

# Newsletter 10-Friday 22nd November 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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## [LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER](#)

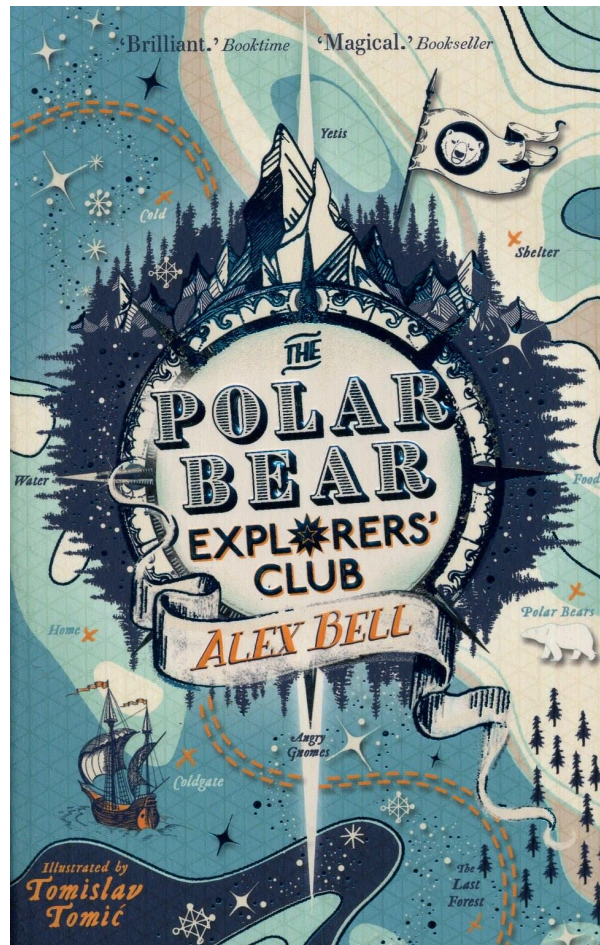
Good evening everyone,

We saw our first flurry of snowflakes this week which was exciting. It's really starting to drop in temperature so make sure you wrap your little ones up warm as we still go outside for breaks. It's been a busy week again with the nativity beginning their rehearsals and singing service are practicing the Christmas songs. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all as

we have just analysed our school's attendance and I am glad to say that since September our figures have been above national average.

Today was the closing date for the voting for a new parent governors. Our returning office will open the papers on Monday to see who will be the new parent governor representing the parents of the school as voted by you. We will announce the candidate by School Ping after school on Monday 25th November. Have a safe and peaceful weekend and see you all next week.

## BOOK OF THE WEEK



This week saw the start of our new, Reading for Pleasure Service, which will take 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, it was the turn of our English Lead, Mr Rogers. He shared his book: *The Polar Bear Explorers Club* with KS2. He said... *Are you ready for an Arctic adventure? Dive into the icy world of the Polar Bear Explorers Club! This thrilling series follows a group of brave young adventurers as they explore the frozen North Pole. With every page, you'll encounter strange and wonderful animals such as pygmy dinosaurs or carnivorous cabbages! So bundle up, grab a hot cocoa, and get ready for a chilly, exciting read!*

#### 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

[ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK...](#)

Our whole school percentage this week is 95%

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	93%	94%	91%	96%	94%	97%	95%

# 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>.

## 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](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)

### Natural Loose Parts

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



ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS - ONE MORE WEEK LEFT!



We are participating in the [Asda](https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards) Cashpot for Schools! To help raise funds for the school, just download the Asda Rewards app on <https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards>, and select 'Christchurch Church of England Primary School' as your chosen school. It may help to know our postcode is BS23 3AF in case more than one pops up!

For every shop, [Asda](https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards) donates 0.5% of your total spend to our school. This initiative is open until **30th November 2024**. We are incredibly grateful.

### 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
<b>Read 4 times</b>	41%	31%	63%	71%	59%	51%	37%

### PERSONAL BEST AWARDS

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

Reception - Aysha for always helping her friends.

Year One - Teddy for being "Green" and ready to learn.

Year Two - Lottie for having a great attitude to her learning.

Year Three- Sophie for settling in beautifully to her her class.

Year Four - William for giving 100% all week.

Year Five - Giovanna for incredible writing in all subjects.

Year Six - Josh for starting the year with a positive attitude to learning!

### 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)** Finley & Chingo in Year 3, Armin, Ema, Filip, Jan, Lucy, Natasza, River, Ruby, Scarlett, William in Year 4, Luis, Ruby, Yana, Cedrick and Joanna in Year 5, and Gabi & Lily in Year 6.

**Silver (150 points)** Denis, Flavi, Daria, Eric, Amelie and Ilene in Year 2, Chloe & Pepi in Year 3 and Sam in Year 6.

**Ruby (225 points)**

**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 Emko, Ruby and Cedrick in Year 5 for their amazing rainforest poems with an important message, and to Oliver, Charlie and Jaimie in Year 5 for their super sewing skills!



## 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:** Amelia in Year 1 for growing in confidence to give Mr James a high five and smiles.

**Our adult Star of the Week is:** Miss Spear who volunteers on her days off and helped the library operate efficiently.

**Our Star Writer is:** Ezra-Jade in Year 4 for a super explanation text about an invent a shopper.

[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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