

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been so many enrichment activities for the children this week – please take the time to read through the newsletter and look at class pages on the website to see even more.

We are continuing to experience conflict between parents regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking. May we, once again, ask that parents do not park on double yellow lines, zigzags, nor on neighbours' driveways. Parents are frustrated that they are walking further in order to park and ensure our children can cross the road safely, while a small minority continue to not do this. We also want to keep pleasant relationships with our neighbours. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend all.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025

Date	Event
14th October	Glos Wildlife Trust with Y4 and 5
16th October	Y3 Wilson Museum visit
22nd & 24th October	Parents' Evening – please book using Teachers2Parents
22nd October	10am Harvest service lead by Y3 at Church
24th October	Finish for half term
25th October	INSET DAY – No school for children
4th November	Children back to school
5th November	Nasal flu vaccinations – please log in and give consent via link emailed out 25 th September
7 th November	Individual & sibling photographs
11 th November	10am Y5 lead Remembrance service
12th November	Skateboarding and scooter sessions Y1-6

14 th November	Y4 film festival cinema trip
15 th November	Children in Need
26 th November	Y3, Y5, Y6 Film Festival cinema trip
20 th November	Y6 visit Mandir
27 th November	Y2 film festival cinema trip
10 th December	YR & Y6 height weight & vision checks – information to follow
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December	Reception trip to the Everyman
17 th December	10am Christmas service lead by Y2
18 th December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert
20 th December	Last day of school – Christmas holiday
6 th January	INSET DAY – No school for children
7 th January	Children back to school

Cross Country

A big well done to the Y5 and Y6 children who took part in the first race of the Move More Cheltenham District Cross Country League on Tuesday. The rain was torrential and of biblical proportions, but the children persevered and ran brilliantly in the muddy terrain, representing our school so well. A special thanks to Miss Hillier and Miss Greenwood for their unwavering enthusiasm, despite the conditions! If your child is in Y5 or Y6 and would like to take part in the upcoming cross-country races (next week – see below), please refer back to the previous letter from the school office detailing the specifics.

- XC2 BOYS @ Ashley Manor (formerly St Edwards Prep) – Thursday 17th October 2024**
 Year 5 Boys – 4:15pm
 Year 6 Boys – 4:25pm
- XC2 GIRLS @ Ashley Manor (formerly St Edwards Prep) – Friday 18th October 2024**
 Year 5 Girls – 4:15pm
 Year 6 Girls – 4:25pm





House Captains

Welcome to this year's house and vice captains:



Learning Ambassadors

Year 6 children wrote to Mrs Pope to offer to help to 'lead' a subject and be an ambassador in this area. Here they are:



Year 4 Literature Festival

Year 4 were delighted to be photographed by The Times and Sunday Times, whilst greatly enjoying their fun packed activities at this year's Cheltenham Literature Festival. Please visit their class page on our school website for some wonderful photos of your child's visit.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic trip to the Literature Festival on Tuesday. They enjoyed an inspirational and informative session with Matt Goodfellow, the author of 'The Final Year' (their current class reading book), a story telling workshop and a chance to be creative in 'The Den'.





