

Newsletter 18th September 2026



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Multi Academy Trust

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone,

We are back in the swing of things for what I'm sure will be another great year. We welcome our new EYFS pupils who have settled in tremendously already as well as welcoming Mrs Basset our new year 1 teacher, Miss Smith our new EYFS teaching assistant and our new Breakfast club team of Miss Duffy, Ms Neale and Mrs Strawbridge. The breakfast club has taken off really well, please remember that from 8am till 8.30am it is FREE and open to all

pupils. There is a booking system on Parent Pay to use but if you are having troubles booking, please just bring your child along and we will take care of the registration.

This year will be an interesting year as we are now in the OFSTED Inspection window and the Diocese SIAMS Inspection window. We will be working extremely hard to show what a great school we are and the high-quality provision in place for our pupils and community.

Our Christian theme for this month is generosity and God's generous teachings.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you Monday,

Warm regards,

Mr Kerry James

BA Hons

Head Teacher

THIS WEEK IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Here is where you will find information about events, activities, trips, assemblies, workshops, visitors & Special achievements.

This is the first couple of weeks back at school and pupils have been adjusting to school life. This includes our new Reception starters who have been gradually introduced to the school.

New Starter FAQ's

Where do I order school meals?

SwiftKitchen - either via app or online. The class teacher will provide you with a login to sign up.

Are school meals free?

Yes, all children in Key Stage 1 receive Free Infant School Meals (or Universal Free School Meals)

Do I need to apply for Free School Meals?

Yes, because the school may be able to receive additional funding to support your child for example on school trips. Apply on <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>. You will need to apply every year in August.

Where can I find information about School Uniform?

<https://www.christchurchprimaryschool.org/uniform-information>

We strongly encourage parents to label all items of school clothing especially Jumpers and Cardigans.

How will the school communicate with me and who do I speak to?

We use School Ping to text parents, Class Dojo where you can message a class teacher or find out what has been going on and any events coming up, our fortnightly newsletter will have a wealth of information and shout out's to pupils for their achievements and the school office is always available to talk with parents, respond to or forward emails (office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk¹) or by telephone on 01934620738.

Is there a Breakfast Club?

Yes, please book on Parentpay in advance. It is free to attend from 8:00am, however should you need an earlier start, we can accomodate a 7:45 start for just £1 per child, per day.

OPAL PLAY

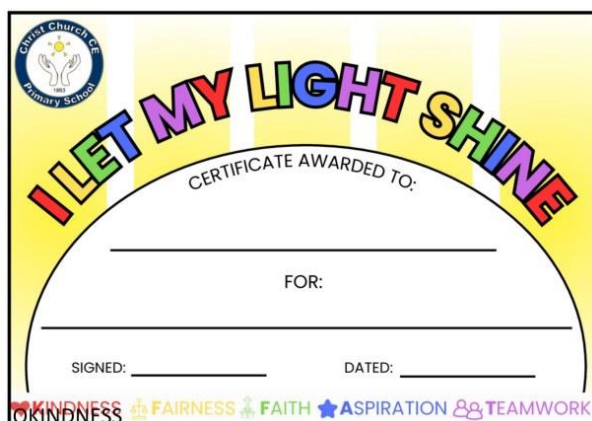
We have the OPAL Play programme (Outdoor Play and Learning) which makes playtimes fun!

As we work towards making our playtimes more exciting, no matter what the weather we need some equipment to help us to do this. We would be extremely grateful of any donations of the following or any 'small world' toys, such as, dinosaurs and toy cars;



¹<mailto:office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk>

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS



These achievement certificates will be awarded to children who have been recognised for their hard work and values.

Last week the following pupils that have received them are:

Year 1: Jesse for being an amazing role model.

Year 2: Leo for super handwriting and prosody in reading.

Year 3: Everest for such a great enthusiastic start to year 3.

Year 4: Rupert for settling into year 4 so well.

Year 5: Eden for showing amazing maturity in his first week in year 5.

Year 6: Naia for her fantastic attitude to learning.

This week are:

Year 1: Lexi-May for an excellent attitude towards her learning.

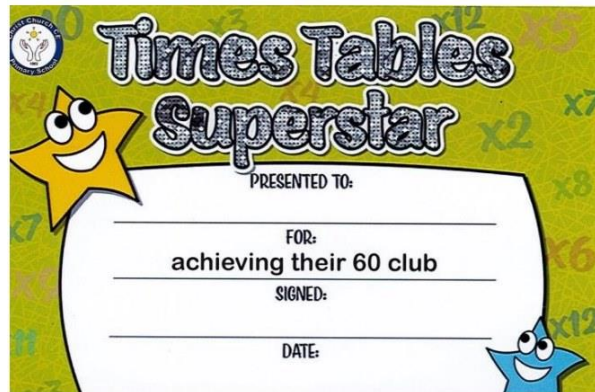
Year 2: Maia for a fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Year 3: Maria for being fabulous in all lessons.

Year 4: Anastasia for showing enthusiasm for learning.

