

Newsletter 13-Friday 13th December 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



KALEIDOSCOPE
Multi Academy Trust



[LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER](#)

Good afternoon everyone,

What a week! We have... Performed the Reception nativity which was amazing, such confidence and they were all stars, some were in a star costume! We have had the last rehearsals for the Year 1 and 2 performance ready for next week, we have enjoyed our school Christmas dinner and National Christmas jumper day and we have had our school Christmas fete to round it off. On behalf of the school, we would like to say thank you to

everyone who attended the Christmas fete and participate. Thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped or donated gifts or cakes, without this, we would not be able to put this event on. We are pleased to announce that we have made over £1300 for the school funds! Such generosity really shows how much you support the school in your community. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff at the school who gave up their time to 'manage the stalls', set up and clear up and all with the Christmas spirit. A big thank you must go to Mrs. Baxter in the office who coordinated everything and made sure we all knew what we were doing. It was a great evening although Mr. James will have to order more popcorn kernels for next year! In the new year, we are looking at reforming the school PTA so look out for more information if this is something you would like to get involved with.

Phew, lastly, I wish you a restful weekend and we look forward to our last week of this year which I am sure will be just as busy.

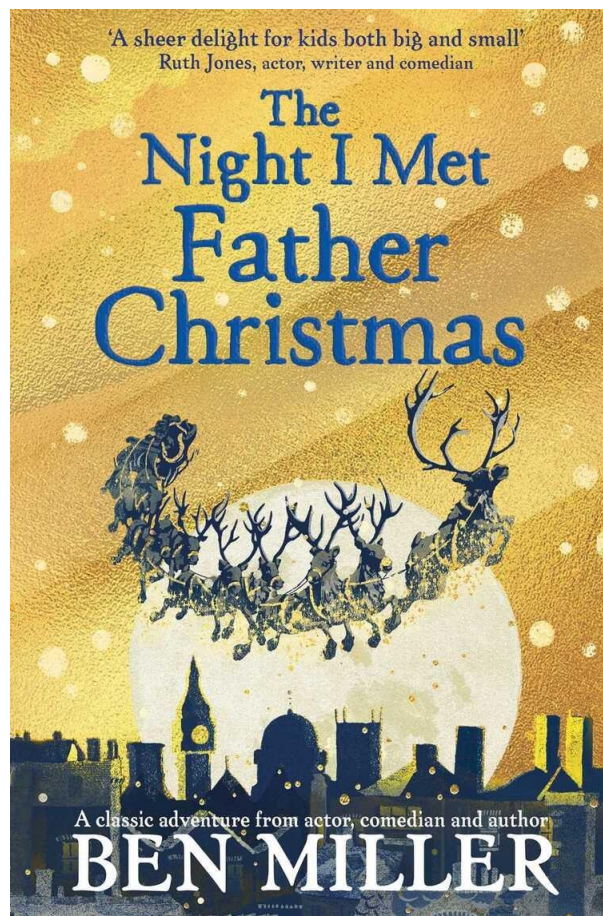
See you on Monday.

Warm regards

Mr James

Headteacher

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 Night I met Father Christmas' by Ben Miller/

Enter a world of wonder with this heartfelt Christmas classic from bestselling children's author Ben Miller.

Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know . . . how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas?

That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and hears his incredible story.

So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape , where Torvil , a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is...

With beautiful illustrations throughout from Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini and warm, funny words from Ben Miller, this book will remind everyone of the true spirit of Christmas and prove once and for all that Father Christmas really does exist!

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	46%	37%	46%	52%	41%	44%	44%

FOODBANK



Weston Foodbank would like to remind families that foodbank vouchers are available. If you would like one, please let the office know and we will get one organised.

CHRISTMAS DATES



One week to go... here are next weeks events!!

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 17th December - Years 1 & 2 – Christmas performance at Christ Church Church
10.00 am and 2.00 pm

Tuesday 17th December - EYFS Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December - Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December - Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party, & Carols around the Tree at Christ Church Church at 10am.

3.10 pm School closes for Christmas

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	91%	90%	90%	94%	93%	90%	90%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 91%							

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



UK Health
Security
Agency



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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



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

Friday 3rd January

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day 3rd 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 3rd 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

The deadline for applicants is: Monday 16th 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

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

Supported using public funding by



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

OPAL PLAY NEWS

Christ Church C.E. Primary School
1883

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!

We are always looking for any donations of used loose parts to enhance our play so please check the list below before you throw anything out!



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 S for showing fantastic confidence in the Nativity with her solo!

Year One - Maria for fantastic singing and dancing in our Nativity

Year Two - Denis for his hard work in learning his lines

Year Three- Brody for fantastic attitude and resilience.

Year Four - Mikeal for excellent instruction writing on how to keep a teacher happy!

Year Five - Billy for giving 100% to everything - always.

Year Six - Rebeka for helping with the school

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) Nila in Year 2, Shawn in Year 4,

Silver (150 points) Jasmine in Year 2, Ema, Natasza, William, Ruby in Year 4, Jenson in Year 5.

Ruby (225 points) Arla, Caleb, Diesel, Ethan, Everest, Laurel, Lily in Year 1, Zakariya in Year 2.

Gold (300 points)

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

George in Year 2 for his super DT skills in creating a cheese sandwich, and Emma & Jaimie in Year 5 for a lovely innovation to an original fable.

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: Florence in Reception who has shown fantastic kindness and compassion to all her friends & Archie in Year 6 for helping the SMSA's at lunchtime.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Mrs Baxter for super coordinating skills for the Christmas Fete

Our Star Writer is: Kevin in Year 3.

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)

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

- Baker Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 3AF
- Office@christchurchprimaryschool.org
- 01934 620738



KALEIDOSCOPE
Multi Academy Trust