

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,

It has been great to see everyone back at school this week. The children have embraced their new year groups and have settled really quickly into their classes. Thank you to the staff for making these transitions so smooth.

Welcome to our new parents with children joining us in reception. We look forward to working with you over the next seven years! These will fly by. There are many opportunities to be involved in school life and the newsletter is a good way to see what is going on each week. Many schools have gone down to a monthly letter but we like to celebrate and let you know all the brilliant things that are going on in school each week.

You will be receiving welcome letters from your class teachers and will also be able to see extra information on the class pages of the website <https://www.christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk/class-pages/>

Do check these pages regularly as they are updated with photos and information. Reception will continue to use Tapestry as a link with home.

Looking forward to an amazing year working in partnership with our families.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025

Date	Event
9th – 12th September	Y6 Bikeability
17th September	Mini police Y5
19th September	PC Laura visit Y6
24th September	PTA AGM 7pm – all welcome
24 th September	Reception & Y1 Phonics meeting – details to follow
26th September	Y6 swimming starts
4th October	Y4 Literature Festival trip
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	Parent's 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
12th November	Skateboarding and scooter sessions Y1-6
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Reception trip to the Everyman
17th December	Christmas service 10am led by Y2
20th December	Last day of school – Christmas holiday
6th January	INSET DAY – No school for children
7th January	Children back to school

Coats

Please remember a raincoat every day. We try to go outside as much as possible so this is needed in the current climate!

Jewellery

We have noticed an increased number of students wearing hoop type earrings and multiple bracelets to school this week. Can we politely remind you of our school rules on jewellery:

- One pair of stud earrings may be worn – no other piercings are permitted.
- A smart and sensible wrist watch may be worn.

If ears are newly pierced and studs can't be removed for PE, please send in some tape that can be put over the earrings for safety. All jewellery is the pupil's responsibility.

Staffing News

Some of our most observant children have noticed that Mrs Kirby's appearance is changing! We are excited to announce that she is expecting her first child in January this year. Huge congratulations. We are advertising for a maternity leave teacher for year 3 and will keep you informed when we make an appointment.

Lisa, our super Caterlink staff member has won an award – she won the best pence per meal category for Caterlink Gloucestershire. This is a great achievement!



Summer Library Challenge

We always have a high number of pupils taking part in the Gloucestershire Summer Library Challenge. We will celebrate this in assembly on **Tuesday 17th September** if pupils want to bring their medals and highest certificate to school on that date. It ends on 14th September so you still have time to finish any last stages.



Naming Items - Message from our Eco Council

Please name all clothing, coats, water bottles, snack pots coming into school. We encourage children to collect their own belongings but more and more items were being left outside last year and this doesn't fit with our teaching on looking after the environment and respecting our planet. So much waste is being thrown away with faded, damp clothing and nameless plastic pots being left to go mouldy.

We ask you to remind your child at home-time if they have packed everything to take home. If not, items are left outside at the end of lunch so you can look on shelves or hooks. If it's named, we always try to return it to the correct child or family. Thank you, Eco Council

Christ Church Parent Prayer Group

We would love to start a school parent prayer group. Termly meetings could be held at school (our outside of school). Children and staff can contribute to prayer requests. If you are interested in organising this, please speak to Mrs Proctor.

Year 2 Bread-tasting

The children enjoyed tasting different types of bread this week to help them decide their own recipes they are planning to make next week. More photos are on the Year 2 class webpage.

Welcome to Paul from Youth4Christ Glos

Yesterday we welcomed Paul Bennett and Matt Craig from Youth4Christ Gloucestershire. They will be with us leading our worship service on Thursdays while Rev Simon is away on sabbatical. The first session was a very lively event which I am sure many of the children have shared with you.

Attendance

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. In response, the Department for Education has introduced new statutory guidance, effective from August 2024, aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and supporting families whose children are struggling to attend. You will be receiving an additional letter today with further details and the key changes and expectations from the DfE. Full details of how we intend to play our part as part of the DGAT Trust can be found in our policy: [DGAT Pupil Attendance and Absence Policy](#)

Church for all the family!

ALL TOGETHER SERVICE

Sunday 8th September
Pastries and other
refreshments from 10am,
service starts at 10:30



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