

Newsletter 11-Friday 29th November 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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[LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER](#)

Good afternoon everyone,

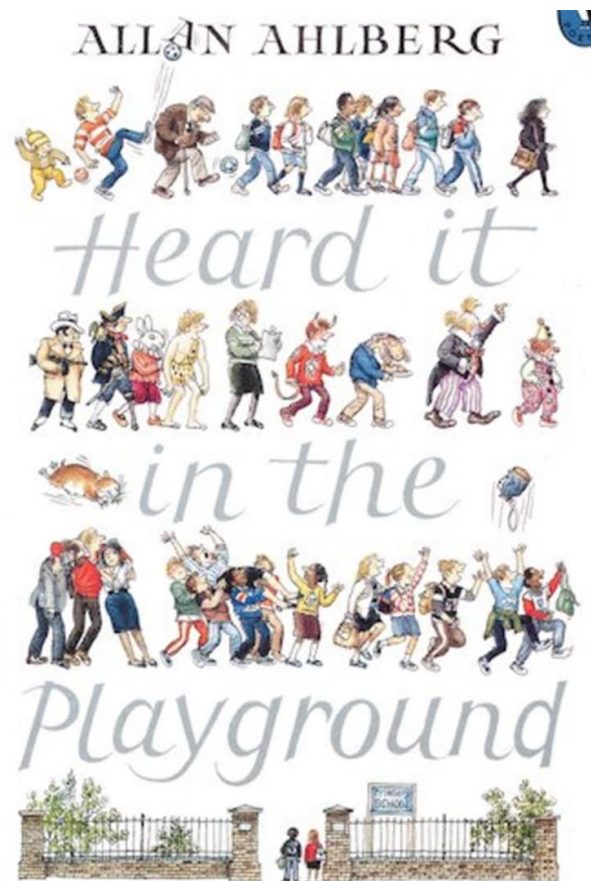
It's official, Christmas begins at Christ Church on Monday! Today was donation day for the Christmas fete on the 11th December and thank you for all your wonderful donations towards the tombola stalls. I hope you like the new welcome sign as you enter the gate. This is a first step in a new initiative for this year to celebrate language and diversity within our school. The last few weeks of the term are busy so please make sure you are up to date with

what's going on by reading the lovely newsletter that Mrs. Baxter creates for us every week. In service we are continuing our theme on Trust and how friendships are built on solid foundations. The firmer the foundation, the longer lasting the friendship. My family will be joining lots of you this weekend in putting up the decorations and the tree whilst munching on a mince pie or two so I wish you all a festive weekend if that's in your plans.

See you all on Monday.

Mr James

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 Clarke shared her favourite book, 'Heard it in the Playground' by Allan Ahlberg.

"Shed a tear for The Boy Without A Name, discover the secrets to teachers (they NEVER leave the school!?) and try to solve the riddles of The Answer. Packed with rhythmic poetry and playful songs, this timeless collection has delighted children for generations. Witty. honest. amusing and difficult to put down!"

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/>

CHRISTMAS DATES



CHRISTMAS DATES – 2024

Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Nativity in School Hall 10am, and Christmas Fair at 3pm.

Thursday 12th December - Wear a Christmas Jumper/Festive Lunch (to be booked on Aspens before Thursday 28th November.)

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...](#)

Our whole school percentage this week is 93%

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	86%	94%	94%	94%	93%	94%	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



UK Health
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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

Opal Supporting school improvement through play www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk @OPAL_CE @OpalOutdoorplay

Natural Loose Parts

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



READING AT HOME

Please can we remind families that all children must read 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	40%	29%	65%	65%	48%	43%	59%

PERSONAL BEST AWARDS

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

Reception - Yoanna for being so happy and for always trying her hardest.

Year One - Mahir for effort and enthusiasm in our Nativity.

Year Two - Daria for contributing well during class discussions.

Year Three- Chloe for a fantastic independent write!

Year Four - Naia for excellent contributions in lessons this week.

Year Five - Thea for thoughtful contributions in RE.

Year Six - Sam for reading at least four times a week every single week of Year 6 so far!

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) Kyle in Year 2, Sophie & Eden in Year 3, Alvin, Antonia, Arsalan, Dexter, Logan, Molly, & Naia in Year 4, Fabian, Emily, & Emma in Year 5, and Ashwin, Maria & Betty in Year 6.

Silver (150 points) Everest, Tristan, Evlyn, Sonya, Dani & Blanka in Year 1, Gabriel, Vienna-Grace, Leo, Desi, Nia, Dakota, Reuben, Lucien, Anastasia & Zach in Year 2, Evelin, Izzy, & Mahreen in Year 4, Billy and Jenson in Year 5 and Arlo in Year 6.

Ruby (225 points) Timi 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 Luna in Reception for amazing writing all by herself, Chloe in Year 3 for amazing vocabulary and understanding, Logan in Year 4 for wonderful multiplication and Emko, Hristian, Thea, Leo and Cedrick in Year 5 for thoughtful ideas in RE.

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: Kayleen in Year 6, Sophie in Year 3, Shawn in Year 4 and Evelyn in Year 5 for settling in to Christ Church beautifully.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Mrs Shippey for hosting her first network meeting and for taking on Geography.

Our Star Writer is: Mahreen (Y4) for an amazing short burst writing full of detail.

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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