

# Newsletter 5-Friday 11th October 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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Good afternoon parents, unfortunately I have not been well over these last two weeks and so I have not been around, however I am back on my feet now and glad to be back. Thankfulness is our theme for service this term and I am thankful I have a great team to look after you all in my absence. There has been lots going on in school this week including more forest school, a trip to Grove Park for Year 1 and workshops from the Wild Spaces Butterfly Conservation which I was told was amazing. At an Executive meeting earlier in the week, we discussed a broad range of topics and the KMAT strategy for the coming year. The school's development program will be shortly uploaded onto the school's website for you to read. This year we will be continuing our focus on reading and writing provision, Working towards a School Nurture UK award and further improving our provision for pupils with English as an additional language. I will be attending a meeting next week to get the latest update on the new Nurture Hub to be built on site. This will hopefully begin next term so there will be a little

disruption around the KS1 area of the school but we will keep this to a minimum and keep you informed all the way.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Regards

Mr K James

Head Teacher

### [Important Notice: Update on Pick-Up & Drop Off Procedures at Christ Church Primary School](#)

Dear Parents and Guardians, We understand the importance of student safety at Christ Church Primary School. Currently, younger students are unsupervised outside the school gate during pick-up & drop off time, which can be a concern for many parents. To ensure a safer and more secure pick-up & drop off environment for all students, we kindly request your cooperation with the following:

- Year Six students only:

As previously communicated, Year Six students with parental permission are authorized to leave the school premises unattended after dismissal.

- All other students: For the safety of younger children, we strongly encourage parents and authorised guardians to wait inside the school for pick-up & to bring them to the school gate in the mornings. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the safety of all our students

[Attendance this week..](#)

<b>Getting your child to school on time really matters</b>		
<b>If in a school year your child is late everyday</b> .....	<b>Your child would have lost approximately</b> .....	<b>Or they would have missed approximately</b> .....
<b>5 Minutes</b>	<b>3 days from school</b>	<b>16 lessons lost</b>
<b>10 Minutes</b>	<b>5 days from school</b>	<b>32 lessons lost</b>
<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>8 days from school</b>	<b>48 lessons lost</b>
<b>20 Minutes</b>	<b>11 days from school</b>	<b>63 lessons lost</b>
<b>30 Minutes</b>	<b>16 days from school</b>	<b>95 lessons lost</b>

This week we have seen some coughs and colds starting to creep in as the season changes. Thank you to those who have still come in who may not be feeling 100%! If your child is under the weather, please see the NHS guidance poster below for advice on whether they can attend. If your child cannot attend, please remember to inform the school ASAP with details of their symptoms. 'Unwell' is considered too vague.

Our whole school percentage this week is 96%.

Year	R	1	2	3	4	5	6
Attendance	96%	98%	95%	93%	93%	100%	97%




## 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>.

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## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Dear Parents, We are writing to invite you to consider becoming a parent governor at Christ Church CE Primary School.

Parent governors play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. They provide a valuable link between the school and the parent community, ensuring that the school's policies and decisions reflect the needs and aspirations of our families.

As a parent governor, you would have the opportunity to: Contribute to strategic planning and decision-making Represent the views of parents and carers Help to ensure that the school meets the highest standards of education Be part of a team committed to providing a positive and supportive

learning environment for all children If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please find our information pack on our website [via this link](#). If you would like anything printed please email [office@christchurchprimaryschool.org](mailto:office@christchurchprimaryschool.org).

The election process is simple and straightforward, and we are happy to provide support and guidance. We believe that parent governors make a significant contribution to the success of our school.

We hope that you will consider joining our governing body and helping to shape the future of Christ Church CE Primary School.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Events next week...

FOREST SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 16TH (A) OR THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER (B)



**Great news for Year 1!** It's time for your exciting forest school adventure. Remember to wear appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, and a waterproof coat. Get ready to explore nature, learn new skills, and have lots of fun.

Your child will be in either Group A or Group B; this will be on your letter, if you don't know, don't worry! Your class teacher will happily help. **Please be aware: Year 1 pupils going to Forest School will need to be collected at the top of Manor Road by Wood Lane (What3Words reference vast.button.skirt.)**

The dates are:

**Group A: Wed 16th**

**Group B: Thursday 17th**

## FOODBANK DONATION DAY - THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER



Christ Church CE Primary School with

# FOODBANK

# DONATION

## THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

## OCTOBER 2024



Our annual Harvest Festival will take place at school on Thursday, 17th October 2024.  
We are again asking for donations to Weston Foodbank and would ask for any items from the list below.

### **DROP-OFF LOCATION**



The school hall  
between 08:35 &  
10:00



### **ITEMS REQUIRED:**

- Tinned potatoes and instant mash (Urgently required)
- Tinned meat
- Fish Fruit
- Rice pudding
- Custard
- Dried rice, pasta or noodles
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Biscuits, sweets and crisps
- Hot chocolate
- Toilet paper
- Toiletries

*Any items which are out of date cannot be accepted unfortunately.*

## OPAL PLAY NEWS

**Christ Church CE 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 pleased to introduce Betty, Theo, Emily, Dominic and Maria as our new OPAL playleaders. The children lead an assembly last week on the importance of play at lunchtimes and we will be looking at ways to make our playtimes even more fun and enjoyable. We talked about how children enjoy different many types of play on our playground.

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) @OPAL\_CC @OpalOutdoorplay

### 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



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. We are on **£129.78** so far!

### 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	25%	41%	65%	60%	71%	53%	56%

## Personal Best Awards

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

Year One - Blanka for excellent behaviour this week.

Year Two - Arthur for his brilliant contribution to class discussions.

Year Three- Izabella for fantastic maths work all week.

Year Four - Scarlett for kind, thoughtful and a good friend.

Year Five - Hristian for beautiful handwriting.

Year Six - Fantastic attitude in art lessons.

## 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)**

Noah in Year One, Arthur, George, Kacey, & Rupert in Year 2, Rupert, Miley, Mario, Kevin & Esmee in Year 3, Skarlette & Siyana in Year 6.

### **Silver (150 points)**

### **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 Armin in Year 4 for supporting other children with laser beam focus, Jan in Year 4 for super reading skills using a picture, Izabella in Year 3 for superb 2 x tables, Caleb in Year 1 for fabulous independant writing and Erin in Year 3 for super dooper times table practice! 40/40! Well done!

### Stars of the Week & Star Writer



Our Star of the week awards are awarded weekly to pupils and staff. Our Stars of this week are Mrs Knowles for being a superstar and to the whole of the School Council.

### Dates for your Diary

#### CLUBS

Lego Club (Year 1, 2 3 & 4) Tuesdays (no spaces as full)

Little Kickers (Reception, Year 1, & 2) Thursdays

Multisports Club Mondays (Year 1 & 2), Tuesdays (Year 3 & 4) Wednesdays (Year 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

Friday 25 October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 28th February 2025



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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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