

The Christ Church News



20th March 2026

Our value this term is: **COURAGE**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the sunshine making an appearance this week — it's certainly brought an extra lift to the school days and plenty of smiles on the playground.

Across the school, children have been enjoying a wonderful range of enrichment activities. These opportunities continue to add so much to their learning and school life.

A quick reminder that school will finish at the normal time next Friday.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
20 th March	Second hand Uniform Sale after school
24 th March	Y2 lead Easter Service at Church 10am start Parents' Evening – booking in Arbor - please call the office if you are having difficulties booking
25 th March	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm Parents' Evening – booking in Arbor – please call the office if you are having difficulties booking
26 th March	Y2 Sandfield Farm trip – information in letter –No more volunteers needed
27 th March	Last day – school finishes at normal time PTA non uniform day – £1 donation

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
18 th -22 nd May	Readathon Week – information to follow
19 th May	Y6 Residential meeting 3.30pm
21 st May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – no more volunteers needed thanks
22 nd May	Last Day – School finishes at normal time
1 st June	Children back to school
2 nd June	Y2 Science Festival trip – information to follow
3 rd June	Y5 & Y6 Science Festival trip – information to follow
10 th June	Y6 Leavers' service Gloucester Cathedral – children only
16 th June	Sports Day KS2 morning KS1 afternoon
17 th June	Y4 Robinswood Trip – information to follow
20 th June	PTA Summer Picnic (note change of date)
23 rd June	Reserve Sports Day
30 th June	2.00pm & 5.30pm Y6 Performance
2 nd July	PTA disco – information to follow
3 rd July	PTA beach party theme non uniform day
8 th – 10 th July	Y6 Residential trip
15 th July	Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm Last day - School finishes at normal time

Experience Lent

Last week all the KS2 classes had the opportunity to go up to the church for 'Experience Lent'. Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar and yet it is often a challenge to explain the significance of Lent to children. We were very lucky that the church offered us this experience so the children could deepen their understanding of this important time. Thank you to all the volunteers who came along and to Christ Church for inviting us.

There were six stations:

1. Lengthening – Preparing for Easter and Preparing for Christian Living
2. Letting Go – A Focus on Shrove Tuesday
3. Life Choices – A Focus on Ash Wednesday
4. Listening – Lent is for Hearing God
5. Following – A Focus on Dealing with the Temptations
6. Keeping Going – Lent is for all of Life

The children took part in activities at each station. At the last station they got the chance to try a hot cross bun. Thank you to the church for giving up their time to give the children this experience.





Year 6

We are so proud of our amazing Y6 team who took part in the Cheltenham Rotary Club General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday evening at Prestbury St Mary's Junior School. They showcased an amazing wealth of knowledge in topics such as geography, history, grammar and maths, and came a very respectable third place overall. They were fantastic representatives for Christ Church. We are very proud of all the extra curricular opportunities, both sporting and non-sporting, that we partake in as a school. Well done and keep being thirsty for knowledge!



Y6 learnt lots more about online safety in workshop on Monday with a local police officer.



Author Visit- Andy Seed

We were delighted to welcome Andy Seed to our school yesterday. From the early morning assembly he had the children hooked with silly stories and discussions about what it is like to be an author. He also stayed on for book signing after school- it is always wonderful to see the love of reading that our school family promote so proudly. A

huge thank you to the PTA for funding this for us - what a treat and, as Andy said yesterday, he will have spoken to people who, in the future, will see their own book printed and published!

Years 5 and 6 loved their author workshop on Thursday. They were so engaged with the history, amazing facts and brain teasers!



Some lucky pupils won Andy Seed's special moustache pencils for their contributions in their sessions!

Year 2

Thank you to Farmer Jane who came to speak to Year 2 about what it is like to have a dairy farm. We learned so much and she kindly let the children taste their single and double Gloucester cheese! ALL the children loved the taste!





We passed around examples of straw and haylage that the cows use on the farm.

Red Nose Day – Thank You!

It was wonderful to see the whole school come together for Red Nose Day today. The children looked fantastic in their red accessories, and there were plenty of smiles and laughter throughout the day—especially as we shared all the brilliant jokes in our classes!

Thank you so much for your generous donations. Your support helps make a real difference to such an important cause, and we're incredibly proud of our school community for getting involved.



