

The Christ Church News



17th April 2026

Our value this term is: **COMPASSION**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE COURAGE FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to warmly welcome all our children and families back after the Easter break and hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. The summer term is always a busy and exciting one, with lots of special events, learning opportunities and celebrations to look forward to. Please do take some time to look carefully at the school diary so you don't miss what promises to be a very full and enjoyable term for everyone.

You may be aware that we have been transitioning from our old website provider to a new one. This has unfortunately taken far longer than anticipated and has been outside of our control. Parents know how excellent our teachers usually are at keeping class pages updated and sharing news and learning, and this remains our priority. We had been informed that it would go live today but there are still issues that the company need to work on. We appreciate your patience while the final elements of the website are fully resolved.

We would also like to remind parents to please read the letter sent earlier this week regarding smart watches. These are not permitted to be worn in school, and we are asking for your continued support with this matter. While many parents have been very supportive, some children are persisting in wearing smart watches, which is unfair on those who are following the expectations. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain consistency for all children. Finally, a reminder that trainers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn unless specifically needed and via a letter to the class teacher please.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
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
16 th May	OPAL Working Party 10.00-13.00
18 th -22 nd May	Readathon Week – information to follow
19 th May	Y6 Residential meeting 3.30pm
20 th May	Y1 class celebration service 9.00am - parents welcome
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 (no more volunteers needed)
3 rd June	Y5 & Y6 Science Festival trip – information to follow (no volunteers needed)
4 th June	Y3 Science Festival trip – information to follow
5 th June	Y4 Science Festival trip – information to follow
8 th June	Book Fair arrives at school for the week
10 th June	Y6 Leavers’ service Gloucester Cathedral – children only
16 th June	Sports Day - KS2 morning and 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
24 th June	Y1 Weston-super-Mare trip – information to follow
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

17th July

Y6 Leavers' Service 2pm

Last day - School finishes at normal time

Year 2 History students

This week University of Gloucestershire teaching students worked in Year 2 all afternoon with a focus on The Great Exhibition – we decided the pupils would have learned 52 new facts by the end of the session! Amazing!



OPAL Play Shadow drawings

Children have had fun in the sunshine creating shadow drawings this week.



OPAL Working Party – Help needed



This term's value "Compassion"

This term we focus on the value Compassion and use the story of The Good Samaritan to learn about how to treat others. In service this week, we reflected on the importance of kindness, understanding, and supporting others. Mrs Proctor brought in lots of different types of shoes to unpick the meaning of the phrase we often use "to walk in someone else's shoes." We compared kindness to compassion and how noticing someone else's feelings is key.



We discussed how when someone is compassionate towards you, it makes you feel grateful and reminds you that you're never alone. Compassion keeps us all connected, it helps us to relate better to our friends and families. Compassion is a big part of being human and Jesus is a role model for this. Even the smallest acts of compassion can make a big difference. Remember, we ALL have a power to make the world a kinder place. Here is a link to the [Good Samaritan story](#) – our focus Bible story this term.

Primary Picture News



We have been rewarded a 6 year anniversary badge for using Picture News in school to support our daily Collective Worship. Here are just some of the benefits of using relevant news stories with our children. There is more information online <https://picture-news.co.uk/>



Attendance

Days Off School Add Up To Lost Learning

170 non-school days a year.

170 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments

0 days off in a year (190 school days)	6 days off in a year	15 days off in a year	19 days off in a year
100% attendance	96% attendance	92% attendance	Below 90% attendance
Excellent attendance	Satisfactory attendance	Attendance needs to improve	Attendance is a cause for concern
<i>Your child has the best chance of success</i>	<i>It may be harder for your child to make good progress</i>	<i>Your child has less chance of success</i>	<i>Your child's low attendance will be having a serious impact on their learning</i>



A WEEK'S HOLIDAY

DURING TERM TIME =

25 HRS
OF LOST LEARNING!

PTA Diary Dates

Saturday 20th June – Summer Picnic

Thursday 2nd July – Disco – information to follow

Friday 3rd July – Beach party themed non-uniform day

Community Notices

41st 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



**41st Cheltenham Scout Group
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, (41st Beavers Leader) by email:
41st.cheltenham.beavers@gmail.com

**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 2026.

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 Schools' 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 on admissions@strs.org.uk.

www.strschool.co.uk

Previous attachment

ROCK 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.

'BEING ME' CLUBS

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CREATIVE CLUBS FOR AUTISTIC GIRLS + NON-BINARY PEOPLE

Our next round of FREE clubs are beginning again in Chalfont!

Clubs on offer from May to early July are:

- An 8 week block for 4-11 year olds on Wednesdays 'after school'
- An 8 week block for 11-16 year olds on Tuesdays 'after school'
- 2 sessions for 16-25 year olds on Tuesday evenings
- 2 sessions for 11-16 year olds on Saturdays

There will be no pressure for you or your children to do anything in particular during the session.

This project will be shaped by the people who join us, so each week we'll be planning activities based on who is joining us and what they're interested in and excited about!

To find out more about our Being Me programme, visit www.cantsistle.org or if you'd like to register interest in these clubs, complete [this form](#).

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MUSIC

Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 25 April, 10am - 12pm,
Archway School, Stroud



Let us know you're coming at gloucestershiremusic.parlor.com
Open to children of all ages.
T 01452 427242 W gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

GSW Music Hub
Gloucestershire Arts Council
Gloucestershire



Frampton on Severn Sailing Club Junior and Families Info 2026

Short version:

Junior Sailing Opportunities (Ages 7–17)

Frampton on Severn Sailing Club is offering affordable junior sailing training sessions this spring, leading into their popular Junior Week in the summer holidays.

No experience needed – boats and safety gear provided. Just bring a wetsuit and the ability to swim!

Spaces are limited and training courses start soon.

Find out more about how to become a member and book here:

<https://www.fossc.org.uk/sailing/frampton-juniors>



KICK-A-BOUT
THE URBAN FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE

Weekly Football Sessions

FRIDAYS

Cheltenham
BOURNSIDE SCHOOL
AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE
Warden Hill Rd,
Cheltenham GL51 3EF

FOCUS ON INVOLVEMENT, FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL!

4-5 year olds	4:20-5:05
6-7 year olds	5:10-5:55
8-9 year olds	6:00-6:45
10-12 year olds	6:45-7:35
12-14 year olds	7:35-8:25

TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL

Book your child's place at www.kick-a-bout.com
Call DAVID on 07876 112444 | DAVID@kick-a-bout.com

Fully DBS (CRB) checked coaches First Aid responders on site
Full insurance Experienced FA qualified coaches



RCO International Organ Day

Saturday 25th April 2026 from 2.30 – 4.30 pm

Come and Play the Organ!

St. Andrew's United Reformed Church
Montpellier St, Cheltenham GL50 1SP.

Gloucestershire Organists' Association and the Royal College of Organists invite you to

An Introduction to the Pipe Organ and how it works, followed by a chance for you to play the organ!

Free of charge, starting at 2.30pm.
Led by Simon Williams (Teacher & RCO Director).
All ages welcome – just turn up.
No previous experience necessary.
Complete Beginners on the Keyboard welcome.
Feel free to bring along some music to play.
Refreshments available.