

Newsletter 26-Friday 9th May 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone, I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend in the sunshine. A shorter week but none the less busy. We are very fortunate to have the church in this week to start the new puppet theatre club where pupils learn theatre skills with puppets around a chosen theme- this term it is friendship and Year 4 pupils are having a go and having fun. I look forward to the end of term presentation.

I have been told today that the Nurture Hub is on course to be completed by the end of the term which is great news as we will have our playground back and we can start kitting it out

ready for a September start. We now begin to look for the team that will be running the Nurture program.

Next week is SATs week. Our year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard in preparation for them. We can help support them by arriving into school on time as most of the school will be used and traffic around school will be kept at a minimum. The after school club is up and running and pupils are taking advantage of it, please have a look at the details and book up if needed.

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you next week.

Mr James

[DONATIONS -LITTLE PEOPLE NEED YOUR HELP!](#)

We are on the lookout for a few items that will enrich learning as well as keep them comfortable.

We would be grateful of any easy board games suitable for young children (snakes and ladders etc). Games with simple rules that are fairly quick to play would be very welcome.

Secondly, we are in need of **school trousers in ages 4-6**. Accidents happen, and having a small supply of spares ensures that all our children can continue their day comfortably and confidently. Any clean trousers in good condition would be hugely appreciated.

Finally, if you have any **spare fabric sheets** e.g. duvet covers lying around at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them. Our children love making dens with them and also provides an extra bit of shelter from the sunny weather!

Please bring items into the school office or to the child's class teacher.

We are grateful for your generosity!

[INSET DAYS FOR 2025-2026](#)

We are starting to compile a list of INSET day's for next academic year, which will hopefully help families plan for holidays or childcare. So far the dates confirmed are:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

We have two more dates left to be confirmed.

NEXT WEEK - SCHOOL EVENTS!



FOREST SCHOOL YEAR 3 CLASS

Forest School for **Year 3** takes place on **Tuesday 13th May** (Group A) and on **Thursday 15th May** (Group B). Please ensure permission slips have been returned or completed via ParentPay. There is no charge for the trip. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothes that can get muddy, and sun hats if the weather is sunny.

YEAR 5 SCHOOL TRIP TO TYNTESFIELD

Next **Tuesday 13th May**, **Year 5** children will be going to Tyntesfield, a Victorian Gothic Revival house. Children will be taking part in a workshop to see what life was like for the working-class Victorians. The cost of the trip is £15.64 per pupil to cover the transport and entry fee and this will need to be paid on ParentPay in advance, so please ensure this has been done.

Children will need to wear **school uniform** and have a **packed lunch** with a **drink** (no bottles of fizzy drinks please).

YEAR 6 SAT's

Next week, Year 6 will sit their SATs tests for Maths, Reading and SPaG. We know that some of you are a little anxious about them. **YOU DON'T NEED TO BE!** All of the staff know how hard you have worked this year and you should all be proud of the progress you have made.

If, at the end of each test, you can say that you have done your 'personal best' then we cannot ask any more from you.

Please have a relaxing weekend; get lots of fresh air and have early nights (particularly on Sunday night). This will help your brain to be tip-top shape!

No matter what happens, we are all proud of you!

See you at 8am on **Monday** for our Year 6 Breakfast

YEAR 5 & 6 CAKE SALE

Next Wednesday 14th May, Year 5 & 6 are hosting a cake sale! Please could families donate cakes to sell (either home-made or store brought) however we ask for no nuts please and a list of ingredients. Please bring them in Wednesday morning.

All cakes are 50p to buy and we recommend bringing in a box or tin to transport your tasty treat home.

SUNNY WEATHER

The Met Office have reported UV index levels of 5. That means:

Slap on Factor 50 sunscreen - an all day 8-hours sunscreen is available from shops.

Slip on long sleeves especially if your child has very fair-skinned.

Slap on a wide-brimmed hat.

Make the most of shaded areas - we have got the canopy open on sunny days.

We politely ask that children keep sunglasses for walking to and from school only, and not wear them during the school day unless they have a medical necessity-please report this to the school teacher if this is the case.