Attendance- a Plea for Promptness Please!

Ensuring children arrive at school on time each day is vital for their wellbeing and learning. When pupils are punctual, they can take part in valuable early-morning reading sessions and activities with adults, which helps build confidence and strengthens key foundational skills. It also means they start the day calmly, settling in alongside their friends rather than walking into a busy classroom mid-lesson, which can feel overwhelming and make it harder to engage. A prompt, smooth start sets the tone for a positive and productive day of learning. Thank you for your support with this.

PTA

Friday 27th March Non uniform day - £1 suggested donation

Saturday 20th June – Summer picnic

Thursday 2nd July – Disco – information to follow

Friday 3rd July – Beach party themed non uniform day

Community Notices

**SIR THOMAS RICH'S
GLOUCESTER**

OPEN MORNINGS
21 April and 22 April

"The culture here is one of belonging and community. As a result, pupils flourish: The personal development of pupils threads alongside the academic learning. Pupils thrive through a wide range of established opportunities designed for their personal growth!" Ofsted 2024

We warmly invite prospective parents and pupils to visit Sir Thomas Rich's School for our April Open Mornings.

These events are primarily aimed at Year 5 boys planning to sit the Gloucestershire Grammar School's Admissions Test this September, although pupils from other year groups and their families are very welcome to attend.

Register online, or for enquiries email the school at admissions@strs.org.uk.

 www.strschool.co.uk

Admissions Information Morning
Tuesday 14 April 2026, 9:15 am to 11:30 am

Our Admissions Information Morning (AIM) is designed for Year 5 families who would like to find out how we can support your child's secondary school journey and guide you through the grammar school admission process.

Our AIM is an excellent opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership and Admissions Teams. We will also be offering student-guided tours, and our team will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please book your place on our website:
www.rbtstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us



Previous attachment

THE ROCK *Foundation* Respect • Optimism • Community • Kindness

Open Evening
Thursday 4 June 2026
5:30pm - 7:30pm

For
Prospective
Students

Year 7
Admission
September
2027

Unlock Your Potential

Talks from the Principal at 6pm & 6:30pm in the main hall.



TWEEDY'S CIRCUS


MASSIVE
LIFESIZE CLOWN

TWEEDY IS A MARVELLOUS COMIC

THE BEST CLOWN I HAVE EVER SEEN

A CIRCUS CLOWN AND TRUE GENIUS

PRESENTED BY  **BOOK NOW**  **26 March - 21 May**
theadamandtweddycircus.co.uk



CODS **EVERYMAN**



CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

31st March - 4th April 2026
7.30pm & 2.30pm performances

A special BSL interpreted performance on 3rd April at 2.30pm

Scan the QR code for more information

LICENSED SCRIPT ADAPTED BY Ray Madock
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY Jeremy Sims
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Richard M. Sherman & Robert B. Sherman
MUSIC BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Song ATP Publishing

BASED ON THE MGM MOTION PICTURE

This advance production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All published performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mti-intl.com



YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2026

Brought to you by



Principal Partner of
Fresh: Art Fair
Cheltenham

DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME

RRA Architects and Fresh: Art Fair are inviting entries to the second edition of the Fresh: Young Artist Competition.

If you're 16 and under, you can enter, simply create your design on A4 paper. It can be a drawing, painting, collage or any paper-based medium. Then drop it into the RRA stand in the foyer at Fresh: Art Fair, Cheltenham Racecourse between 24th and 26th April.

Age Categories: under 8; 9–12; 13–16
Prizes for first, second and third place in each category.
Winners announced after the fair

Please ensure all entries are labelled on the reverse with entrants name and age as well as contact email & telephone number for parent/guardian.



For more details and T&Cs visit: www.freshartfair.net



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.

