

Newsletter 17-Friday 31st January 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

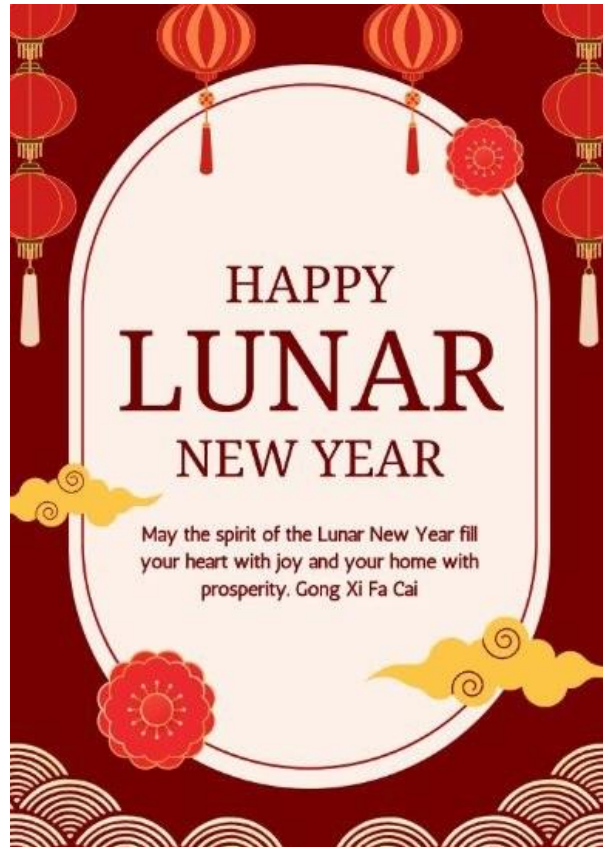
On Monday we welcomed our building contractors on site. After months of meetings, planning and anticipation it is wonderful to see the Nurture Hub project begin. We hope the dry and sunny weather continues! I met with our brilliant school council this week and we have discussed the new building project, solutions to the storage of our bikes and scooters and the termly prize for the reading race. Our council always amaze me with their thoughtful and practical ideas.

Year 6 had a successful trip to the Life Skills centre in Bristol. This fun, interactive programme helps our year sixes develop essential life skills for a confident transition to secondary school

and beyond. Also, Mrs Coomber and other staff members have taken a group of our brilliant KS2 children to Young Voices Concert in Birmingham. We look forward to hearing the songs and seeing the dances next week in school.

Mrs Clarke

Deputy Headteacher



THIS WEEK...

Reception class are excited about the start of the Nurture Hub build and the very big crane on a very wide JCB that managed to squeeze up Christchurch Path!

Year Sixes made Woolton Pie for their DT cooking project. Woolton Pie which is a pastry dish of vegetables, widely served in Britain in the Second World War when rationing and shortages made other dishes hard to prepare. The children adapted the recipe to their preference.



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, Mr Rogers shared his favourite book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

It's one giant leap for all boy-kind in Frank Cottrell Boyce's out-of-this-world story: Cosmic. Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster - or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.

READING AT HOME

Please can we remind families that all children must read to to an adult at least 4 times a week. This is the **only** homework that our pupils need to do, and will earn their class points to win a prize.

Please see the table below to see how well each class did this week:

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Read 4 times	43%	43%	69%	60%	56%	64%	27%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	90%	96%	93%	96%	90%	98%	96%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 94%							

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)



OPAL PLAY NEWS



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

It is great to see that our play provision has been externally recognised in this way. It is a tremendous achievement and is reward for a lot of hard work and dedication.

Upon awarding Christ Church with the award, OPAL mentor Kate Smith praised the school as one of the best OPAL schools in the country and gave special thanks to the parents for donating items to OPAL.

Mrs Clarke, receiving the award said "we are delighted with the award and it really is a team effort. We are determined to build on this success and continue to give our play provision the importance it deserves. We are especially grateful to our Christ Church community for donations please continue to donation used loose parts to enhance our play!"

Please check the list below before you throw anything out!

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






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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PERSONAL BEST AWARDS



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

Reception - Luna R for always being kind and working hard.

Year One -Elijah for great learning and behaviour this week.

Year Two - Vienna for setting a good example and always trying her best.

Year Three- Yanek for fantastic enthusiasm for his learning.

Year Four -Ahmad for super effort reading at home.

Year Five - Emma for amazing division in maths.

Year Six - Holly for displaying perseverance in maths.

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)

Silver (150 points) Nila in Year 2, Fletcher, Chingo, Mattias, Victor, Solomon, Julia and Brody in Year 3, Armin in Year 4, Joanna, Enzo, Alina, Oliver, Dominic, Emma, Fabian and Luis in Year 5, Ashwin, Gabi, Isaac, Rebeka, & Ruby in Year 6.

Ruby (225 points) Noah, Sonya, Evlyn, & Tristan in Year 1, Lucien in Year 2, Ruby in Year 3, Aalekh, Izzy, & Vera in Year 4, and Archie, Arlo, Oli & Siyana in Year 6.

Gold (300 points) Ella, Caleb, Ethan, Everest in Year 1, and Rupert in Year 2.

Sapphire (375 points)

Platinum (450 points)

Gemstone (525 points)

Rainbow (600 points)

Headteachers Awards



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

Well done to Billy, Hristian, Theo, Seb, Emco and Albie in Year 5 for exceptional diary entries, Dominic & Emco in Year 5 for Greek Gods shield designs, Mahreen and Vera in Year 4 for sequencing a gymnastics routine, Lily, Arla, Myles, Diesel & Tristan in Year 1 for independent story writing, Logan & River in Year 4 for independent writing based on a monster tale, Seb & Oliver in Year 5 for wonderful history designs, and Lucy in Year 4 for a brilliant self portrait with fantastic symmetry.

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: Myles in Year 1 for always bringing the register round with a smile.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Miss Bryant for being thoughtful & kind.

Our Star Writer is:

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**

INSERVICE DAYS - School closed

Friday 28th February 2025

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

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