

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **FRIENDSHIP**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather turns colder, we have enjoyed a super busy week at CCPS. The children have enjoyed cinema visits, forest school, a lively guitar demonstration from Stuart from letsplayguitar (leaflets sent out yesterday), our final visit from Paul at Youth4Christ and a visit from Mr Beeching (Year 3 parent) to read his book in service today.

LAST CHANCE

Have you signed up for our parents' morning yet? This is a great opportunity to drop in and get to know other parents in school as well as picking up some top tips from our family support worker Marijana. Still places available-please call the office to book your place. Mrs Whybrew (pastoral lead in school) and Marijana have a huge wealth of experience between them, so please do contact the office and book your space. Those already registered, please sign in via the office on Monday after drop off. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments.

December is upon us-advent calendars at the ready! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pendlebury

Diary Dates 2024-2025

Date	Event
2 nd December	9.00am Move More Parent session 'ways to help your child thrive at school' – contact the office to book your place
6 th December	PTA Non-Uniform Day. Donations for Crafternoon please!
10 th December	YR & Y6 height weight & vision checks – information emailed. 2.15 pm Reception & Y1 Nativity
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day 9.30am Reception & Y1 Nativity
13 th December	Reception trip to the Everyman PTA Crafternoon
16 th December	Y6 Organ Workshop at CLC
17 th December	10am Christmas service led by Y2
18 th December	Christmas lunch –book here: https://forms.office.com/e/sgS7YTsKFh 2.30pm Rock Steady Concert
20 th December	Last day of school – Christmas holiday Finish normal time
6 th January	INSET DAY – No school for children

7th January	Children back to school
14th February	Last Day of school – finish normal time – February Half term
24th February	INSET DAY – No school for children
25th February	Children back to school
28th February	Young Voices Concert - Birmingham
6th March	World Book Day
8th April	10am Y4 led Easter Service (at church)
11th April	Last day of school – finish normal time – Easter Holiday

Cinema trips

Year 2 loved watching The Jungle Bunch on World Tour this week at Cineworld as part of the Into Film Festival.



Years 3,5 and 6

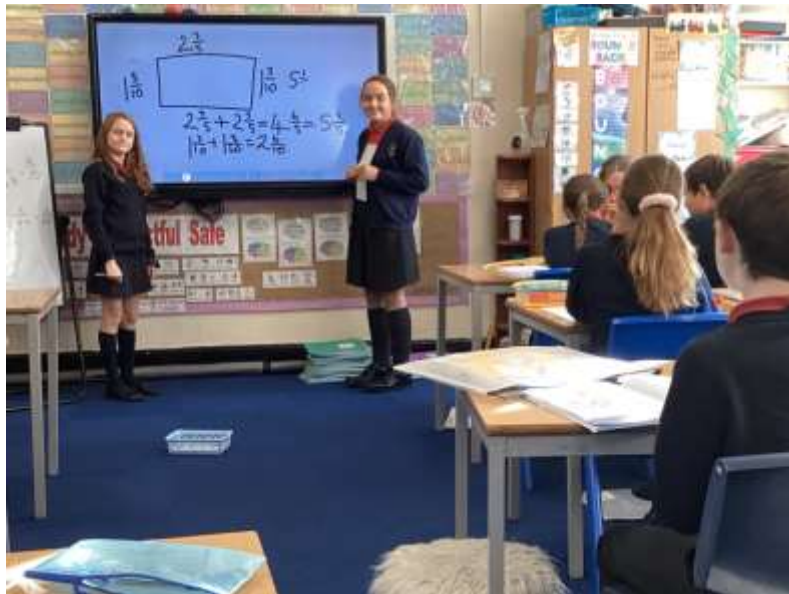
Also enjoyed their visit to the cinema





Year 6

Year 6 have been working through some very challenging fractions reasoning problems this week. They have enjoyed collaborating with their peers and building on prior knowledge to access multi-step problems. We have also had children help to peer teach the class!



Year 4

Year 4 are really enjoying showing off their batting skills in our cricket sessions.





Year 1

Year 1 are really enjoying our Cricket sessions this term. We are learning how to bat and field as well as enjoying lots of new games.



Year 5

Year 5 have been busy creating clay relief tiles with a volcano theme. They are now drying before we complete the next stage of painting them. We can't wait to show you the finished pieces.





Christ Church FC

Well done to Christ Church FC who played their first match of the season against Gardners Lane FC on Thursday evening. The team were unlucky to lose on this occasion, but showed excellent teamwork and encouraged each other throughout the whole game.

We were proud of their resilience and teamwork!

Player of match goes to Youssef who made some incredible saves throughout the game!



LOOK WHO'S TALKING! 2025

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

What is oracy and why is it so important?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

How will the competition work?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools! The grand final will be on 04.04.25, which you can come to, if your child is a representative for our locality.

what can your child talk about?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints slide shows please.

How can you help them at home?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It really can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

Thank you for your support!



Why is school attendance so important?

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**




School



is the **key** to **future success!**

Missing **2 days** of school each month **=** Missing nearly **3 weeks** during a school year



15 minutes late every day **=** **two weeks** of learning lost each school year





Data shows pupils with more than **95% attendance** Achieve better GCSE results!



at least one grade higher!

Even **90%** attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year





NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday
6th December

Children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 6th December.

The PTA kindly ask that you donate any sealed bottles, unwanted gifts and good condition items.

We are collecting for the very popular 'Secret Santa Wrap' at the Christmas Crafternoon.

**CHRISTMAS
CRAFTERNOON
13TH DECEMBER**

Christmas Lunch

To allow our cook time to plan and order, please book your lunch by 4th December using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/sgS7YTskFh>

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Christmas Lunch Menu

18th December 2024

Main

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes,
Stuffing and Sausage

Vegetarian Option

Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf with
Roast Potatoes and Stuffing

Alternative Option

Jacket Potato with filling

Sides

Peas, Carrots, Chef's Gravy and
Cranberry Sauce

Desserts

Decorated Christmas Cookie



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97

DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 83% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'Snapmap' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo wall called 'My Eyes Only'. Users can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and peers in the feed, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'My Eyes Only' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has auctions called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sending continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' filters on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'jealty' notifications (which will get displayed even if a device is in do not disturb mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must first be added to the Family Centre by them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they don't let to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does contact with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state who they're reporting that user – such as harassing or malicious messages, spam or inappropriate or excessive use.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the bottom header.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about norms and boundaries before letting children sign up, if they're turned into a user, encourage them to tell you immediately, talk openly and non-judgmentally about sending, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Fetherston is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various good practice papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Revised. See full reference list on guide page 18. <https://www.thenationalcollege.com/parents/parents-fact-2023>

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