

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **HUMILITY**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents, Carers and the Christ Church family,

As we close the year, it is nice to see that summer has arrived! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff. Their commitment to nurturing, educating, and inspiring our children has been truly exceptional. I am so lucky to lead a school with staff who care passionately about our school and the children. There are many staff behind the scenes who are also integral to the running of the school – in the office, the cleaners, caterers and so many more. The school only works so well because everyone plays their part in the culture of this school. We also have some fabulous volunteers who give their time so generously – we are very grateful. Thank you.

We also wave goodbye to our Year 6 cohort. We hope that they stay curious, stay kind, and stay resilient. The world is full of possibilities, and each of them has the potential to make a positive impact. As they move forward, we want them to know that they will always be a part of our school family, and we will always be here cheering them on.

To our parents and families, thank you for your support and partnership. Your encouragement, involvement, and belief in your children have been instrumental in their success. We know that behind every child's achievement is a family that has provided love, guidance, and strength.

We are also lucky to have a super governing body – they challenge and support us all. Thank you so much. We also thank Simon, our vicar, who visits every week. The children benefit so much from your services.

Another thank you to the PTA – they are an exceptional group of parents who raise money for our children, putting in hours of their own time. You are brilliant!

We hope that you all have a super summer and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 3rd September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Pope

Staffing

As we come to the end of another enriching and successful year, we celebrate our many achievements but we also bid farewell to some members of our support staff who are moving on to new chapters in their lives. Mr Miles has been our caretaker for many years and has now decided to retire from this role. We are grateful to him. Mrs Johnson, our year 5 teaching partner, has been an integral part of our school family, bringing dedication, enthusiasm, and a caring spirit to work. We will miss her smiling face and sense of humour. We wish her every success in her next adventure. Miss Kot has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment. She has given so much to the children that she has supported.

Summer Reading: The Library Challenge



Yesterday, we received a visit from Cassi Chapman from Cheltenham Library. She inspired many children to go beyond their bronze and silver achievements from last year and aim for gold. She reminded children that joining the library is free. This year the challenge goes well beyond book reading, with exciting tasks for all the family. Please do pop along and get involved!

The Library Challenge
Coming Soon!
13 July - 14 September 2024
Suitable for children aged 3+

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
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THIS YEAR'S THEME: **SPORT**

Join in on all The Library has to offer this summer for **free!**

Sign Up at any Gloucestershire library or online at gloslibraries.uk.

Explore Tasks in the challenge – there's something for everyone!

Collect Stamps! Show completed tasks to our friendly library team.

Level Up! Special rewards await at each level!

SPORTS FESTIVALS

This summer, we're hosting two multi-sport festivals alongside The Library Challenge.

Meet and play with local organisations like **Gloucester Rugby** Charitable Community Foundation and **Cheltenham Town** Community Trust.

Book your free ticket now at gloslibraries.uk

Friday 9 August
11:00 - 16:00

Kings School Sports Field,
Gloucester, GL1 2TF

Friday 30 August
11:00 - 16:00

Oakwood Primary School,
Cheltenham, GL52 5HD

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B Ware author visit

On Tuesday we received a visit from B Ware who read extracts from her debut novel “WARNING: Magic Can Be Dangerous” and work with a variety of classes. All children relished the opportunity to work with a real-life author. B

Ware herself said she was super impressed with our wonderful children and their zest for learning in the final week of the year.