You can view the daily UV index here on: [MET office](#)

For more information, go to: [Care in the Sun](#)

LOW	NO PROTECTION REQUIRED
1-2	Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water.
MODERATE	PROTECTION REQUIRED
3-5	<p>Slip on clothing.</p> <p>Slop on sunscreen, use sun protection factor (SPF) 30 for adults and 50 for children.</p> <p>Slap on a wide brimmed hat.</p>
HIGH	Seek shade during midday hours.
6-7	Slide on sunglasses, wraparound are best.
VERY HIGH	EXTRA PROTECTION REQUIRED
8-10	<p>Avoid being outside during midday hours.</p> <p>Make sure you seek shade.</p>
EXTREME	Always wear sunscreen and protective clothing i.e. shirt, hat, and sunglasses.
11+	

AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND CARE

Just to remind families that Future Stars are managing the wrap around care at Christ Church, offering sessions from 3:15 till 18:00 for just £7. This includes a snack. To sign up your child up please go to www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk



COME AND JOIN US! OUR NEXT MEETING IS:





Parenting village coffee morning


This is a relaxed and friendly drop-in session where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.


"It takes a village to raise a child" comes from an old African proverb. It shares the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment in which children can flourish.



 **When?** First Thursday of each month
Where? Nailsea and Backwell Children's Centre, Pound Lane, Nailsea, BS48 2NP
What time? 1.30pm - 3pm

 **When?** First Friday of each month
Where? Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ
What time? 09:30am – 11:00am

 **When?** Second Tuesday of each month
Where? Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9DA
What time? 09:00am – 11:00am

 **When?** Third Monday of each month
Where? Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6NN
What time? 9.30am - 11am

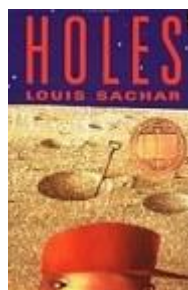
Scan here to learn more about our advanced parenting groups

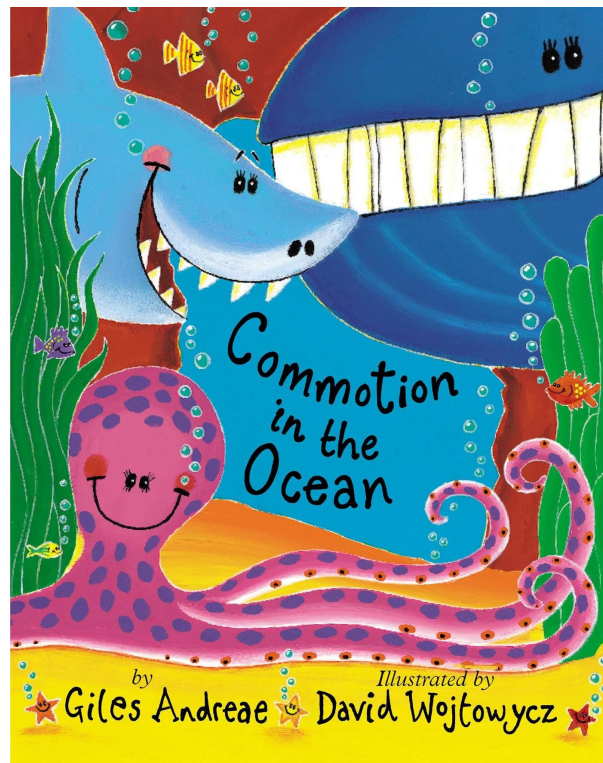


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BOOK OF THE WEEK





Our Reading for Pleasure Service takes place every Wednesday. Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way to spark imagination, develop empathy, and improve language skills. It's a chance to escape into different worlds, meet fascinating characters, and learn new things.

Each week, one of our teachers will share their favourite book and read a short extract from it. The book will then be displayed in our foyer and will be available for pupils to borrow. This is a great opportunity for the children to discover new authors and genres, and to find books that you and your child will enjoy reading together.

This week, Mrs Clarke shared her favourite book, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and Mrs Foxen shared her favourite book 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae.

'Holes' by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck going back generations, so he is not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre. Nor is he very surprised when he is told that his daily labour at the camp is to dig a hole, five foot wide by five foot deep, and report anything that he finds in that hole. The warden claims that it is character building, but this is a lie and Stanley must dig up the truth. In this wonderfully inventive, compelling novel that is both serious and funny, Louis Sachar has created a masterpiece that will leave all readers amazed and delighted by the author's narrative flair and brilliantly handled plot.

'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae

Little ones will love looking at the colourful pictures and joining in with all the great sound words, as they discover all sorts of amazing sea creatures. Including blue whales, sea turtles,

jellyfish, dolphins and more! Each page introduces a different animal, with a short read-aloud rhyme.

