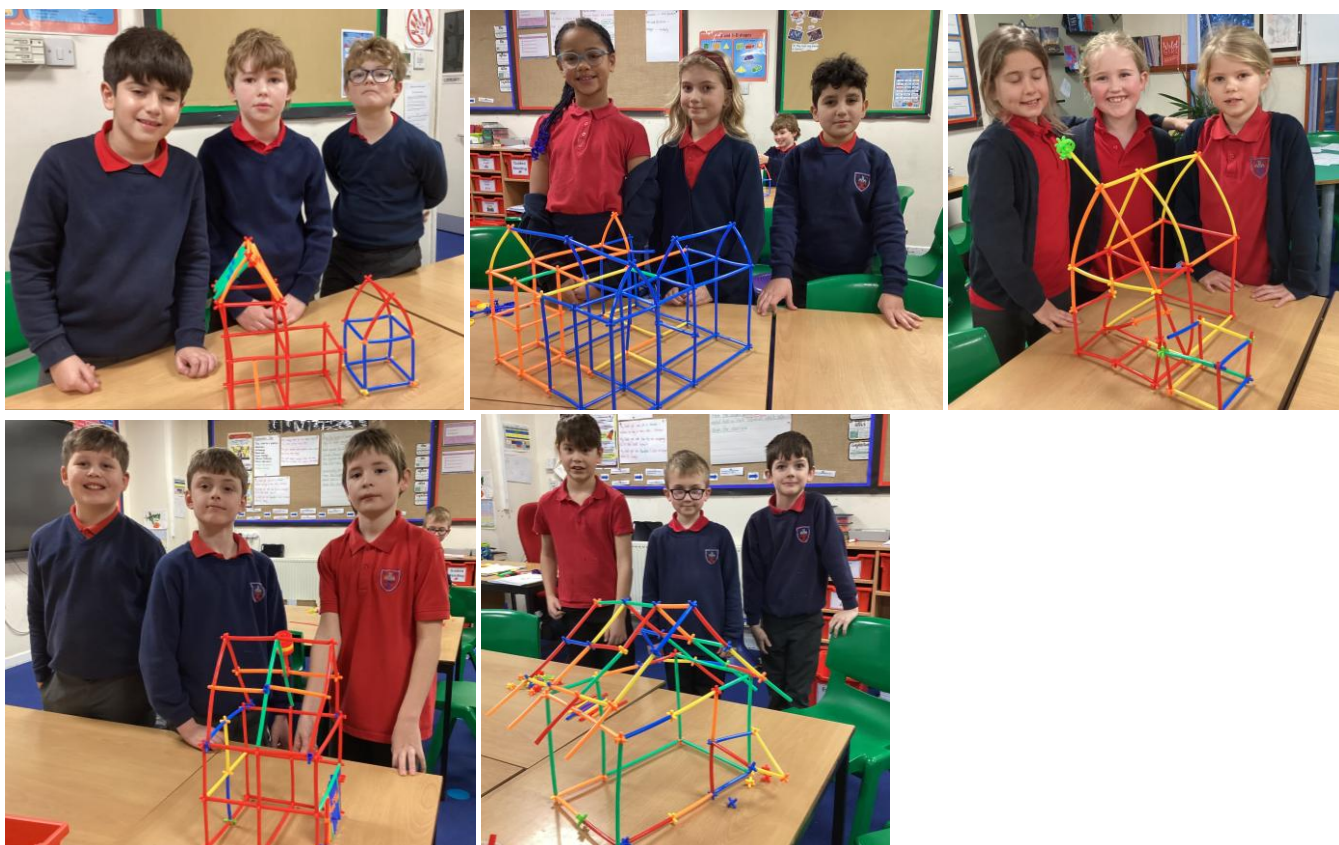


Class winners from the Look Who's Talking Competition this year!

We had talks about keeping healthy, hedgehogs, pirate glass and even space! Well done to everyone who took part this year.

Construction Club

Children had a great first session at construction club on Thursday. They were challenged to build houses from connecting straws and did a fantastic job. Could these be our architects of the future?



World Book Day 2026 is coming!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day 2026 on March 5th**. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading and storytelling. On the day, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book or character-inspired costume, bringing their stories to life. Alternatively, children are equally welcome to come in their pyjamas, ready to enjoy a cosy bedtime story. It's all about celebrating books, imagination, and the joy of reading together in a fun and engaging way.

Move More

Hello everyone,

As we settle back into the New Year and third term it is indeed time for Webinar 3.

This will happen on Wednesday the 28th of January at 1pm and the topic will be: Boundaries and Defiance- Helping Children Thrive.

We will spend the time exploring why children might struggle with boundaries, the difference between developmentally appropriate boundary-pushing and disruptive behaviour disorders. Sharing tools, advice and support that are currently available for parents and carers in these areas will also be an important part of the webinar. As always, we will try to answer as many questions as possible. Parents/carers can submit questions when registering for the webinar or join us for the live session.

To access both the live session and the recording of it, all parents/carers need to do is sign up by following this link: <https://www.move-more.org/events/webinar/>

Goodbye and thank you to Ms Hakimi

We said thank you and goodbye to Ms Hakimi who has worked at the school for around two years. We wish her well in her new chapter! We will miss you!



Attendance

SPOTLIGHT ON PERSISTENT ABSENCE



What is persistent absence?

If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.

Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:

HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENCE STUDENT?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-3 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.

Community Notices

Beezee FAMILIES

Changing habits keep you healthy...all year long!

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family.

Top Tips to brave those winter mornings

Keep hydrated: This is a sure-fire way to get our bodies fired up in the mornings. A fresh glass of water will give your body the boost it needs to start the day.

Breakfast: There is a reason it holds the title as the most important meal of the day! Make sure little (and grown up) tums don't leave the house empty, it's important to have a good healthy breakfast to give our bodies the energy they need.

Sleep: It's important no matter your age to get enough sleep and sticking to regular sleep patterns can help support this.

Healthy lunch boxes

Keeping school lunch boxes interesting can be a challenge at the best of times so we appreciate how hard it is to make sure they are kept healthy too.

But healthy doesn't have to be a chore, it can actually make life much easier!

Fruit is a great way to give little ones a boost of energy and if bought in packs will generally last the whole week and keep costs down too. A satsuma, banana or small handful of grapes will add a tasty (and vibrant) addition to their lunch boxes.

Fresh air fix

It's tough during the colder months to find ways to get our much-needed Vitamin D. Fresh air is a great way to improve both our physical and mental well-being and even short bursts of outdoor time can make a big difference.

Try swapping the car or bus for a short walk from time to time or get the little ones wrapped up and outside for a quick play in the park.

Want more healthy lifestyle support? Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

[Scan here](#) or [Click the link](#)

go.beezee.co.uk

*Our resources are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

PTA

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 30TH JANUARY
SCHOOL HALL

Adults Only

Doors open 7pm Quiz starts 7:30

£5 per person

Maximum team 6

Bar and Mini games

Sign up and play

All proceeds back to the school

[Please click here to register your team.](#)

SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP 26

HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL



February 13

Christ Church Primary School

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All the children will be invited to take part in the pancake flip at school during the day. They will all receive a certificate confirming the number of flips completed within a minute.

If sponsorship forms could please be completed and returned with the sponsorship money by Friday 28 February. You can sponsor either an amount per flip or an amount for participating its up to you.

All money raised will be used to help the school. Currently we are raising money to fund books and equipment to help support your children in school.