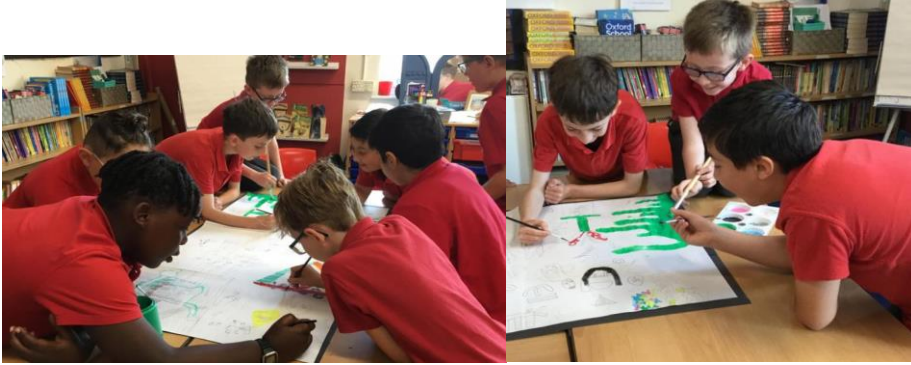
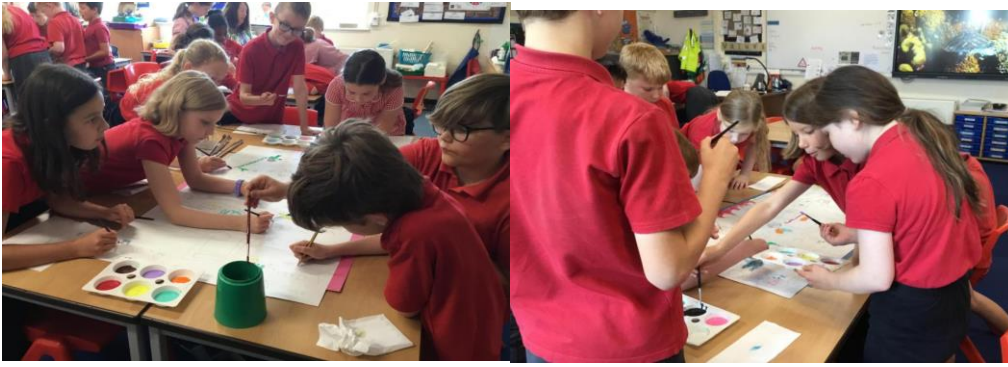
Food Pantry

Many thanks for your donations to the Cheltenham Food Pantry. These will be collected later this morning.



Year 4

Year 4 Collaborative Street Art Project - with Artists' own TAGs



Year 4 have been using microbits this term to make their own data loggers! This week they created thermometers to measure the temperature of different surfaces in our playground.



Year 3



Year 3 have had a very busy final few days of term! Last Friday they went to the brilliant Nature in Art to take part in two different art workshops. They then explored the sculpture garden and the gallery as well as spending time with the "artist in residence".



They also had their last "Roots for a Wilder Future" session with Rosie. They have loved the learning opportunities that Rosie has provided and so many of the children have said that this project has been one of their favourite parts of Year 3.



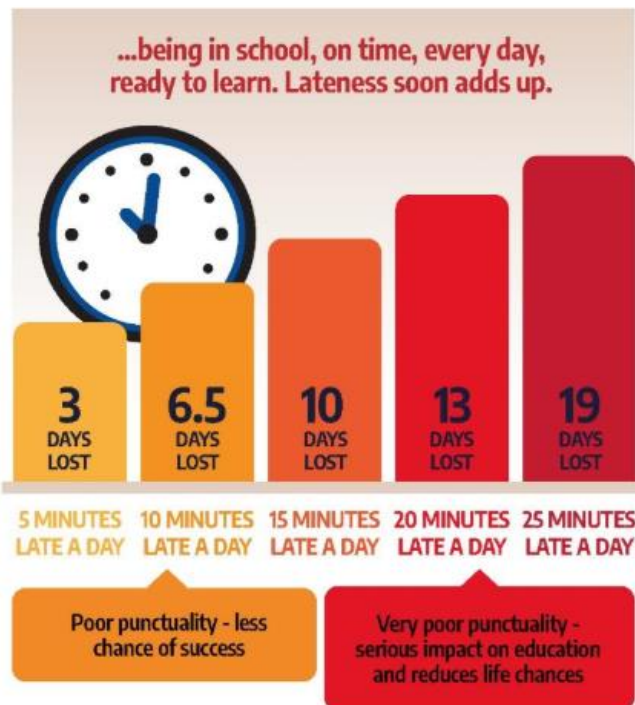
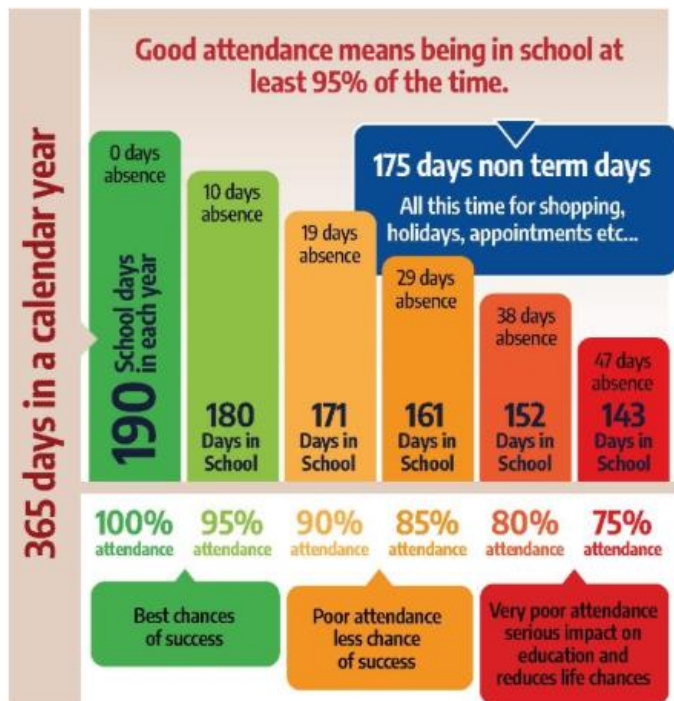
The last forest school session for this term included a scavenger hunt and, of course, a bonfire with marshmallows! A huge thank you to Mrs Walsh for organising and running the forest school sessions. The class are already looking forward to returning in Year 4.

