

# The Christ Church News



27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Our value this term is: **COURAGE**

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**RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4! This week we have introduced our new value of 'Courage'. We hope that this inspires our children.

It has been lovely to see some sunshine this week. Please continue to pack a coat each day as the children will need this to go outside if it is showery.

Many of you will be enjoying the wine tasting PTA event tonight. Thank you to the organisers.

Best wishes.

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y3, Y4 and Y6 to Cheltenham Children's Library – volunteers needed to help with Y3
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	YR and Y5 to Cheltenham Children's Library - volunteers needed to help with Reception
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 and Y2 to Cheltenham Children's Library – volunteers needed to help with Y2
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day "Dress as a word" or in your pyjamas!
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 trip to Skillzone – please pay via Arbor
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & Y4 Experience Lent - information to follow – volunteers needed (contact teacher)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 'In the Net' - information to follow Y6 Experience lent – information to follow – volunteers needed (contact teacher)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 lead Easter Service at Church 10am start Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm Parents' Evening – booking information to follow
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Sandfield Farm trip – information in letter –1 more volunteer needed
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day – school finishes at normal time
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back to school
27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Residential trip
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Readathon Week – information to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – information to follow
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last Day – School finishes at normal time
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children back to school
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y2 Science Festival trip – information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 Science Festival trip – information to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' service Gloucester Cathedral – children only
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Robinswood trip – information to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Picnic (note change of date)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Residential trip

15 <sup>th</sup> July	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm

### Courage Value



### 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 27<sup>th</sup> March.

### Attendance

As you know, good attendance has a significant impact on your child's academic progress, wellbeing, and long-term outcomes. Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to develop secure learning routines, keep up with the curriculum, and build the knowledge and skills needed for future success. In contrast, frequent absence can lead to gaps in learning, reduced confidence, and difficulty maintaining friendships and classroom routines. Without good attendance, it is harder for children to engage with their learning and increases the risk of falling behind both socially and academically. Strong attendance is therefore a key factor in ensuring that every child has the best possible chance to achieve their potential both in school and beyond.

### Rest and Rise week

Today we are kicking off our brand new "Rest & Rise" Programme aimed at helping adults understand children's sleep and full of tools and activities to address different sleep issues. There will be 5 instalments

of the programme in total (one every week until the end of term). Please see the separate email for further details.

Attached is the first instalment of the programme and here is a link to a video that accompanies the programme:

<https://youtu.be/4gbAWa2322Q>

## Community Notices

**COLOUR UP FOR KIDS**

Prices from **£10**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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.

**10 Years of Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust**  
Reg. Number 1267985

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 1263110

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  
Creswell Hall, Cheltenham,  
Lorton Brooksbury,  
Worcestershire, WY1 4AJ  
Tel: 01292 846277  
Email: [fundraising@kccrt.org](mailto:fundraising@kccrt.org)  
Website: [www.gccct.org](http://www.gccct.org)  
Registered charity number: 1167763

James Hopkins Trust  
Ebbas Cones, North Lipton Lane,  
Gloucester GL4 2TH  
Tel: 01452 652236  
Email: [fundraising@jameshopkinstrust.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@jameshopkinstrust.org.uk)  
Website: [www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk](http://www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk)  
Registered charity number: 1283120

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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 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026



Children's **Book Project**



# Book Drive

Bring in your quality preloved or new children's books and the Children's Book Project will gift them to a child in need.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**CHAPMAN**  
OPTICIANS

12 Regent Arcade, Cheltenham, GL50 1JZ

## EASTER CAMPS 2026

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

### Example camp activities

Camp runs 9 am - 1 pm

<b>ROBOT LAB</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>ELECTRIC INVENTIONS</b>	<b>3D CREATIONS</b>	<b>VIRTUAL REALITY</b>
<b>COOL CIRCUITS</b>	<b>VIDEO GAME DESIGN</b>	<b>MOVIE MAKING</b>	<b>MINECRAFT REDSTONE</b>	<b>MINECRAFT MAZE</b>

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education our goals is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DfES checked friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★

"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

HALF DAY CAMPS THIS EASTER 9 AM - 1 PM Scan to book

**£25 PER DAY** or 4 days for just **£90**



**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**  
E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150



**EASTER 2026**

# TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

NEW TECH ADVENTURES EVERY DAY!



**Water Tornado**



**Motor Fan**



**Levitating Ball**



**Robotics & Coding**



**Circuitry & Electronics**



**Tech Fun**

**30TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES!**

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £25 PER HALF-DAY!  
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 1 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education




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CAMPS**

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Exceptional activity  
camps for children  
aged 4 to 14 at

**Dean Close  
Prep School,  
Cheltenham**

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**EARLY  
BOOKING  
OFFER  
NOW ON!**





**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!

A promotional poster for 'Hockey Heroes' featuring two children on a field. One child is in a red and blue jersey, the other in a red jersey. They are using hockey sticks and a ball. The background shows a fence and trees under a blue sky. The text 'HOCKEY HEROES' is in a blue shield-like shape at the top left. The main title 'Come try HOCKEY' is in large blue letters. Below it, smaller text says 'An 8-week programme delivered by Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club'. The CJHC logo is on the left. A starburst graphic says 'ALL 5-8 YEAR OLDS'. A blue box at the bottom right contains the start date, venue, and time.

**HOCKEY HEROES**

**Come try HOCKEY**

An 8-week programme delivered by  
Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club

**CJHC**

**ALL 5-8 YEAR OLDS**

**Starts 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Venue: CLC Health & Fitness Centre**  
**Time: 08:30-09:30am**

**Come try HOCKEY**

Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club is running an 8-week programme from 18th April 2026 aimed at 5-8 year olds.

Whether your child is a complete beginner ready for "Hockey Heroes" or has a little experience for our "Saturday Squad", it's a fantastic way for them to get active, gain confidence, and catch the hockey bug.

When: Starts 18th April

Time: 08:30-09:30am

Where: Venue: CLC Health & Fitness Centre

Cost: £48

Sign up your child here: <https://bit.ly/4ueye5p>