

The Christ Church News



6th February 2026

Our value this term is: **PERSEVERANCE**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to the PTA who organised the quiz - and for organising the disco tonight. If possible, please can parents take coats home on arrival at the disco then bring them back on collection? This avoids piles of coats at the side of the hall and avoids them being misplaced. Mobile phones must not be brought to the disco by children please.

I hope that you received the letter re parking this week. Please be considerate to our neighbours.

A reminder that children are able to bring in a healthy snack for break time. Fruit is free for the infants. Thank you for your support with this.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
6 th February	PTA school disco Infants 4.45pm-5.45pm Juniors 6.00pm-7.00pm
13 th February	PTA sponsored pancake flip - see information below (sponsor forms have been sent home with children)
16 th -20 th February	Half term – School closed
23 rd February	INSET day – school closed for children
27 th February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
2 nd March	Y3, Y4 and Y6 to Cheltenham Children's Library – volunteers needed
3 rd March	YR and Y5 to Cheltenham Children's Library – volunteers needed

4 th March	Y1 and Y2 to Cheltenham Children's Library – volunteers needed
5 th March	World Book Day "Dress as a word"
9 th March	Y5 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed
10 th March	Y3 & Y4 Experience Lent - information to follow – volunteers needed
12 th March	Y4 'In the Net' - information to follow Y6 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed
20 th March	Red Nose Day
24 th March	Y2 lead Easter Service at Church 10am Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
25 th March	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
26 th March	Y2 Sandfield Farm trip – information to follow – volunteers needed
27 th – 29 th April	Y4 Residential trip
6 th May	Class photos
11 th - 15 th May	Y6 SATs week
21 st May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – information to follow
2 nd June	PTA Summer Picnic
16 th June	Sports Day
23 rd June	Reserve Sports Day
4 th July	PTA Summer Picnic
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential trip
15 th July	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm

PTA Quiz

Thank you to the PTA for organising and hosting such a wonderful quiz last Friday!

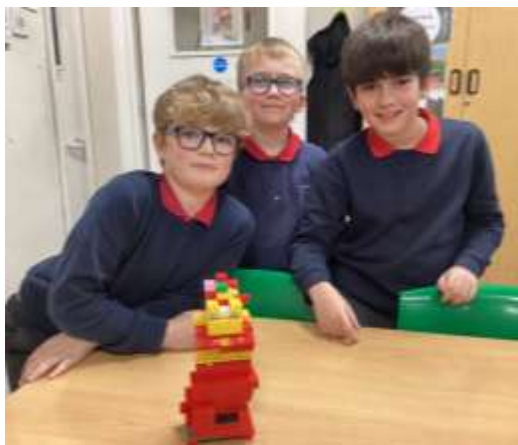
It was fantastic to see lots of parents and staff involved - there were some very tricky but interesting questions.

Please keep supporting upcoming PTA events - all money raised goes back into providing additional enrichment and learning opportunities for the children at Christ Church.



Construction Club

Construction club were building with Lego this week and were set the challenge of creating a dragon. Here are some of their wonderful fire-breathing creations!



Hyrox

Millie in Year 4 attended a Hyrox event in Amsterdam and really showed our value of perseverance when competing against others in a highly challenging series of events.



— RUN 1 LAP	From the start tunnel you will run to the 'H' arch
01 SKIERG	Pull the handles until your screen reaches 300m
02 SLED PUSH	Push the sled 1.5m (35kg) forward and back over the lines
03 SLED DRAG (ROPE)	Drag the sled 1.5m (20kg) using the rope attached
04 FROGGER JUMP	Jump forward with hands + feet together for 20m
05 ROWERG	Row 200m
06 FARMERS CARRY	Carry two 4kg kettlebells for 50m (1 lap)
07 LUNGES	Lunge 20m – knee must touch the floor each time
— RUN 1 LAP	from the 'DJT' arch to the 'W' arch as directed at the warm-up
08 WALL-BALL SQUATS	Do 50 squats holding a 1kg ball

Free Eye Tests

We recommend taking your child for a free eye test at any optician in town as you just never know if they might need glasses and it can really help them in school. Some children only need to wear glasses for a year or two and their eyesight corrects itself. It is recommended you take your child every 1 – 2 years.

