

The Christ Church News



13th February 2026

Our value this term is: **PERSEVERANCE**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently welcomed Mrs Barron to the office team. She will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays, and job sharing with Mrs Williamson. Welcome to the Christ Church team.

This has been a busy half term – thanks you to all of the staff who have worked so hard.

A reminder that Monday 23rd is an INSET day – children should not come to school!

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Best wishes.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
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" or in your pyjamas!
9 th March	Y5 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed
10 th March	Y3 & Y4 Experience Lent - information to follow – volunteers needed (contact teacher)

12th March	Y4 'In the Net' - information to follow Y6 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed (contact teacher)
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 March	Last day – school finishes at normal time
13 th April	Children back to school
27 th – 29 th April	Y4 Residential trip
4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
6 th May	Class photos
11 th - 15 th May	Y6 SATs week
21 st May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – information to follow
22 nd May	Last Day – School finishes at normal time
1 st June	Children back to school
16 th June	Sports Day
20 th June	PTA Summer Picnic (note change of date)
23 rd June	Reserve Sports Day
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential trip
15 th July	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm

“Look Who’s Talking” – Cheltenham Oracy Competition

We are so proud of our three school winners who went to St Luke’s Church on Monday to compete against other pupils. The judges were so impressed with their talks and our pupils were first up in each round which made it even more daunting! There were 3 winners from 20 different schools there and although our pupils didn’t get through the next round, they were amazing and represented our school with pride. Thank you to the parents for coming along and helping them practise at home!



Safer Internet Day - This year's theme is "AI – Safe, smart and in control!"



Mrs Walker led an assembly about AI and taught the children what it is and how to keep safe when using it.

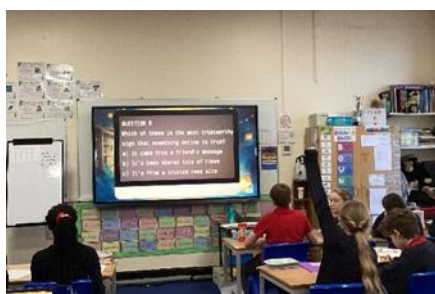
Year 2 found out all about voice assistants such as Alexas with Mrs Guy. They then sorted safe and unsafe ways of using them.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 watched a video about using AI responsibly.

Year 5 took part in the BBC Live Lesson and watched a video on using AI responsibly. They also made their own rules explaining how to use AI safely.

Year 6 learned about AI, gaming, scams and lots of ways to keep safe online. They undertook a comprehension about online safety, watched a video and then did a collaborative quiz!



Children's Mental Health Week - "This is My Place"



In Children's Health Week 2026, the theme is "This is My Place." We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in

lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.



Year 2 enjoyed a live assembly with 4500 other schools around the UK! WOW! The chat box was crazy with messages and answers! We listened to an author called Katie Hopper who read a story about belonging.

Congratulations

Lucas in Year 6 received his certificate of membership from Mensa.

This membership allows him to participate in events and interact with High Learning Potential children and have access to interesting stuff.



Attendance

We love seeing the buzz of conversation and laughter in our classrooms and playground as Term 3 draws to a close. Our goal is to ensure every child has the opportunity to experience the fun and friendship that comes with being in school.

It is so much more than just lessons

When a child is absent, they don't just miss a lesson; they miss out on essential social building blocks:

- ✦ Collaborating on group projects

- ✦ Developing empathy and communication skills
- ✦ Building long-lasting friendships
- ✦ Sharing in-jokes and play in the playground

Regular attendance helps children feel a strong sense of belonging, making them feel more confident and secure.

If you are experiencing barriers that make it difficult for your child to attend, please contact Mrs Pendlebury or your class teacher so we can support you.

PTA



VENUE
CHRIST CHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

DATE
FRIDAY 27TH FEB
DOORS OPEN: 7PM

THE PTA INVITES YOU TO THE
**WINE
BLUFF**
HOSTED BY
D'ARCY WINE

£20 per person

6 Wines to taste &
Charcuterie included

Click QR
code
to book

A fun wine guessing game to see
if your team can match the
wines to the correct description
and call out those bluffs!

[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



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 1167783

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 1163310

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

Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust
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Website: www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Registered charity number: 1163310



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 3+.

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

Explore Roman Glevum 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.

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**
EVERY CHILD THRIVES

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



Ofsted
Registered

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

SUPPORT MOVE MORE!

MOVE MORE'S
CHARITY GOLF DAY
Friday 3rd July 2026



RUN CHELTENHAM
CHARITY SPOTS
September 2026



 CHELTENHAM
PREP SCHOOL

In aid of
**TEENAGE
CANCER
TRUST**

Easter Eggstravaganza Chemistry Spectacular



With new
awe
inspiring
experiments
and
explosions!

Saturday 4 April 2026, Cheltenham Prep School

Adult - £5 | Ages 12-18 - £3 | Under 12 - Free
All proceeds will go to charity

4.00 pm Free Car Park Opens
4.30 pm Easter Egg Hunt
5.00 pm Chemistry Spectacular

Book your
tickets
here



Make this March a month of matchdays! Cheltenham Town Women are hosting three thrilling Sunday home games – and **Christ Church CofE Primary School** families are warmly invited to be part of the action.

Cheltenham Town Women, proudly known as *The Robinesses*, compete in the **FA Women's National League Southern Premier**, the highest level of semi-professional women's football in England and just one step below the Women's Super League 2. That means top-quality, fast-paced, competitive football right here on your doorstep!

Sunday matchdays at Kayte Lane are fantastic for families. They're friendly, welcoming, affordable and full of atmosphere. It's the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon together while supporting local women's sport.

March Home Fixtures

 *Kayte Lane Stadium, GL52 3PD*

 *Kick-off 2:00pm | Gates open 12:30pm*

- **Sunday 8 March** vs AFC Bournemouth Women
- **Sunday 15 March** vs Bristol City Women Academy
- **Sunday 22 March** vs AFC Wimbledon Women

 **Tickets available now:**

 <https://app.fanbaseclub.com/club/cheltenham-town-women-fc>



Come along to cheer on the Robinesses – a brilliant family day out and a great way to support women's football in our community!