SUMMER FAYRE

This year we will be hosting a Summer Fayre! Please save the date for **Saturday 28th June**.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GROW UP IN NORTH SOMERSET?

North Somerset Council

If you are between 5 and 19 years old, we want to hear from you.

you have until June 1 2025, can send us a creative response to the question, "What's it like to grow up in North Somerset?" for the chance to win an Amazon voucher!

Tell us your story—your way!

We love a bit of creativity

- You can send us your letters, poems, music videos, paintings, drawings, posters, podcasts, animations, or any other way you can think of to tell us your thoughts, you can even create a rap and perform it
- BUT!!! dont forget to record it, draw it or write it!! and send it to if its over 20mb, dont forget to zip it in a file before sending.
- Engagement.Participation@n-somerset.gov.uk

Closing date 1st June 2025
masterpiece winners announced 30th June.

We want to hear it all—your thoughts, your vibes, your take on everything happening around you!

What's on your mind?

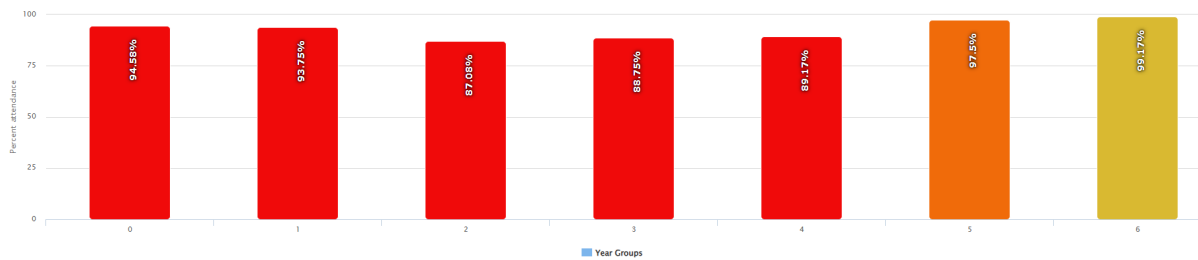
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...

The whole school attendance was **92%** this week, with most absences taken across Years 2, 3 & 4.

We are aware that sickness and diarrhoea has been spreading. Please be vigilant and ensure children are:

- Washing their hands regularly with soap and warm water.

- Make sure children have plenty of water to drink.
- If children have an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours after their last episode.
- Please contact the school office by 9:30 either on 01934 620738 or office@christchurchprimaryschool.org to let us know your child will stay home. Please do this for every day of their absence. Thank you!



Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost



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Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

1 Encourage journaling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

2 Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need.

Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

3 Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

4 Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

5 Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives; talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember, adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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OPAL PLAY NEWS



DONATION REQUEST!

Donations of curtains, duvet covers or any large fabric cover that can be used to make dens with would be very appreciated!

We are delighted to share with you that we have been awarded **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Gold status!**

We have an new empty shed that desperately needs filling with new OPAL donations!!
Please please please check through the the posters below to see what we items can be donated!

To find out more about OPAL, please visit outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk



Christ Church CE Primary School
1893

Attention parents of Christ Church!

OPAL PLAY DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are enriching our OPAL play program and need your help.
Do you have any of the following items at home that you could donate?

- Buckets & Spades
- Plastic Containers
- Dressing Up Clothes
- Old Phones
- Keyboards
- Cable drums
- Children's Umbrellas
- Saucepans, frying pans & kitchen utensils

Every little bit helps! Thank you for supporting our children's playtime adventures!

The Play Types



Supporting school improvement through play www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

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Natural Loose Parts



Upcycled Loose Parts



PERSONAL BEST AWARDS



Every week, Personal Best certificates are awarded to children who have been recognised for their hard work and fantastic attitudes.

Reception - Mimi for working super hard on her blending.

Year One - Amy for being a writing superstar!

Year Two - Anastasia for increased confidence and participation.

