

Newsletter 1 Friday 6th September 2024

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Good afternoon everyone,

On behalf of the school and myself, welcome back to school. Seems like the sunshine deserted us this week. I hope you all had an amazing Summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead. It was lovely to see all the smiling faces walking or skipping through the gates on Wednesday. They all looked very smart in their new uniform and they have been settling into their new classes and routines beautifully. Over the Summer we have had all of Key Stage 1 redecorated and now looks and feels a nice calm space. Mr O'Brien, our caretaker has been sprucing the grounds up so that we all start a fresh. There are changes in our curriculum timetable which the teachers will inform you about but we have added more learning for reading, a new handwriting scheme, a new spelling scheme and another PE slot per class per week. To maximise time of learning, we are allowing pupils to come to school in their PE kit. Its very important that our pupils learn now to be healthy and stay fit and not just about English and Maths. We welcome our new teachers, Miss Forster in Year 2 and Mrs. Palmer in Year 4 to the Christchurch community. Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Regards

Mr. K James

Headteacher



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MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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Swimming for Year 5 Class

Swimming starts next Monday 9th September for Year 5 children in group A. The cost is £15, which can be paid on ParentPay. If you are having any technical issues on Parentpay, please see the school office.

Hutton Moor require boys to wear speedo-style trunks only, not swimming shorts, as it is difficult for children to swim wearing the longer length shorts as they fill up with water and can be dangerous. Girls should wear a plain, one-piece costume. They also ask that swimming hats are worn by all children. We have some hats in school and they are available priced £1.

Children should not swim for 48 hours after having a stomach bug.

Forest School



This term we will be working again with Play Wild, a local activities provider, to deliver forest school experiences for our whole school. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn new outdoor skills and experiences. This will involve a fire lighting challenge - this will include some fire safety,

rope bridge and team challenge exercises and finishing with marshmallows. **There is no cost for this activity.**

We aim to go in all weathers so children will need to come to school in their forest school clothes: Waterproof coat, long sleeved top, fleece or hoodie, long trousers and wellies or old trainers

Half the class will go one day, and the other half will go the day after. Your child will bring home a letter indicating whether they are in group A or group B, and the dates with which that corresponds to.

[Update your Contact Details](#)



Have you changed your address, email address or moved house? Please continue to update the office with any changes to yours or any of your child's contacts. If you prefer to let us know by email, please send it to office@christchurchprimaryschool.org.

[School Uniform](#)



Please can you make sure that your child's name is clearly written in each item of clothing including coats, PE kits, jumpers and cardigans. Otherwise, as you can imagine, it is very difficult and time consuming to return items to their rightful owners. Any un-labelled items are placed in the LOST PROPERTY box which is in the school reception area.

Uniform can be purchased from

<https://customers.conceptwear.co.uk/accessories.php?client=ChristChurchPrimary>. Many cheap items without a school logo can be purchased from supermarkets also, for example plain white t-shirts for £2.50, however we do also have a small stock of pre-loved items in school.

PE

Please ensure your child **comes to school wearing their PE Kit** on the days that they are having PE.

Year 1 - MONDAY

Year 2 - THURSDAY

Year 3 - TUESDAY

Year 4 - WEDNESDAY

Year 5 - Bring SWIMWEAR Mondays, wear PE KIT on FRIDAYS

Year 6 - FRIDAY



School Uniform Policy

At Christ Church Primary School, we feel it is important that children wear a uniform to feel that they are a part of our school team. Providing children with a clean, well-presented uniform enables children to take pride in their appearance and boosts self-esteem.

We support the DFE philosophy that school uniforms and dress codes play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of the school and in setting an appropriate school identity. The school uniform can:

- Instil a sense of pride
- Support positive behaviour
- Encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos
- Ensure pupils of all backgrounds feel welcome
- Protect pupils from social pressure to dress in a particular way
- Nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils

The school's preference is for items which have the school logo and these are available via our uniform suppliers of Concept Wear: <http://conceptwear.co.uk/schools/>

Alternatively, non-branded options may be purchased from other retailers, but we request that they are as close to the branded version in colour and style as possible.

If you require support for sourcing the school uniform then please speak to the school as we have some re-gifted items from ex-families that we can provide upon request.

School Uniform

- White polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Grey plain trousers, shorts or skirt (no leggings)
- *Optional* blue and white checked dresses



Shoes:

- Black, flat and polishable shoes only.
- Shoes must enclose and protect toes and heels.



