

# The Christ Church News



27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Our value this term is: **COURAGE**

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**RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. The children have worked incredibly hard and should feel very proud of all they have achieved. I hope the upcoming break provides everyone with a chance to rest, reflect and enjoy time together.

This term marks the end of my period as Executive Headteacher at St David's and Christ Church, and after the holidays I will be returning to Christ Church full time. I am very much looking forward to being back on site each day.

I also need to raise an important safety reminder. This week, we experienced a *very near miss* involving a child and a car due to a vehicle stopping on the zigzag lines outside school. These markings are there to protect our children by ensuring clear visibility at the crossing point. Please help us keep everyone safe by avoiding parking, stopping or dropping off on or near the zigzag lines at any time. A few extra steps can make a huge difference to the safety of all our pupils.

Thank you once again for your support this term. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday. Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
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
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential meeting 3.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 class celebration service 9.00am - parents welcome
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y2 Slimbridge trip – no more volunteers needed thanks
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 (no more volunteers needed)
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 Science Festival trip – information to follow (no volunteers needed)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 Science Festival trip – information to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Science Festival trip – information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair arrives at school for the week
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers’ service Gloucester Cathedral – children only
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day - KS2 morning and KS1 afternoon
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
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Weston-super-Mare trip – information to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm & 5.30pm Y6 Performance
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PTA Disco – information to follow
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PTA Beach Party theme non-uniform 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  Last day - School finishes at normal time

**OPAL Working Party – Help needed**

**Opal OUTDOOR PLAY  
AND LEARNING Opal**

**OPAL Working Party**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**10am - 1pm**

Planned activities may include:

- Tidying and clearing outdoor areas
- Gardening
- Painting
- Organising play resources
- Moving equipment
- Litter picking



If you can help, please sign-up using the QR code



### Upcoming Cheltenham Science Festival parent volunteers

Please see your child's class teacher if you can volunteer to accompany their class to the Cheltenham Science Festival in June. See dates and times below. Thank you.

- Year 2 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9.15-12.30 approximately – no more volunteers needed
- Year 3 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:15 - 14:30 approximately
- Year 4 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 9.15-12.30 approximately
- Year 5 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - no volunteers needed
- Year 6 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - no volunteers needed

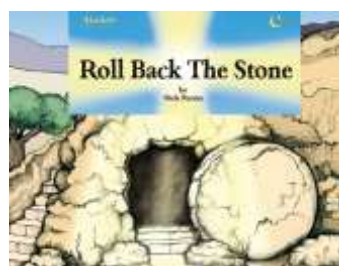
### Year 2 Sandfield Farm Visit

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day at Sandfield Farm near Evesham bringing together all their Geography learning this term. Emma the farmer was so impressed with their knowledge and the children enjoyed exploring her dairy farm, seeing the cows, running in the fields and seeing the orchard. In the afternoon, the children absolutely loved having free time to play in the woods, building dens, playing on the tree swings and having fun with friends. One of the

highlights was spending time with sheepdogs Frank and Fly. Thank you again to the adults who volunteered their time to come along.



### Easter Service at Christ Church



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Service led by Year 2 who performed “Roll Back the Stone.” We thought the children were fantastic especially the brave soloists! We’d like to take this opportunity to thank the Lincoln-Gordon family who donated a £100 voucher for us to spend on shows/assemblies from Starshine Music. This play was purchased with this donation.

### Year 5

Year 5 have been enjoying writing persuasive letters in response to the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They have been trying to persuade the crayons to return to work using a variety of literary techniques including modal verbs and emotive language. We are very proud of their work.



### Easter Egg competition





The winners of our Easter Egg decorating competition were announced in service on Thursday. It was an incredibly difficult decision as every entry was amazing. We hope that families enjoyed creating them as much as we have all enjoyed looking at them.

#### Attendance

Thank you to all our families for working with us to ensure that attendance continues to be a top priority. Your support in helping children arrive on time each day makes a huge difference to their learning and wellbeing.

Good attendance not only builds strong habits for school, but also lays the foundations for future success—helping children develop reliability, resilience, and confidence

[Kids online safety website](#)

**New resources for gaming and online bullying on the 'Kids online safety' website.** The DfE has published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming. These new sections are designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online. The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games

Website can be found here: [Kids online safety](#)

### School Meals - Message from Caterlink



From 1 April 2026, the school meal price will increase to £2.95 per meal. Gloucestershire remains one of the lower-priced contracts nationally, even as many counties now charge well over £3.00 per meal.

Please look out for the new menu emailed to families yesterday.

### PTA Diary Dates

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Picnic

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Disco – information to follow

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Beach party themed non-uniform day

### Free KS2 learning and 11+ preparation

A reminder that eligible families at Christ Church can access **free Atom Home accounts** through our partnership with Atom Learning.

Atom Home is an online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, with resources designed to help children build subject knowledge, exam technique and academic confidence. It is normally **£575.90 per year**, but is available free for children in Years 3–6 who are eligible for **Pupil Premium**.

If your child is aged **7–11** and is eligible for Pupil Premium (please check with the school office if you are unsure), you can apply using the link below:

[<<Access free 11+ preparation and KS2 learning>>](#)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available: <https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>

### Community Notices

**41<sup>st</sup> Cheltenham Scout Group**

Teeth-gritting, keep-on-going, summit-reaching, giggling, fun-loving Beavers!  
Monday nights-every week in term time at Scout District HQ, Brooklyn Road, Cheltenham.  
Come and give it a go.  
Beavers: Mondays 5.00pm – 6.30pm



**BEAVERS**

We need  
helpers  
too!



 **41<sup>st</sup> Cheltenham Scout Group**  
**Scouts** **Vacancies for Beavers !**

Our Beaver group meets on a Monday 5.00-6.30 at the Scout Hut on Brooklyn Road and we currently have vacancies for new Beavers. It is £12 a month for Subs and we meet in term-time only. If you think you have a keen child age 5,6 or 7 (Years 1-2) who would be interested in joining, please get in touch.

Please contact Harry "Brock" Butland, (41<sup>st</sup> Beavers Leader) by email:  
[41st.cheltenham.beavers@gmail.com](mailto:41st.cheltenham.beavers@gmail.com)

**LIVES OF  
COLOUR**

**Families coming together!**

We're specially inviting you to our **spring celebration event**.  
This is an opportunity for everyone to come together for family time  
We are excited to showcase the year ahead and to get your feedback.

- OPEN CONVERSATIONS
- FAMILY TIME
- FAMILY WELLBEING TALKS
- FOOD AND DRINKS
- NEW CONNECTIONS

Saturday 28th March, 2026  
12:30 -2::30pm  
ASPIRE Foundation  
Gardners Lane, Cheltenham, GL51 9JW

EVERY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL IN CHELTENHAM GETS A **FREE PLANT** THIS EASTER!

Let's Get Gardening!

Charlies has been open on Tewkesbury Road for 6 months and to celebrate, we want to get the children of Cheltenham gardening.

Bring this leaflet into store between Saturday 28th March and Sunday 12th April 2026 to collect your free plant\*



Charlies Stores,  
Tewkesbury Road,  
Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire, GL51 9AA,  
01242 783533

\*One plant per child. Plants may vary.

Our Easter Opening Hours:  
Good Friday (3rd April): 9am-6pm  
Saturday (4th April): 9am-6pm  
Easter Sunday (5th April): Closed  
Easter Monday (6th April): 9am-6pm  
Tuesday onwards: normal hours resume



Charlies will accept a printed copy of this or this digital copy