10 years of Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust
Reg. Number 1167985

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

Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust
Covenden Hall, Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire, GL51 4AE
Tel: 01453 686777
Email: fundraising@glkccr.org
Website: www.gkccr.org
Registered charity number: 1167985

James Hopkins Trust
Eden Cottage, North Wigton Lane,
Gloucester GL4 5TH
Tel: 01452 612038
Email: fundraising@jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Website: www.jameshopkinstrust.org.uk
Registered charity number: 1183110

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NATIONAL STAR SUNRISE WALK

Join us for the brightest event of the year

Sunday 12 April 2026
Sponsored circular walks around the Cotswolds

To register or find out more visit
www.nationalstar.org/sunrisewalk

Supported by:

- Community Development Finance Institute
- SAFRAN
- National Star
- FR (Financial Reporting Regulator)

Restoring the aspirations of people with disabilities

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WHAT'S ON MARCH - MAY 2026

Cheltenham Town Community Trust

LEVEL THE PITCH: FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

THURSDAYS 5.30PM - 6.30PM
Rounside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3ET

FUTSAL SESSIONS

MONDAYS 5.15PM - 6.15PM (BOURNSIDE)
Bournside Sports Centre, Warden Hill Road, Cheltenham GL51 3ET

TUESDAYS 5.30PM - 6.30PM (CLEAVE)
Cleave Sports Centre, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8AU

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

MONDAYS 5.00PM - 7.00PM (PRESTIGEY PARK)
Prestige Park, New Barn Lane, Prestbury, GL52 2LJ

TUESDAYS 5.00PM - 6.45PM (THE ROCK YOUTH CENTRE)
The Rock, Teakelby Road, Cheltenham, GL51 5AH

THURSDAYS 5.15PM - 7.00PM (WHADDON YOUTH CENTRE)
Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
Part of our Football 4-6 programme with the Children's Society

YOUTH DISABILITY FOOTBALL

MONDAYS 7.00PM - 8.00PM
Whaddon Youth Centre, Dart Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5QW
Part of our Kick Out! in partnership with the Children's Society

FREE FOOTBALL IN CHARLTON KINGS

WEDNESDAYS 5.00PM - 6.00PM
The Grange Field, Charlton Kings, GL53 8JH
In partnership with Charlton Kings Parish Council

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CHELtenham PREP SCHOOL

Trust of TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Easter Eggstravaganza Chemistry Spectacular

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

With over 100 exciting experiments and displays!

Book your tickets here

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OVATION THEATRE CLUB

SIX

£15

EASTER HOLIDAY MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE SESSION PLEASE
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

7-11 YEARS OLD
9AM - 12PM

11 - 18 YEARS OLD
1PM TO 4 PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH
APRIL 2026

SWINDON VILLAGE HALL
CHURCH ROAD
SWINDON VILLAGE
CHELTENHAM
GL51 9QP

CONTACT

OVATIONTHEATRECLUB@OUTLOOK.COM

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Exciting Women's Football – Right Here in Cheltenham!

Families from Christ Church Primary School are warmly invited to attend the **final home game of the season** for **Cheltenham Town Women**.

The Robinesses compete in the **FA Women's National League Southern Premier**, just below the professional Women's Super League 2. Expect **fast, competitive, high-quality football** in a **friendly and welcoming matchday environment** that's perfect for families.

Cheltenham Town Women vs Hashtag United Women

Sunday 12 April 2026 | Kick-off 2:00pm (Gates open 12:30pm)

Kayte Lane Stadium, GL52 3PD

Tickets: Adults £6 | Under 18s £1

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

Come along, be part of our biggest crowd of the season, and help us create a fantastic atmosphere while cheering on **The Robinesses!**

Please note: the fixture may be subject to change due to potential international call-ups within the Cheltenham squad. Any tickets purchased will remain valid if the fixture date, kick-off time or venue changes. The Club's Cancellation and Refund Policy can be found on www.ctwomenfc.com.

CHELTEMHAM TOWN WOMEN FC



THREE HOME GAMES AT KAYTE LANE IN MARCH!

GET YOURS IN ADVANCE USING THE QR CODE ABOVE, OR BY HEADING TO [CTWOMENFC.COM!](http://CTWOMENFC.COM)

ADULTS: £6
U18'S: £1



2 PM KICK OFFS!



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY HIGH-QUALITY WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LOCALLY IN A WELCOMING, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT AT KAYTE LANE

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>

HOCKEY HEROES

Come try HOCKEY

An 8-week programme delivered by Cheltenham Junior Hockey Club

CJHC

ALL 5-8 YEAR OLDS

Starts 18th April
Venue: CLC Health & Fitness Centre
Time: 08:30-09:30am

The poster features a young boy in a blue and red jersey and a young girl in a red jersey playing hockey on a green field. A yellow ball is in the foreground. The background shows a fence and trees under a blue sky.