

Newsletter 2 Friday 10th October 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone, hopefully this newsletter is back to a good standard as before! This week I was fortunate to attend SIAMS training that prepares us for next year when we are in the inspection window (not OFSTED). It will allow us to evaluate ourselves as a church school. There were lots of good ideas taken away that will help our school.

We are still currently looking for a new administrator and interviews will commence next week. Today in achievement service, I stood before a sea of yellow as our pupils supported World Mental Health Day.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mr James

HARVEST FOOD BANK MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER



Foodbank will be coming in as part of Harvest festival preparations to deliver a service.

Please feel free to donate any dry goods, cans, toiletries or any other non-perishable items that can be donated to the Foodbank on behalf of the school. Just bring in your donation on Monday and we will put in the hall ready for collection.

Thank you on behalf of the school for helping others in the local community.

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-2026

We are starting to compile a list of INSET day's for next academic year, which will hopefully help families plan for holidays or childcare. The dates confirmed are:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

The Pier Halloween Party



<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/party-peeps/family-halloween-party-weston-super-mare/e-mqzooop>

To purchase tickets use the link.

party peeps

HALLOWEEN FAMILY PARTY

GRAND PIER,
31ST OCTOBER 1-3PM

GRAND PIER

- ☉ GIVEAWAYS
- ☉ INTERACTIVE HOSTS & DJ'S
- ☉ FOAM PARTY
- ☉ CLUB STYLE LIGHTING & EFFECTS
- ☉ SMOKE & BUBBLE EFFECTS
- ☉ FULL BAR & SWEET SHOP
- ☉ SPOOKTACULAR DECOR
- ☉ FACEPAINTING
- ☉ PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
- ☉ NON STOP GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT

UK'S NUMBER 1 INTERACTIVE FAMILY PARTY



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Children in Need 2025



1 - This year's theme is called 'Challenge Yourself' and again this will be a non uniform day.

Follow the link for more information

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just to remind families that Future Stars are managing the wrap around care at Christ Church, offering sessions from 3:15 till 18:00 for just £7. This includes a snack. To sign up your child up please go to www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk



CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

After School
Child Care 2025/
at Christ Church 2026

CONFIRMED

We're back!

Your afterschool child care for next academic year is now sorted!

Don't worry, everything runs as normal for 2024/25 - we just wanted to let you know the great news about us continuing next year!

Booking system for September 2025/26 going live in July - watch this space and we'll remind you nearer the time so that you can book your spots for next year.

2025/26 DETAILS: Monday - Friday
3.20pm - 6.00pm: £7.00

- ★ Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk

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★ COACHING

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

GATE OPENS: 08:35

REGISTER: 08:45

REGISTER CLOSES: 08:50 - **CHILDREN ARRIVING AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE LATE AND CLASSED AS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FOR THE MORNING. TEN OF THESE WILL RESULT IN A FINE.**

Please phone 01934 620738 or email the School Office on office@christchurchprimaryschool.org before 9am on each day of your child's absence with a reason. if they are unwell, we will need to know their symptoms, and you may be asked to provide medical evidence.

The chart below shows what each class has achieved this week. The Whole School Attendance this week was 96%.

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




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/minfoc>.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- 1 Encourage journaling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [HereYou.co.uk](https://www.hereyou.co.uk)



At the National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and [Digital Citizenship](#). Formally followed by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit www.thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

"Fake news" refers to fabricated or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push on agendas, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this interesting post?" or "You might be over an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of bait" is produced by scammers to draw us to click on a link. This, where malware could be downloaded to our device. These scams may also be used to steal our "cookies" for "session" hijacking.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scammers appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something or a special discount on products, expensive gadgets or tickets to an event. Some scammers claim that a package or refund is waiting for you. They may ask you to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to sign personal details or payment information before posing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or prizes. It could be an attempt to get us to give away our personal information or to trick us into giving away our money. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. It may involve us to share our personal information, to sign up for something to be entered by doing so.

HAPPENS NEXT?

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They may claim to be someone you know or have contact with that they're in a bit of a sticky situation with a loved one. Warning signs include a high volume of messages, poor grammar, spelling, security, inappropriate levels of intimacy, quick dropping of personal information, threats or blackmail.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They may claim to be someone you know or have contact with that they're in a bit of a sticky situation with a loved one. Warning signs include a high volume of messages, poor grammar, spelling, security, inappropriate levels of intimacy, quick dropping of personal information, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

In a bigger or worse of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or a number of other scary accounts. They may appear to be able to fix the problem, but the solution is to give up personal information. Similar to other scams, they may claim that a package or refund is waiting for you. They may ask you to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to sign personal details or payment information before posing to check if it's legitimate.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and video. They may claim to be someone you know or have contact with that they're in a bit of a sticky situation with a loved one. Warning signs include a high volume of messages, poor grammar, spelling, security, inappropriate levels of intimacy, quick dropping of personal information, threats or blackmail.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber security. See what news stories are reported in the news and make sure you're up to date with what's going on. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, and achieve our goals. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about how news, online scams and how they work. Encourage them to look to you about anything that's unusual or worried about online. It's important to have been discussed, don't give judgement, children can be very vulnerable to these.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, assisting, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams. Take time to have a conversation with your child about what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Kelly French is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit www.onlinemedialaw.co.uk for more.



Nurture UK Award



A nurturing approach underpins everything we do here at Christ Church. It is something we are very proud of and our success with children and families very much depends on this approach.

Following a rigorous assessment and successful completion of the National Nurturing Schools Programme (NNSP), we were awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award (NNSA) by Nurture UK in October 2025. For the final assessment, the NNSA assessor met with children, parents, staff and the leadership team; all stakeholders consulted during the assessment described the school as friendly, caring and supportive.