PE Kit: to remain in school at all times

- Black shorts - cycling shorts are acceptable
- White, plain t-shirt with no logos
- Black daps for Key Stage 1 (EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2)
- Supportive trainers for Key Stage 2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)



In cold weather, pupils may also wear:

- Navy blue sweatshirt (with or without school logo)
- Black, plain jogging bottoms with no logos



Safety

In order to keep our children as safe as possible, the Expectations regarding our PE kits are taken from the 2016 edition of *Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity* (The Association of Physical Education).

- **No hoodies:** Hoodies reduce visibility and hearing ability. This increases risk of injury to children. Hoodies present the risk of being caught during the lesson resulting in potential harm to a child's neck.
- **No zip tops:** Zip tops, when opened fully, can move and blow around which can hit children in the eyes or other areas of the face causing harm.
- **No trainers, plimsolls or footwear of any type are allowed on the apparatus or when using mats:** This is because gymnastics is performed safely in bare feet. When using the apparatus, children may lose their footwear or laces may become tangled when climbing and therefore lose their grip.
- **No leggings:** These can cause friction burns when worn on mats and on apparatus. They reduce grip on apparatus and increase the risk of injury through slipping and falling.

Presentation

- **Hair:** Hair, which is longer than shoulder length or restricts vision, must be tied back using **understated** hair bands in neutral or school colours.
- **Nail varnish and make-up:** Nail varnish and make-up **is not permitted** under any circumstances. Children found to be wearing make-up or nail varnish will be asked to remove it before coming into the classroom.
- **Jewellery:** Children are permitted to wear **one watch** (not internet enabled) and **one pair of stud earrings**. The use of a watch is at the school's discretion, so if it is proving to be a distraction, then we may ask for the child not to wear it. If jewellery needs to be worn for religious or health reasons, please speak to the Headteacher. This decision is at the Headteacher's discretion.

Labelling

Please ensure that all items that come into school are clearly named so we can return them easily. We often find that children have very similar items.

Flu Vaccinations

Public Health England **NHS**

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- ✓ **1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- ✓ **2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- ✓ **3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- ✓ **4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- ✓ **5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?
Contact your GP if your child is aged two or three years old and you haven't heard from their GP by early November.
If your child is at primary school and is eligible, the school will send you a consent form. Please sign and return it.
If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, they are also eligible for the flu vaccine.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

The school nursing team will be here on Wednesday 2nd October to administer the Nasal Flu immunisation to all children from Reception to Year 6. A form has been sent home as well as a Schooling with a link to an e-consent form. Please respond to give consent or decline.

This is the link: <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3>

Without prior consent your child will not be able to have the Nasal Flu Spray. A reminder will be sent nearer the time. If you have any questions, please contact the School Immunisation Team on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net.

5 Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child Against Flu

- Protect your child
- Protect you, your family and friends
- No injection needed – vaccine is delivered via nasal spray
- It's better than having flu



Primary School applications for 2025 new starters are accepted from 12th September 2024 and close at 11:59pm on 15th January 2025. Applications should be submitted by using on North Somerset Council website.

Secondary school applications open by 12 September 2024 and close on the National Deadline at 11:59pm on 31 October 2024.

Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to a free school meal? Have you applied for Free School meals? You could save around £400 a year per child!

Families who are eligible for FSM include those on:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

By ensuring that as many eligible families as possible have applied for free school meals, we will receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding which enables us to provide the best education for our pupils. To check if you are eligible please follow the link here It will take you to the North Somerset Council online free school meals application site, which is a completely confidential system.

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) – All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will be eligible for a hot school meal free of charge. It is important that you still check FSM eligibility so the school receives maximum funding.

School Lunches



Please ensure all dinners are booked in advance on Aspens Select Website. We encourage parents to discuss the menu choices with their children. This creates a better relationship between children, their families, and the kitchen staff as we like to see children enjoying their food. A copy of the school menu below shows the three school menus for Autumn/Winter 2024, which rotates every three weeks. Dates are shown on the top right hand-side of the menu to show you which week is for which date. Regrettably, any children without dinners not booked on Aspens by 8:30am will be asked to bring a packed lunch.

Children may bring a packed lunch if parents prefer. Please make sure these are provided in appropriate containers and clearly marked with your child's name. We actively encourage a healthy packed lunch (either every day or on school trips).