Attendance

Thank you to the many parents who ensure that their children attend regularly and arrive on time. Attendance is incredibly important to the education of our children and makes a big difference to a child's ability to do well at school.

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

DID YOU KNOW? A child who is 15 minutes late each day, will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year.



Schools & Heritage newsletter for Gloucestershire – an advert sent to school

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Do you want to make a film and become A GREEN DETECTIVE?

There's lots of fun to be had and loads of fantastic prizes to be won.

If you can answer YES to the following questions:

- Are you 17? or under?
- Are you interested in the environment?
- Do you have an enquiring mind?
- Do you have access to a camcorder or want to borrow one?
- Have you got what it takes to make a short film?

Then you could become a GREEN DETECTIVE

Green Pledge Short Film Challenge

While researching the Green Pledge Project exhibition, we came across this wonderful film challenge from the 1990s (DC/GL/C/2/48/5). We think it's brilliant we'd love to set the same challenge to you!

To enter, you need to be age 7-11. Here's what you need to do:

1. **Pick a subject:** It can be anything related to the environment, eg dirty beaches, polluted rivers, litter. Remember it's good to be original and some of the best stories could be on your doorstep.
2. **Plan your film:** It can be up to 2 minutes long. We suggest you create a storyboard of all the sections you plan to record. Like all good stories, it will need a beginning, a middle and an end.
3. Find a device to record on: You will need to ask your parent/carer if you can borrow a device and if you are filming beyond your own home, you'll need to go with a parent/carer.
4. **Get filming:** Remember clear visuals, clear sounds and an interesting approach to the story you want to tell will help get your message across
5. **Get your entry in:** Please email your entry to marion.hill@southglos.gov.uk by **Sunday 25 August** and make sure your email includes your NAME and AGE.

The judging will take place in the week commencing 26 August. Both the winner and runners up will have their film shared on our website and there will be prizes too! (We will only use first names and age on the website).

If you have any queries, please contact: marion.hill@southglos.gov.uk



**CHELTENHAM
BOURNSIDE
SCHOOL**



Cheltenham Bournside School

Open Evening

Thursday 12th September 2024, 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Headteacher's welcome at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm

Parents and families are warmly invited to our upcoming open evening. Hear from our senior leadership team, teachers and students and find out about life at our school. You will be invited to explore our extensive facilities and departments, take part in interactive activities and discover our inspiring enrichment programme on a student-led tour.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bournside.

Open morning tours run daily at 9.00am, from Monday 16th September.

Please contact us to book (open mornings only):

- admin@bournside.gloucs.sch.uk
- 01242 235555



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JULY 2024

SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN CHELTENHAM

**FIND
SUMMER
HOLIDAY
FUN**

ON
CHELTENHAM
ROCKS



Visit Cheltenham Rocks this summer for the ultimate what's on guide. Find summer events, places to visit, kids eat free, local parks, walks and so much more.

**CLICK HERE TO
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**PARKS AND
WALKS**

LOCAL EVENTS



**FREE THINGS
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