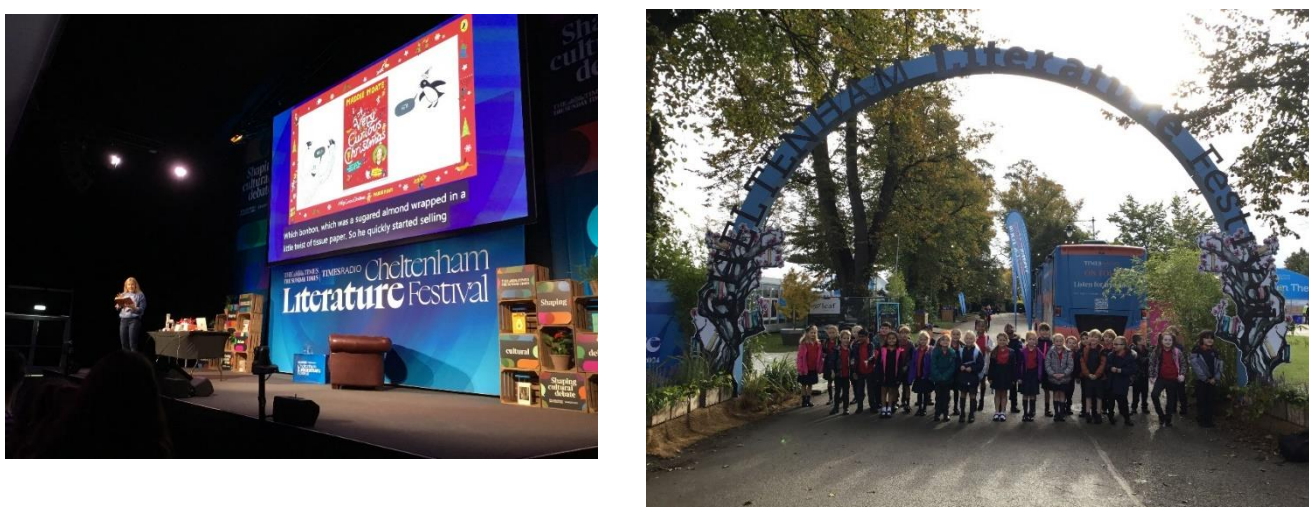
Year 5

Year 5 had a great time at the Literature Festival on Tuesday. Christopher Edge was a great replacement for Maz Evans (who was poorly). We were proud of the children who were selected to help Christopher with an on-stage mission! We also enjoyed 2 storytelling sessions and spending time in the crafts tent.



Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Literature Festival on Tuesday. They sheltered from the rain and listened to a storyteller acting out myths and legends. After a quick snack, they enjoyed seeing Maddie Moate talk about her Christmas themed book. A few of them even got to ask Maddie some questions!





Move More- Marijana

Here is the link to the recording of the first webinar from Marijana (Resilience and Grit: powerful strategies to support your child) for those unable to attend the live session. Please do let us know if there are any topics you would like to Marijana cover in the future.

<https://youtu.be/zFgCWR5014U>

Attendance

Regular attendance is vitally important to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children. Regular attendance means your child can make the most of their education, thus improving their chances in adult life. Being in school will also help your child's social skills, such as making and keeping friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will also help your child when they enter the world of work.

Thank you to all our current attendance heroes:



CCPS PTA PRESENT

THE AUTUMN DISCO



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JUST YOU DON'T NEED A PHONE - USE YOUR BEST MOVES!

£3
PER CHILD INCLUDING DRINK AND GLOW STICK

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

(FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE)

INFANTS DISCO: 4.45-5.45PM
JUNIORS DISCO: 6-7PM

FACE PAINTING, DRINKS AND SNACKS (50P EACH) WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY - CHILDREN WILL NEED CASH TO PAY FOR THESE. QUIET ROOM AND EAR DEFENDERS AVAILABLE.

***£6 GROUP PASS FOR 2 OR MORE CHILDREN FROM THE SAME IMMEDIATE FAMILY**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Competition Time

We received an exciting letter this week from our local MP, Max Wilkinson. He is inviting children the chance to take part in his first annual Christmas Card Competition. The winning design will then be used as Mr. Wilkinson's official Christmas card, sent to tens of thousands of people across Cheltenham. Children

from all year groups are encouraged to take part. Designs should fill an A4 piece of paper and be bright and cheerful, showcasing the spirit of Christmas. All entries will need to be handed to class teachers by Wednesday 16th October so that we can deliver them to Mr. Wilkinson's office. We look forward to seeing your festive artwork.

ALL TOGETHER SERVICE

*Church for all
the family!*

**Sunday 13th
October**

Pastries and other
refreshments from
10am, service
starts at 10:30

 **CHRIST CHURCH**
CHURCHVILLE

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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The National College

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