Year 5: Esmae for settling in beautifully in year 5.

Year 6: Jan for a beautiful presentation.



We celebrate 50 Club and 60 Club for times tables. In the last 2 weeks the following pupils have been awarded their club certificates:

We haven't had any to celebrate so far as only being the 2nd week back to a new school year, we are all finding our feet and that is OK!

50 Club:

60 Club:



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.

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Silver (150 points)

Ruby (225 points)

Gold (300 points)

Sapphire (375 points)

Platinum (450 points)

Gemstone (525 points)

Rainbow (600 points)



Star reader certificates are awarded for reaching 50 plus reads at home. They are awarded with a star pin badge at 100 plus reads. This week the following pupils have achieved the following:

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Reading 50 times:

Reading 100 times (bronze):

Reading 150 times (silver):

Reading 200 times (gold):

Reading 250 times (Invite for tea with the headteacher):

Headteachers Awards



Headteachers awards are given when pupils have been selected by their class teacher or support staff to show their great work to Mr James!

This week the pupils that received a Headteacher award are;

Year 4 - Reuben for an amazing poem full of super choice of vocabulary.

Danuji for a superbly presented, powerful poem.

Year 5 - Pepi and Merit for a super presentation of their Spanish poster.



Our Star of the week awards are awarded weekly to a pupil and staff member that has stood out for their effort!

Our pupil Star of the week last week was: Aston and Dakota for settling into year 2 so well.

Our pupil Star of the week this week is: Hunter for showing bravery and courage in attending school.

Our staff Star of the week last week was: Mrs Bassett for settling into the Christ Church family so well.

Our staff Star of the this Week is: Miss Smith for settling into the Christ Church family so well.

Our Star Writer this week is: Reuben for a super presentation and beautiful handwriting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Closures/INSET days:

Friday 18th December 2026 - Inset Day

Monday 4th January 2027 - Inset Day

Monday 22nd February 2027 - Inset Day

Friday 26th March 2027 – Good Friday

Monday 29th March 2027 – Easter Monday

Monday 3 May 2027 - May Bank Holiday

Friday 7th May 2027 - Inset Day

Trips and Events

Monday 21st September - Swimming Lessons for Year 5 group A begin

Tuesday 29th September - Nasal flu Vaccinations, in school by the Sirona nursing team

Wednesday 30th September - Year 2 and 3 to Slimbridge

Wednesday 30th September - Year 1 Vision Screening

Thursday 1st October- PTA interest meeting at 3.20pm in the hall

Thursday 1st October- Chicken Nuggets/veggie fingers, chips and beans are available to order on swift kitchen! (Jacket potatoes and pasta are still also available.)

Tuesday 6th October - Year 2 trip to S.S. Great Britain

Friday 9th October - Hello Yellow Day, wear a yellow accessory to school to support Mental Health

Monday 12th October - Year 6 Residential camp trip to Magdalen Farm

Thursday 22nd October - Harvest Festival at church

Friday 23rd October - foodbank will be in to collect any donations and join our service. If you are able to, please bring any sealed, in date food to donate on this day

Wednesday 30th October - Year 1 Vision Screening

Tuesday 10th November- Parents evening from 3pm to 5.30pm (booking links will go out nearer the time)

Wednesday 11th November- Parents evening from 3.30pm to 5pm (booking links will go out nearer the time)

Tuesday 24th November - Individual/Sibling School Photos

After School 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 - to start in November

TERM 1

Starts: Monday 7th September 2026
Ends: Friday 23 October 2026

TERM 2

Starts: Monday 2 November 2026
Ends: Thursday 17 December 2026

TERM 3

Starts: Tuesday 5 January 2027
Ends: Friday 12 February 2026

TERM 4

Starts: Tuesday 23 February 2027
Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027

TERM 5

Starts: Monday 12 April 2027
Ends: Friday 28 May 2027

TERM 6

Starts: Monday 7th June 2027
Ends: Friday 23 July 2027



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Friday 26th March 2027 – Good Friday

Monday 29th March 2027 – Easter Monday

Monday 3 May 2027 - May Bank Holiday

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

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Friday 7th May 2027

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Attendance

The school gates open at 08:35 and children are expected to be in class by 08:45 for the register. Children arriving after this time are registered will be marked as 'late' and will need to be signed in by their parent/guardian.

Collection time is at 15:10 by an adult listed on the pupils contact list. Please let the school know and give permission if someone else will be picking up your child, as without this we will not be able to release your child to them for Safeguarding reasons.

The gate will close at 15:25 due to staff training and availability.

Phone 01934 620738 or email office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk² first thing in the morning to notify us of:

- absences/illnesses
- lates
- A different adult collecting your child

Please note:

North Somerset Council³ can fine you for late school arrivals if your child accumulates 10 unauthorised late marks within a rolling 10-school-week period.

