

# The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **FRIENDSHIP**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last week in November has been a really busy one. This newsletter celebrates so much of what has been organised by the wonderful staff.

Thank you for your PTA contributions, we are really looking forward to the Crafternoon next Friday after school. We have sent emails with some staffing news and other information this week – may we ask that you do check emails daily so that information is clear. As you know already, I will be moving to an Executive Headteacher role (temporarily for the spring) combining Christ Church and St David’s. Mr Taylor has accepted a role in the central finance team at DGAT so will be moving on at the end of January. However as he is staying with the Trust, he may be supporting us longer term as a finance partner for a reduced time in school. Mr Taylor has been more than an SBM, taking on additional roles that are over and above. We wish him every success in his new role but will miss all that he brings to Christ Church.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Pope

## Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Class Service in the hall – 9.00am start (Y6 parents invited)
5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Crafternoon – information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance 2.15pm – ticket info to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance 9.30am – ticket info to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr R Everyman Theatre – pay on Arbor  Christmas Lunch book via this link by 4pm 1 <sup>st</sup> December: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/P23sQhLDNm">https://forms.office.com/e/P23sQhLDNm</a>

	2.30pm Rock steady concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 4 lead Christmas Service – info to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day – finish at usual time
5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET day – school closed for children
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school
17 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA meeting 7pm at school
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term – School closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET day – school closed for children
27 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Picnic

## Football Tournament

Christ Church delivered a series of impressive performances throughout a football tournament held at Greatfield Park Primary School on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November, showing real quality, composure on the ball, and strong team cohesion. The squad should be extremely proud of the way they represented the school. They secured two dominant wins over Glenfall, including a superb **5–0 victory** where Christ Church controlled the game from start to finish, pressing high, moving the ball well and finishing with real confidence. In the second fixture, they showed the same level of discipline and intensity, earning a solid **2–0 win** through organised defending and sharp attacking play. Against a strong Greatfield side, Christ Church showed great character. Despite a narrow **2–1 defeat** in the first meeting, the team responded brilliantly in the rematch, digging deep to earn a well-deserved **1–1 draw**. Their defensive shape, work rate off the ball and resilience under pressure were clear throughout. Across all fixtures, Christ Church displayed excellent teamwork, strong passing play, and a real desire to compete. Every player put in a shift, and the performances reflected determination and spirit from the whole squad. Well done: Freddie, Youssef, Tilly, George, Reuben, Harry, Archie and Arthur. A brilliant effort that the school can be proud of!



## Christmas Post

Our Christmas Post Box will open next week from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Envelopes posted must have the child's name and class. It's even easier to deliver if they are kept in bags or tied up in separate classes.



### Year 4 Reverse Advent Calendar

Year 4 are collecting items to donate to the Food Bank for a Reverse Advent Calendar so if you'd like to support this, please bring items to the main office where we will collect and deliver at the end of term.



### Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip

Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who joined Year 3 and 4 this week at the cinema. Thank you to Cineworld for hosting the Into Film Festival where we could enjoy a film for free. Our pupils were exemplary with their behaviour during the visit! We watched an Oscar-Winning Animation called "Flow" and it really was an experience. It had us on the edge of our seats for the entire film and we were fascinated with the computer graphics used to create the movie. We recommend you watch it too!



### PTA

The PTA hosted a wreath making workshop on Wednesday evening in the school hall. There was a magical, festive buzz as wonderful wreaths were crafted from natural resources. Thank you to the PTA team for organising such a successful event - proceeds raised from such events help to fund extra opportunities and resources for our children at Christ Church. It is appreciated!



### Attendance: establishing good routines

Absence procedures- a reminder from our school policy:

Parents will be required to contact the school office via telephone or by email to [admin@christchurch.dgat.org.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.dgat.org.uk) before 9:00am on the first day of their child's absence – they will be expected to provide an explanation for the absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day. For further information please find the full policy on our website.

Lateness:

The UN convention on the rights of the child number 28 states: 'You have the right to education'

Evidence suggest that pupils who attend school more regularly achieve better outcomes in their GCSEs

Missing out on education, especially in the first few years can impact on the childs ability to make and maintain friendships.

Ensuring good attendance and punctuality is a characteristic that future employers will expect - better to get habits right now.

Arriving late at school can be disruptive for the class and teachers - it can also create unnecessary anxiety in the child.

Pupils may miss out on special events and experiences that might not be repeated again.