In the UK, NHS-funded, free eye tests are available for all children under 16, and those under 19 in full-time education. Regular, usually annual, checks are recommended to detect issues early, particularly around age 4-5. Tests are designed to be child-friendly, using pictures or shapes if they cannot read letters, and take roughly 20 minutes.



Handwriting at Christ Church

Mrs Pendlebury will be sending out a letter shortly regarding handwriting at our school. Please do take the time to read through the letter.

Attendance



Good attendance in primary school is vital because it helps children build a strong sense of belonging, routine and connection within our school community. When pupils attend consistently, they form stable friendships, feel part of the class, and grow in confidence. This sense of belonging supports their wellbeing and helps them feel safe and valued — foundations that make it easier to engage positively with learning. Attendance is also closely linked to our theme of perseverance: showing up each day, even when challenges arise, teaches children that progress comes through commitment and resilience. By attending regularly, pupils practise the habit of persevering — sticking with their learning, overcoming obstacles, and celebrating the achievements that come from not giving up.

PTA



SPONSORED PANCAKE FLIP 26

February 13 Christ Church Primary School

All the children will be invited to take part in the pancake flip at school during the day. They will all receive a certificate confirming the number of flips completed within a minute.

If sponsorship forms could please be completed and returned with the sponsorship money by Friday 28 February. You can sponsor either an amount per flip or an amount for participating its up to you.

All money raised will be used to help the school. Currently we are raising money to fund books and equipment to help support your children in school.





[Please click here to book.](#)

Catering

Our caterers, Caterlink, have asked us to share their pupil survey with you:

Primary Pupil Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

Survey is open until 27th March.

Community Notices





COLOUR UP FOR KIDS

Prices from £10

Saturday 9th May 2026
Plock Court, Gloucester

Get ready for a splash of colour, bubbles, music, and inflatables!

Run, walk, or skip through this fun-filled family event while supporting local children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.



www.colourupforkids.co.uk

Just by taking part you'll be supporting 2 fantastic local charities that help support children facing childhood cancer, life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.



Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust
Reg. Number 1187783

Childhood cancer is one of the most common causes of death in children in the UK. Every year, just over 4,000 children and young adults receive this life-changing diagnosis.

The Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust is working hard to raise awareness of childhood cancer signs and symptoms. We produce educational resources for parents and clinicians, provide support to families and fund research into rare cancers of childhood



JAMES HOPKINS TRUST
Reg. Number 1183110

James Hopkins Trust believe that every child deserves to experience joy, laughter and love, regardless of their complex medical needs, diagnosis or condition.

For over 30 years, we have been dedicated to providing unwavering support to children in Gloucestershire who are life-limited or life-threatened, empowering them to live life to the fullest and make magic memories.

Sign up today and together we can help support local children

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Website: www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Registered charity number: 1183110



February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail
Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs
Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror
Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 5+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors
Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevium Tour
Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevium with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber
Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

M MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

Scan me for more info!



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

MOVE-MORE.ORG/CAMPS

CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS SCHOOL 4-7YRS
BALCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE 6-12YRS
CLEEVE SCHOOL 5-12YRS
ST MARKS JUNIOR SCHOOL 5-12YRS
JOHN MOORE PRIMARY 5-12YRS



**MOVE
MORE**
FROM CHILD TRUSTS

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS!

16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY

- Huge Range Of Activities
- No Screens Policy
- Run By School PE Specialists
- 10% Sibling Discount
- Childcare Vouchers & TFC Accepted
- Early Drop-Off & Late Collection Options
- Income Reinvested Into The Charity



100%
of parents surveyed
would recommend
our camps to a
friend

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CHARITY GOLF DAY



NON CHELTENHAM
CHARITY SPOTS

