

# End of Term Newsletter -Friday 20th December 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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## [LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER](#)

Good afternoon one and all,

As we draw this term to a close, it has been a hectic week but full of fun and laughter. Christmas parties and performances all rounded off by a beautiful Carols around the Tree at the church. I am sure the children are due a well earned rest after two long terms. I said in my little speech at the church this morning about a time to support others around you and be

thankful for what we receive as the festive season continues, something I will be reflecting on personally.

All that remains is to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from me and all the staff at Christ Church.

Warm regards

Mr James

### INSERVICE DAY

Just a reminder to families that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 6th January 2025. School re-opens to pupils from Tuesday 7th January.

### THE YEAR SO FAR....

The children have been busy over the last two terms!

We had all classes attending Forest School, Children in Need day, Armistice Day, Anti-Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day, Year 1 class trip to Grove Park, Harvest and Foodbank Collection, tree's donated to Year 5 & 6 by Woodland Trust, a visitor from the butterfly conservation, Christmas fair, Christmas dinner, Christmas parties and of course the wonderful nativities!

The staff have also been very busy!

Miss Bryant was given a silver award from Pearson's National Teacher of the Year, we welcomed Mrs Rogers and Mrs Palmer into Year 4 and Miss Forster into Year 2. We also say farewell to Mrs Voyle who has been a teacher for 33 years, and at Christ Church for 17 years. We wish her well as she embarks onto the next chapter of her journey! See below for the lovely poem the children read out in Mrs Voyle's leaving service.

We would like to thank the following who helped contribute to our Christmas Fair to raise over £1300!

The families of Christ Church Primary School

Reverend Tom, Nicky & Linda from Christ Church

Mrs Foote, Mrs Penny-Barrow and Mrs Lassetter

The Icing Centre, Bakers Dolphin, Imagination Fascination, Boots, Hutton Moor, RT Games, the 49 Social Club,













**Leanne Bryant**

Teacher of the Year in a Primary School

With a deep love for teaching, learning and people, Leanne is an exceptional teacher, going above and beyond to ensure that not only her pupils thrive but their families too. She creates highly effective and engaging lessons that cater for every child's individual needs and abilities, inspiring all her pupils to make impressive progress. Leanne creates a positive and orderly learning environment where pupils across the whole school feel safe and respected. Patient, kind and supportive, she greets all pupils cheerily at the school gate come rain or shine, getting to know them individually and building strong and trusting relationships. Leanne has exceptional knowledge and understanding of each child's learning process, including those with SEND. Since becoming the school's special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) in 2021, Leanne has transformed the school's SEND provision and has upskilled staff through her innovative training sessions. As a result, pupils with SEND are making better progress than ever before and parents feel supported and valued.

A Poem for Mrs Voyle

M IS FOR.....

THE MAGICAL MEMORIES THAT WE'VE SHARED TOGETHER.

R IS FOR.....

REMEMBERING THE WAY WE LAUGHED TOGETHER.

S IS FOR.....

SUPER SONGS WE HAVE LEARNED TOGETHER.

V IS FOR.....

THE VALUABLE LESSONS YOU HAVE TAUGHT US.

O IS FOR.....

THE OVERFLOWING EXCITEMENT IN OUR CLASSROOM.

Y IS FOR.....

THE YEARS OF JOY YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO CHRIST CHURCH.

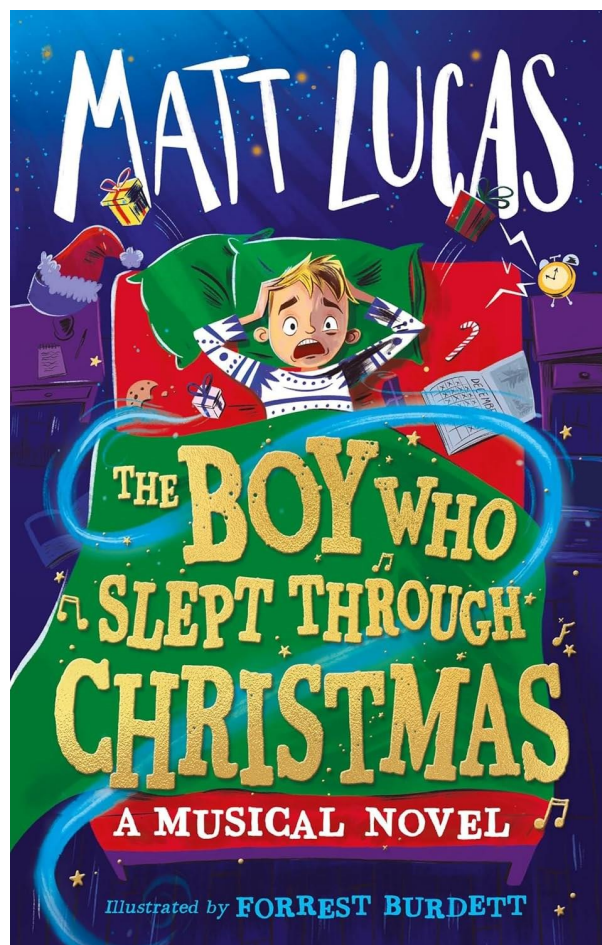
L IS FOR.....

THE LOVE OF LEARNING THAT YOU HAVE SHARED.

E IS FOR.....

EVERYONE IN THE SCHOOL AND HOW MUCH WE WILL MISS YOU!

### 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, 'The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas' by Matt Lucas.**

Matt Lucas has brought to life a heartwarming and imaginative tale with his first novel, "The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas."

Join Leo as he sets out on his mission, to undo his wish and get Christmas back. Follow his story featuring beautiful illustrations and musical numbers.

This tale is perfect for both children and adults.



**JUNIOR CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSE – WESTON-super-Mare**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the North Somerset area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

**WHERE:** Milton Park Primary School, Milton Park Rd, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 8DY

**WHEN:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**TIME:** 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

**WHAT TO BRING:** packed lunch and drinks for the day

**WHAT TO WEAR:** comfortable clothing

**COST:** £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

**HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY:** Go to [www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day](http://www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day)

The deadline for applicants is: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: [music@wema.org.uk](mailto:music@wema.org.uk)

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

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# 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](mailto: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 - Year 4**

**Thursday - Year 2**

**Friday - Year 5 & 6**

**INSERVICE DAYS - School closed**

**Monday 6th January 2025**

**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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