

Newsletter 12-Friday 6th December 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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[LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER](#)

Good afternoon everyone, what a busy week? Rehearsals are in full flow, beautiful singing echoing through the hallways and busy preparations for the Xmas fete next week. I share lots of good news this week; we have been awarded a grant towards our library so we will be purchasing lots more fantastic new books to support our children's reading, we have a new LSA starting in January and I can announce that we have appointed a new Year 4 teacher who will team up with Mrs. Palmer in the new year, I'm sure you will join with me to

welcome Mrs. Rogers to the team. There is lots going on next week including the time to get those Xmas jumpers out on the 12th December as it's National Xmas jumper day! It's really getting festive now.

Whatever you are doing this weekend, whether it's putting up a Christmas tree, visiting family or maybe ice skating at the Tropicana, I wish you a festive weekend and will see you all next week.

Festive regards

Talking to Your Child about Online Safety

Is it important to keep your children safe from inappropriate material on devices like phones and tablets which have access to the internet.

NSPCC recommend having age-appropriate conversations:

Considering your children's age and ability will help you decide how to speak to them. **For under-11s**

- Resources like [Talk PANTS](#) and [Techosaurus](#) will help.
- Make sure you're using language they can understand.
- If you suspect [grooming](#) or [exploitation](#), you can [report this directly to CEOP](#).

For more information, please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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 Bazell shared his favourite book, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' by J.K.Rowling.

Loved by millions of readers worldwide, let the first story in the greatest children's book series of all time take you on an unforgettable journey. The hope and wonder of Harry Potter's world will make you want to escape to Hogwarts again and again. The magic starts here! Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin.

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	42%	39%	54%	62%	51%	50%	48%

CUTTING UP GRAPES



Please could we remind our families to continue cutting grapes in half for children up to and including five years old. These are a choking hazard as children have much smaller airways, plus it is time consuming for the lunchtime supervisors to do.

For more information please follow the link below.

<https://capt.org.uk/faq-items/what-age-should-you-stop-cutting-up-grapes/>

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



It's finally here, our Christmas Events! The next two weeks are packed with activities!

NEXT WEEK:

Our Reception class nativity is next Wednesday 11th December at 10am in the school hall. Parents have received their tickets and a letter with information about photography. Just a reminder if you are able to arrange a babysitter to look after babies and pre-school children it would be much appreciated. It would also be appreciated if you could not take photographs of the children during the performances as it can distract them. We will give you an opportunity at the end.

Our Christmas Fair is also next Wednesday 11th December from 3:15pm! Everybody is welcome, and just a reminder we do have tickets for Santa's Grotto still available. If anyone is able to contribute a cake for the fair, please let us know as they would be greatly appreciated! All we ask is that any homemade bakes have an ingredients list with allergens on please.

Next Thursday 12th December is our Festive Lunch day & wear a Christmas jumper day! The tables will be festively decorated, the children will be given a Christmas cracker. The dinners should be booked in advance on Aspens Select <https://select.aspens-services.com/> . If your child does not have one booked we may not have anything available so please check this is booked if you want one!

LAST WEEK OF TERM:

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

Come and visit



£4:00 per child

Includes admission to Santa's Grotto and a gift from Santa!

Please see the School Office to buy a ticket and book a slot!

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	94%	84%	87%	89%	96%	92%	95%

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



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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



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>.

OPAL PLAY NEWS

Christ Church C.E. Primary School

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!

The Play Types

- Symbolic Play
- Locomotor Play
- Recapitulative Play
- Creative Play
- Exploratory Play
- Communication Play
- Socio-dramatic Play
- Role Play
- Fantasy Play
- Object Play
- Mastery Play
- Deep Play
- Rough and Tumble Play
- Dramatic Play
- Social Play
- Imaginative Play

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

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Natural Loose Parts

- Acorns
- Grass
- Leaves
- Logs
- Pine Cones
- Rain & Water
- Sand
- Snow
- Shells
- Soil
- Sticks
- Stones
- Wild Flowers
- Wood Cookies



PERSONAL BEST AWARDS

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

Reception - Kaira for fantastic letter formation in her name.

Year One - Melyssa for coming into school and trying her best even though she has not felt 100%.

Year Two - Gabriel for his hard work and focus.

Year Three- Mattias for outstanding effort in reading and literacy.

Year Four - River for amazing focus all week especially maths.

Year Five - Nigel for beautiful singing.

Year Six - Oli for reading at least 4 times every week in Year 6!



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) Zeynep in Year 4, Michael, Sebastian, Fabian, Hristian, Giovanna in Year 5.

Silver (150 points) Noah & Tristan in Year 1, Alif, Hunter & Eliza in Year 2, Mario, Kevin, Izabella & Esmee in Year 3, Jan, Vera, River, Nellie, Margot, Aaleck, Ezra, Mikael, Olivia & Scarlett in Year 4, Theo and Lucas in Year 5 & Siyana in Year 6.

Ruby (225 points) Rupert 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 River Sibley in Year 4 for amazing subtraction in maths all independently completed, Vera-Grace, Mahreen, Olivia & Natasza in Year 4 for super facts in their non-chronological report writing.

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: Alina, Ruby, Seb, Emko, & Joanna in Year 5 and Ashwin and Samuel in Year 6 for passing their swimming assessment this week.

Our adult Star of the Week is: To be announced next Monday.

Our Star Writer is: Alvin in Year 4 for amazing effort in his report on mountains.

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) Thursdays

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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