The final assessment report noted: The school's consistent and integrated approach has created a compassionate and safe environment for children to be open about their needs with their peers. One parent spoke about the school's impact on their own wellbeing. They appreciate the ease of communication with school staff, valuing the opportunity to chat with school leaders on the gate every morning.

The report highlighted that The Six Principles are embedded in systems and culture here. At the end of the Nurture policy, this statement highlights the cohesion of ideas, "Through nurture, we help every child discover their own light and empower them to shine into the world." This draws from the school's chosen Bible verse. One of the children said, "Nurture lets their light shine so they are safe and can show kindness".

The assessors final words were 'I so enjoyed my time in this nurturing and inclusive school – wellbeing is an integral part of school life and relationships are a key part of teaching and learning. Thank you for all you do to nurture children, families and each other.'

Quotes from our community:

We felt the upwards trajectory through the programme – we could hear it in the language used in school. (member of staff)

I love teaching at this school! (member of staff)

This is the first school I've taught at where they genuinely want to bring in the home language and celebrate it. (member of staff)

The children are very accepting and tolerant of the needs of other children. (member of staff)

You do so much because you are appreciated. (member of staff)

We see so much kindness here. (member of staff)

My child has SEN but you wouldn't know because their needs are met so well. (parent)

It is good for my wellbeing to know that school knows your child. That makes me feel safe.(parent)

I really like the school – the smallness and the values – everyone knows everyone. (parent)

I used to get angry but now I have better patience. (young person)

Nurture lets their light shine so they are safe and can show kindness. (young person)

School tour dates for potential new starters in 2026/27

Please share these dates with anyone you know that is interested in sending their children to the school in 2026/7

Tuesday 4th November at 10am

Tuesday 11th November at 2.30pm

Tuesday 18th November at 3.30pm

Modeshift Award winning School



We're an Award-Winning Active Travel School!

We're thrilled to announce that **Christchurch** has officially achieved a **Good** national Modeshift STARS award.

This award recognises our school's commitment to encouraging safe, healthy and sustainable travel with more of our pupils walking, cycling, scooting or using park & stride on their journeys to and from school.

This is a whole-school achievement - thank you!

To every pupil who took part, and every parent and carer who supported our efforts this award is for you. You've helped make our school streets safer, our pupils healthier, and our community greener.

Why this matters:

- Less traffic = safer streets
- More active travel = healthier children
- Fewer car journeys = cleaner air

What's next?

We're using this award to kick-start our travel plan again this year, with new events, challenges and active travel days planned - so stay tuned!

How you can help:

- Try / keep walking, cycling or scooting at least once a week
- Join our upcoming travel challenges
- Talk to your child about the benefits of active travel
- Join our working group and help



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!

The Play Types

Supporting school improvement through play 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

Upcycled Loose Parts

Baking Pans	Cake Moulds	Ice Cube Trays	Kitchen Tools	Measuring Spoons	Pots & Pans	Strainers
Baskets	Cable Spools	Cardboard Items	Cones	Containers	Corrugated Pipes	Dress-Up Items
Fabric	Funnels	Milk Crates	Nets	Old Electronics	Pool Noodles	PVC Pipes
Rolling Carriers	Ropes	Shovels & Spades	Sinks & Tubs	Tarps	Tires & Wheels	Wooden Planks

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 - Jude for increased confidence and participation.

Year Two - Arla for a fantastic attitude to learning.

Year Three - Jasmine for beautiful singing and focus in class.

Year Four - Izabella for increasing confidence putting her hand up and answering questions.

Year Five - Margot for a fantastic effort in all that she does

Year 6 - Emaa for having a positive attitude towards her 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)

Year 2 - Blanka, Maria, Mahir, Elham and Oscar

Year 4 - Sophie, Chloe and Merit

Year 5 - Mahreen

Silver (150 points)

Ruby (225 points)

Gold (300 points)

Sapphire (375 points)

Platinum (450 points)

Gemstone (525 points)

Rainbow (600 points)

STAR READER



Reading 50 times at home:

Reading 100 times at home:

Reading 150 times at home:

Reading 200 times at home:

Reading 250 times at home:

Headteachers Awards



A Headteacher Award is given to children for exceptional work of which they should be proud!

Olivia in Year 5 for her super focussed attitude to learning this week.

Lily in Year 2 for her incredible independent writing with excellent word choices

Dakota in Year 3 for her amazing effort in drawing an emotion monster

Merit in Year 4 for a super researched poster all about Judaism, another faith and all at home,

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: Kaira Akinde in year 1 for showing kindness and caring in both the classroom and playground.

Our adult Star of the Week is: Miss Bryant for all her hard work on the Nurture UK accreditation the school has just received.

Our Star Writer is: Blanka in Year 2 for showing amazing progress in her handwriting and story telling.

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

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) Mondays

Futurestars (all years) All week

- **Baker Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 3AF**
- **Office@christchurchprimaryschool.org**
- **01934 620738**

TERM 1
Starts: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Ends: Friday 24 October 2025

TERM 2
Starts: Monday 3 November 2025
Ends: Friday 19 December 2025

TERM 3
Starts: Monday 5 January 2026
Ends: Friday 13 February 2026

TERM 4
Starts: Monday 23 February 2026
Ends: Thursday 2 April 2026

TERM 5
Starts: Monday 20 April 2026
Ends: Friday 22 May 2026

TERM 6
Starts: Monday 1 June 2026
Ends: Wednesday 22 July 2026



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Friday 3 April 2026 – Good Friday

Monday 6 April 2026 – Easter Monday

Monday 4 May 2026 - May Bank Holiday

INSERVICE DAYS – THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO CHILDREN ON:

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Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

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