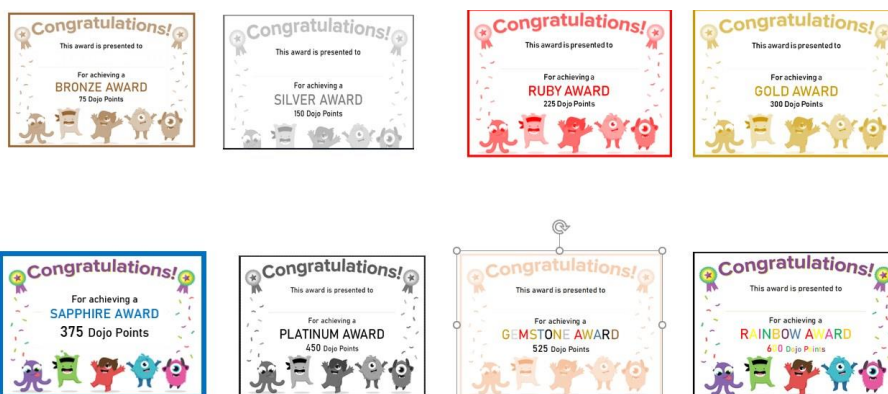
Year Three- Leon for his fantastic attitude to learning.

Year Four - Dexter for working really hard on his times tables.

Year Five - Erin for wonderful literacy skills.

Year Six - Josh for working towards his SAT's with maturity and perseverance.

DOJO CERTIFICATES



Dojo points are Christ Church Primary School's own way of rewarding pupils for outstanding work & behaviour. Once a pupil has earned enough points they are awarded a certificate during school assembly to celebrate all their hard work.

Bronze (75 points) Michael N in Year 5

Silver (150 points) Nathi in Year 6.

Ruby (225 points) Finley, Julia, Victor, Erin, Chingo & Axel in Year 3, Zeynep & Lucy in Year 4 and Mia in Year 6.

Gold (300 points) Blanka & Teddy Year 1, Gabriel, George, & Lucien in Year 2, Sophie in Year 3, Jan and Ezra in Year 4, & Emily, Oliver & Joanna in Year 5.

Sapphire (375 points) Laurel in Year 1, Kacey, Eric & Denis in Year 2

Platinum (450 points)

Gemstone (525 points)

Rainbow (600 points)

STAR READER



Reading 50 times at home: Alex in Reception, Julia in Year 3, Ruby in Year 6.

Reading 100 times at home: Ellia in Reception, Pepi in Year 3, Archie, Arlo & Josh in Year 6.

Reading 150 times at home:

Reading 200 times at home: Evelin in Year 4.

Reading 250 times at home:

Headteachers Awards



A Headteacher Award is given to children for exceptional work of which they should be proud!

Well done to Blanka in Year 1 for super sentence work & phonics, and to Teddy in Year 1 for an amazing video of himself reading his story board!

Also a big well done to Noah & Tristan in Year 1 for a super independent written story and Melyssa and Noah for great progress in their handwriting.

Stars of the Week & Star Writer



Our Star of the week awards are awarded weekly to pupils and staff.

Our Star of the week is:

Our adult Star of the Week is:

Our Star Writer is: Amy in Year 1 for an amazing independent story writing using a story map.

Quick guide to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you receive any of these you will qualify:

- ✓ Income support
- ✓ income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- ✓ income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ✓ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ✓ Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

WHAT IS FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Free school meals from Reception to Year 6,
Free holiday provision during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays through the Holiday (Activities and Food (HAF) programme), and help towards uniform & school trips.



To apply visit

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> or scan the QR code



We are here to help

If you need any help applying or have any questions, please visit the school office.

Call: 01934 620738 Email: office@christchurchprimaryschool.org

Dates for your Diary

CLUBS

Lego Club (Year 1, 2 3 & 4) Tuesdays

Little Kickers (Reception, Year 1, & 2) Thursdays

Multisports Club Mondays (Year 1 & 2), Tuesdays (Year 3 & 4) Wednesdays (Year 5 & 6)

Art Club (Year 3, 4, 5, 6) Mondays

PE DAYS

Monday - **Year 5 (group A Swimming KIT, group B PE KIT) & Year 1**

Tuesday - **Year 3**

Wednesday - **Reception Class & Year 4**

Thursday - **Year 2**

Friday - **Year 5 & 6**

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

TERM 1

Monday 2 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024

Term 2

Monday 4 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024

Term 3

Monday 6 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025

Term 4

Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025

Term 5

Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025

Term 6

Monday 2 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Friday 18 April 2025 – Good Friday

Monday 21 April 2025 – Easter Monday

Monday 5 May 2025 - May Bank Holiday

INSERVICE DAYS – THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON:

2nd and 3rd September 2024

25 October 2024

6th January 2025

28th February 2025

- **Baker Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 3AF**
- **Office@christchurchprimaryschool.org**
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