A typical balanced lunch box should contain:

- A drink of water
- A piece of fresh fruit
- A sandwich/wrap or pasta (carbohydrate)
- A protein/dairy element No more than 2 small 'treat' items, such as flavoured yoghurt, fun size bar, cereal bar, cheese strings, crisps etc.

We ask that parents do not send their child into school with any nut or nut based products as snacks or in their lunches. We have several children with severe nut allergies, therefore, this is a simple way that we can keep each other safe.

Breaktimes

As part of our learning curriculum including Science and PSHE, we teach our pupils how to have a healthy lifestyle including food. We teach about a balanced plate and the importance of food groups such as fruit and vegetables. They are also taught about moderation of the other groups such as fats and sugars. The school achieved 'A Healthy School' status like other schools in the academy.

A piece of fruit / vegetable is provided free of charge before / after morning break - for all **Foundation stage** and **KS1 children**. **KS2** children can bring their own fruit (or vegetable) snack. We are aiming to continue to be a 'Healthy School' and are working closely with Aspens for healthy lunches so crisps, sweets and any chocolate bars including cereal bars are not appropriate.

All 4 year olds are provided with a free milk carton, however all other children can have milk if it is pre-ordered on a termly basis via the School Office. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle in everyday (no fizzy drinks or sugar based squash allowed) for morning break or for drinking throughout the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 BBQ Cheesy Chicken served with Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice (Meat)	🌱 Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy (Meat)	🌱 Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Green Beans (Meat)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)
	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)
	🌱 Margherita Pizza Slice served with Wedges and Sweetcorn (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Veggie Burger with Chips & Beans (Veg)
	🌱 Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice served with Wedges and Sweetcorn (Veg)	🌱 Baked Bean & Veggie Sausage Cowboy Pie with Apple Slaw & Wholegrain Rice (Veg)	🌱 Quorn Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy (Veg)	🌱 Veggie Bolognese with Pasta & Green Beans (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Golden Fish Fingers with Chips & Baked Beans (Fish)
					🌱 Salmon Fingers with Chips and Beans (Fish)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Chicken and Sweetcorn Cobbler served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Carrots (Meat)	🌱 Sausage & Mash with Mixed Greens (Meat)	🌱 Classic Cottage Pie with Peas (Meat)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)
	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)
	🌱 Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins served with Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green Salad (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips and Beans (Veg)
	🌱 BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice served with Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green Salad (Veg)	🌱 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🌱 Cauliflower Cheese with optional Crispy Onion Topping served with Roast Potatoes & Mixed Greens (Veg)	🌱 Roasted Sweet Potato Pastry Roll served with Mash and Peas (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)
	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Winter Vegetable Crumble served with Herby Diced Potatoes and Carrots (Veg)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🌱 Battered Fish and Chips with Beans (Fish)
		🌱 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)			

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	🍴 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Sausage Casserole and Mash with Roast Root Veggies (Meat)	🍴 Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn and Gravy (Meat)	🍴 Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Rice and Broccoli (Meat)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)
	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Baked Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)
	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)
	🍴 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese) (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Vegetable Fingers with Chips and Beans (Veg)
	🍴 Veggie Wholegrain Pasta Bolognese with Carrots (Veg)	🍴 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Cheese & Beans) (Veg)	🍴 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🍴 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)
	🍴 American Style Macaroni Cheese with Carrots (Veg)	🍴 Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash with Roast Root Veggies (Veg)	🍴 Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese (Veg)	🍴 Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese served with Broccoli (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)
	🍴 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🍴 Carrot & Stuffing Pastry Plait served with Peas & Sweetcorn (Veg)	🍴 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)	🍴 Golden Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans (Fish)
			🍴 Jacket Potato (Tuna Mayonnaise) (Fish)		

After-School Clubs



Multi Sports Club

Year 1 & 2 - Mondays, Year 3 & 4 - Tuesdays. Year 5 & 6 - Wednesdays. Starts Monday 16th till 23rd October.

Cost: £22.50

Lego Club

Open to Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 (spaces are limited) - Tuesdays starting 10th September till 22nd October.

Cost: £34.56

Little Kickers

Open to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - Thursdays starting 12th September till 24th October.

Cost: £31.50

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Dates for your Diary

INSERVICE DAYS - School closed for learners.

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25 October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 28th February 2025



**CHRIST CHURCH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**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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