

# 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,

Year groups have started their visits to the Literature festival and will continue next week, we are so lucky that we have good access to the town centre.

New Reception 2025: We have already had calls about tours for starting school in 2025. If you, or any one you know, is considering a place at Christ Church, please let them know that they can call the office to arrange a tour. Please let us know if you have a child of a sibling at CCPS starting school in 2025– it helps give an indication of places we will have left to offer. Just call the office. Thanks.

Can we remind you to name all items of clothing? We are adding many items to the boxes just outside the Y5/6 entrance so please check there if you have lost any items.

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025

Date	Event
7th October	Y1 Literature Festival trip
8th October	Y6.5.3 Literature Festival trip
9th October	Y2 Literature Festival trip
14th October	Glos Wildlife Trust with Y4 and 5
16th October	Y3 Wilson Museum visit
22nd & 24th October	Parents' Evening – information to follow
22nd October	Harvest service led by Y3
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 <sup>th</sup> September
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual & sibling photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 lead remembrance service 10am
12th November	Skateboarding and scooter sessions Y1-6
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 film festival cinema trip
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3, Y5, Y6 film festival cinema trip
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 visit Mandir
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 film festival cinema trip
10 <sup>th</sup> December	YR & Y6 height weight & vision checks – information to follow
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Reception trip to the Everyman
17th December	Christmas service 10am led by Y2
18 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert
20th December	Last day of school – Christmas holiday
6th January	INSET DAY – No school for children
7th January	Children back to 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 16<sup>th</sup> October so that we can deliver them to Mr. Wilkinson's office. We look forward to seeing your festive artwork.



## Appointment

As you are aware, Mrs Kirby will be leaving us at Christmas to start her maternity leave.

We conducted interviews last week and are pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Nicklin. She impressed us with her relationships with the children, teaching and interview. We are looking forward to meeting her over the next few months as she will get to know the class prior to her January start.

## Dogs' Trust

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from Charlotte at the Dogs' Trust who came to discuss how we can be safe around pets. The children learnt the signs that dogs use to communicate their feelings to humans and how we should react to these. It was a fun and informative session.



## Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about forces and carrying out investigations into friction and water resistance. The children enjoyed finding out which material would produce the most friction and slow the car down. They also discovered how surface area affects the amount of water resistance a person will feel when pushing an item through water.



## Year 6

Year 6 are enjoying their iPad music lessons.



## Attendance

In an exam, 95% sounds good. In school it is a different story:

Even if your child's attendance is at 95% this will mean they have missed 40 lessons in one year.



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity - including, of course, among children and young people - and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online, to the same world, region, or game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat, a group voice communication that connects you can have with people on the same platform. We look to be more commonly used by players who already know each other, though, some gamers - especially on PC - will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to players to chat with many gamers without needing a set age or location, but some don't realize a child could report seeing messages while the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they think those individuals are real. While most strangers aren't necessarily bad or scary, there are some who may be - especially when interacting with a child - intentionally or otherwise.

## DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered other people online who pretend to be someone they know, often a friend, convincing them to exchange for a better game or something else. And sometimes messaging partners, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers online that they shouldn't exchange personal details that they don't know.

## BULLYING AND ABUSE

While online in-game chat isn't just for fun, it can be used to bully or abuse. Some people use chat to harass or threaten others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive. Some people use chat to bully or abuse others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive. Some people use chat to harass or threaten others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive.

## POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player is able to chat with a stranger, they can also be able to chat with a stranger. This can be a good thing, but it can also be a bad thing. Some people use chat to harass or threaten others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive. Some people use chat to bully or abuse others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive.

## COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Some games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, or if they feel a teammate is cheating. This can lead to a competitive atmosphere that can be stressful for some players. Some people use chat to harass or threaten others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive. Some people use chat to bully or abuse others, often using language that's inappropriate or abusive.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In games that offer parental controls, the parent's settings. This allows parents to lock down the chat functionality. But it will need to be done from within the game. Not all games have a chat lock, so it's normally best to talk to the game developer about a chat lock. Some games offer a chat lock, so it's normally best to talk to the game developer about a chat lock. Some games offer a chat lock, so it's normally best to talk to the game developer about a chat lock.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a report button for reporting other players, so you can report a player who is being abusive or harassing. This usually leads to the account being suspended or banned. It's important to report any abusive behavior. It's important to report any abusive behavior. It's important to report any abusive behavior.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with friends, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows parents to lock down chat functionality. It's important to report any abusive behavior. It's important to report any abusive behavior. It's important to report any abusive behavior.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

While some children will enjoy the difference between being competitive and being abusive, talk about what constitutes abusive or inappropriate behavior. Most children will enjoy the difference between being competitive and being abusive, talk about what constitutes abusive or inappropriate behavior. Most children will enjoy the difference between being competitive and being abusive.

## Meet Our Expert

Neil Kinnear is the father of children and has been working in the games industry for 15 years. He is a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's written about tech and games, his work has been published in sites including the Telegraph, and plenty more.

