

Newsletter 16-Friday 24th January 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

After a bit of a journey over the last 2 years, we have been given the start date for the building of our single storey Nurture Hub of Monday 27th January 2025. This will take a period of approximately 4 months so ending early June. The site is at the rear of the school by the rear gate in place of the existing shelter and will be knocked through into the main

building. There will be a self-sufficient compound erected inside the rear of the school for the site team which is fenced off to the school.

The Nurture Hub is an amazing on-site facility that will benefit the school and pupils from September 2025. Further information will be regularly posted on our website as the build takes place including all about Nurture UK, how we will be using the Hub, progress photos and much more. The provision of learning will not be affected throughout the time of the build.

During the build, there will be changes for some classes to the everyday routines. **Drop off in the morning will remain the same for all classes.**

Pick up in the afternoons will be slightly different for only some classes:

EYFS AND Year 1 – This will remain the same but parents will be asked to stand in the bigger part of the playground at the rear, teachers will be bringing the children from the exit doors of the classes to that part of the playground.

Year 2 – Pupils will now be picked up from the KS2 playground at the back near the quiet garden. This is also where Year 3 parents currently pick their children up, there is no change here.

Years 3 4 5 and 6 - Pick up will be the same with no changes.

A map will be posted on the school website next week showing the details and teachers have been made aware of the changes.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this time.

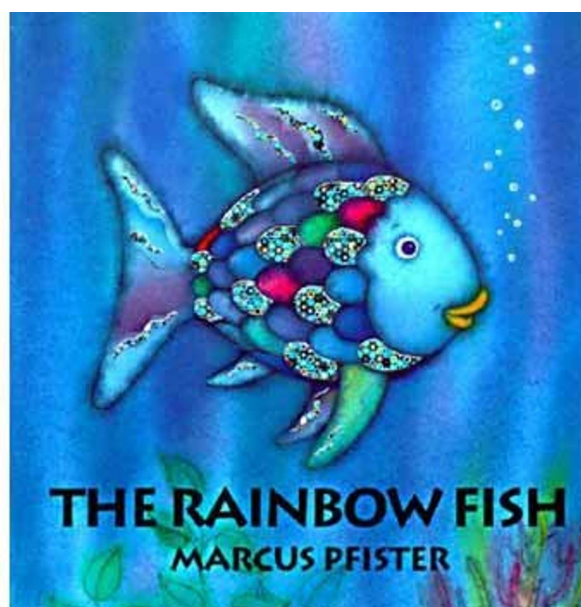
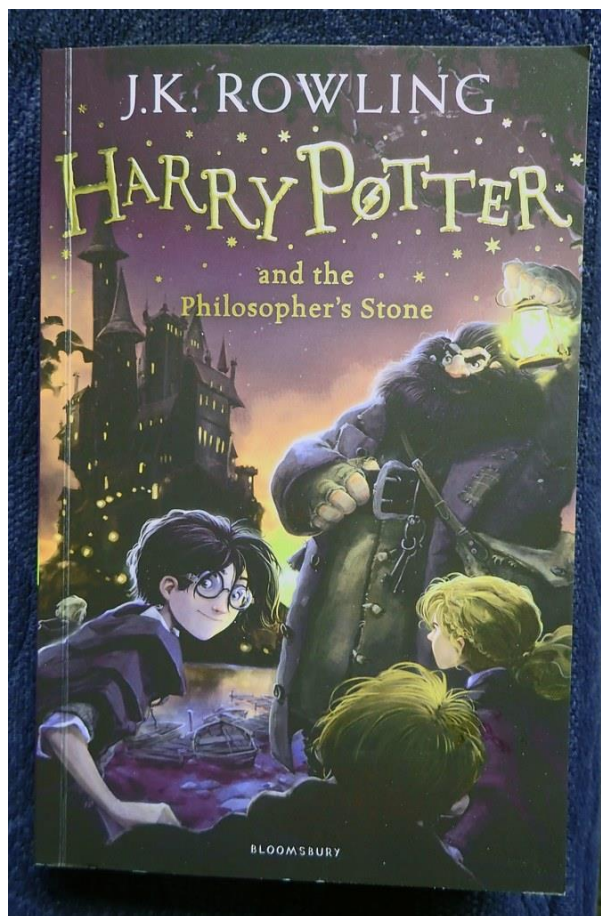
If there are any questions, please come and see me.

Regards

Mr. James

Head Teacher

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 Foxen shared her favourite book, *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister.

The Rainbow Fish tells the story of a fish with shimmering, iridescent scales, considered the most beautiful fish in the ocean, who learns the importance of sharing and friendship by giving away his scales to other fish when he realizes his pride and vanity are isolating him, ultimately finding happiness in belonging rather than just outward beauty; a tale focused on the theme of sharing and overcoming self-centeredness.

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	48%	41%	70%	58%	51%	48%	64%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	93%	98%	94%	92%	93%	93%	93%
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 - Kenny for fantastic independent writing about the troll!

Year One - Jugaad for amazing progress with all of his learning!

Year Two - Reuben for his hard work in English this week.

Year Three- Finley for improved attention and focus.

Year Four - Lucy for working really hard at her times tables

Year Five - Albie for giving 100% in all curriculum areas.

Year Six - Maria for always being ready to learn.

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) Cody & Nathi in Year 6.

Silver (150 points) Nikel, Rupert, Luna, Leon and Sophie in Year 3, Dexter & Molly in Year 4, Alina, Emmanuella, Enzo, Luis, and Oliver in Year 5, and Sara and Skarlette in Year 6.

Ruby (225 points) Amy, Blanka, Dani, Myles, Teddy, & Melyssa in Year 1, Vienna, George, Ilene, Nia, Leo, Desi, Dakota, & Gabriel in Year 2, Pepi, and Izabella in Year 3, Lucas in Year 5, and Samuel in Year 6.

Gold (300 points) Laurel & Lily in Year 1.

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 Elijah in Year 1 for super maths work, and to Ana-Maria in Year 1 for super sentence work all by herself. Well done Ilene, Anna, Zakariya and Desislava in Year 2 for their amazing work in PE. Well done to Aysha, Albie, Maddison and Jude for their wonderful independent writing about Billy Goats Gruff.

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: George in Year 2 for participating in class and coping well with change.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Mr James for making the Nurture Hub happen!

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

EVENTS

Monday 27th January - Y6 to Lifeskills

Friday 31st January - Young Voices Concert

INSERVICE DAYS - School closed

Friday 28th February 2025



**CHRIST CHURCH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
BAKER STREET, WESTON-SUPER-MARE**

**SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES
2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**

TERM 1

Starts: Monday 2 September 2024
Ends: Friday 25 October 2024

TERM 2

Starts: Monday 4 November 2024
Ends: Friday 20 December 2024

TERM 3

Starts: Monday 6 January 2025
Ends: Friday 14 February 2025

TERM 4

Starts: Monday 24 February 2025
Ends: Friday 4 April 2025

TERM 5

Starts: Tuesday 22 April 2025
Ends: Friday 23 May 2025

TERM 6

Starts: Monday 2 June 2025
Ends: 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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