## Community Notices

**CHRISTMAS 2025**

# TECH & STEM CAMP

WITH TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

Children's Vouchers WE ALSO ACCEPT TAX-FREE Outlets

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## CHRISTMAS CAMPS 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities

- Rocking Robots
- Festive Filming
- MOST POPULAR Magical MINECRAFT
- 3D Baubles
- Tech Fun

Take Home NEW STEM Inventions & Science Creations!

Bath Bomb!

**29TH - 31ST DECEMBER £39.99 PER DAY**

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
This Christmas, leap into a world of wonder — build robots, bring Lego creations to life with animation, craft decorations with 3D pens, film festive masterpieces, embark on epic Minecraft quests, and experiment with their own Christmas bath bombs and magical snow!

**GET £5 OFF WITH CODE BELOW**

**SNOWS**  
Valid on single-day bookings only. Not applicable to 5-day offer.

★★★★★  
"Would recommend this even if your child isn't into technology"  
Sonal Amin - Stanley Park School

★★★★★  
"The activities sounded amazing and he loved them all!"  
Suze Mendes - Wastes Primary

★★★★★  
"Our two children loved making the electronic contraptions!"  
Rachel Stone - King's College School

Gloucester Road Primary School, GL51 8PB  
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

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## Cheltenham Town Women Football Club

### ■ Exclusive Thank-You Offer

- **What:** 50% off Cheltenham Town Women FC match tickets
- **Who:** Students, parents, carers, and staff from **Christ Church Primary School**
- **Where:** Bishop's Cleeve FC, Kayte Lane, Bishop's Cleeve (GL52 3PD)
- **When:** Final home game of 2025 – **Sunday 30 November at 2pm** (Gates open 12:30pm)

### How to Redeem:

<https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/ViewAllocation?fixtureId=15495&allocationGuid=d4c92b4c-3aa4-4f1c-9b35-5e475eaaf195>



The poster features the Cheltenham College crest at the top, followed by the text 'CHELTENHAM COLLEGE' and 'Christmas Chemistry Spectacular' in a large, elegant font. Below this, it says 'Saturday 13 December 2025'. The central illustration shows two laboratory flasks: one containing a yellow liquid and the other a pink liquid, surrounded by white snowflakes. At the bottom, there is a QR code and text providing ticket information and parking details.

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## Christmas Chemistry Spectacular

Saturday 13 December 2025

Doors open at 6.00 pm, Big Classical  
Tickets £5, Children 12-18 yrs £3, Under 12's Free  
Scan the QR code to book your tickets



Free parking at Cheltenham College from 2.00 pm -  
so you can shop before joining the lecture at 6.00 pm!

## Come and enjoy the Christmas Chemistry Spectacular at Cheltenham College!

On Saturday 13 December, from 6.00pm to 7.00pm Cheltenham College is hosting a **Christmas Chemistry Spectacular** which is open for everyone to come and enjoy. Presented by Cheltenham College's own **James Copeland-Jordan**, (Head of STEM) the evening promises a thrilling mix of science, spectacle, and seasonal fun.

Families will be wowed and awed by explosions, colour-changing reactions and theatrical demonstrations - bringing chemistry to life. All proceeds from the tickets go to the charity **Scotty's Little Soldiers**, and are **£5 for adults, £3 for over 12s, and free for under 12s**. This charity works to support bereaved military children.

**Free parking** is available for the event from **2.00pm**, so visitors can enjoy some festive shopping in Cheltenham before the show begins.

James Copeland-Jordan said, "This event brings science to centre stage in a dazzling celebration of chemistry like no other. With explosions, colour changes, and jaw-dropping demonstrations, its chemistry unleashed — and a wonderful chance for families to experience the magic of science together."

A perfect festive outing in the heart of Cheltenham, this charity event invites families to park for free, join the fun at 6pm, and experience chemistry like never before.

To buy tickets, please follow this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenham-college/t-zoglgzo>

This short video will give a flavour of the event: <https://youtu.be/-sUtPNMSsAE>

## Christmas Treecycling



Recycle your real Christmas tree this January.

Our reliable and friendly team of volunteers will collect your real Christmas tree directly from your front door, front garden or driveway.

Search **Sue Ryder Christmas Treecycling** to reserve your collection today

**Reservations close 6th January 2026.**

We'll be collecting from 12th to 16th January 2026

from the following postcodes:

GL2 0, GL2 8, GL2 9, GL3 1, GL3 2, GL20 5, GL20 6, GL20 7, GL20 8, GL50, GL51, GL52, GL53, GL54 1, GL54 2, GL54 4, GL54 5, GL55 6, GL56 0

With an optional donation, your Christmas tree could become the gift of expert care and support for seriously ill people and their loved ones.

### For more information:

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