Attendance Last week was; 96%

Attendance This week was; 97%

PE Kit - Dates

Reception - Wednesdays

Year 1 - Tuesdays

Year 2 - Thursdays

Year 3 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 4 - Wednesdays

Year 5 - Mondays (Year 5 also require swimming kit on Monday's if it is their turn to go)

Year 6 - Fridays

Lunches

Please book your child's school dinner on the Swift Kitchen in advance online or on the app <https://app.swiftkitchen.co.uk/>.

For those bringing packed lunches we ask that your lunchbox contains

- NO nuts to protect our children with allergies
- A drink of water

²<mailto:office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk>

³<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/school-attendance-and-children-missing-education/>

- 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.

SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

Free School Meals eligibility checker: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

If you complete the form online, it will let you and the school office know straightaway if your child is eligible.

You will either be entitled to

Free school lunch

Free school lunch as well as school funding given to support your child with things like school trips.

- CEOP ⁴News and articles surrounding internet safety.
- Think You Know ⁵Great advice to keep children safe whilst using the internet.
- Parent Info ⁶Expert information to help children and young people stay safe online.
- UK Safer Internet Centre ⁷uk/ ⁷E-safety tips, advice and resources.
- NSPCC Online Safety ⁸Helpful advice and tools you can use to help keep your child safe whenever and wherever they go online.
- Childnet International ⁹Parents and Carers information to keep your child safe online.
- Action for Children ¹⁰Action for Children supports and speaks for the UK's most vulnerable and neglected children and young people.
- BBC Bitesize ¹¹Fun activities to help children at learn more key subjects.
- Department for Education ¹²Articles and advice for children and young people

⁴<http://www.ceop.police.uk/>

⁵<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

⁶<http://parentinfo.org/>

⁷<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

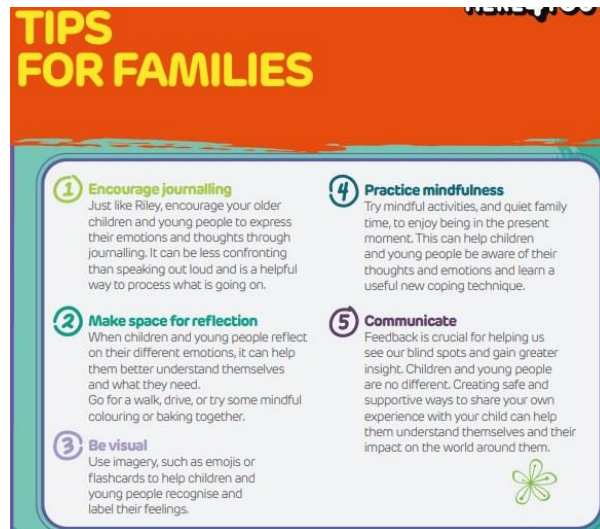
⁸<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

⁹<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

¹⁰<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

¹¹<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

- Parenting advice from child mental health experts Place2B¹³e
- Help for Young people of all ages here4you.co.uk¹⁴



Cost of Living Support



The Fridge of Free Stuff at the Sovereign Centre, Saturday 26th September 12-4pm

¹²<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

¹³<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

¹⁴<https://here4you.co.uk/>

Our Year 6 School Ambassadors



Our Ambassadors are; Molly and Evelin

Our Vice Ambassadors are; Sophie and Vera

We also have appointed;

Eco councillors:

Y2 Ayesha and Willow, Y3 Oscar + Evelyn, Y4 Reuben + Anastasia, Y5 Merit + Julia, Y6 Ema + River

Y6 Peer Supporters;

Logan, William, Scarlett, Nellie, Izzy, Dexter, Margot, Sophie, Molly, Armin

Time to apply to Secondary School for Year 6 Children



Children in current Year 6 are due to transfer to secondary school to Year 7 in September 2027. If your child is due to transfer to secondary school, you will need to apply for a school place.

Applications for secondary school places open on **12 September 2026**.

The closing date for applications is 11.59pm on **31 October 2026**.

We strongly recommend that you apply by the closing date. Applications received after this date may be treated as late and could affect the schools that can be considered for your child.

We recommend that you read our Parent Guide before making your application. The guide contains important information about the application process, how school places are allocated and how to make sure your preferences are considered correctly.

You can find the Parent Guide on our website: **Parent guides to starting or changing school | North Somerset Council**^{15 16}

You can apply online using the 'Apply for a school place online' link on our website: **Submit your application for a school place | North Somerset Council**^{17 18}

If you have previously registered for our online service, you can log in using your existing email address and password. If you have not used the service before, you can create a new account.

Before submitting your application, please check that the information held under 'My Account' is correct and up to date. In particular, please make sure your contact details and address are correct, as this information may be important when your application is considered.

Once you have submitted your online application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been received.

If you are unable to apply online, you can submit a paper application form. This is available from the same webpage.

You can name up to three preferred schools on your application. We recommend that you use all three preferences. Listing three schools does not reduce your chance of being offered

¹⁵<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/parent-guides-starting-or-changing-school>

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¹⁷<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/submit-your-application-school-place>

¹⁸<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/submit-your-application-school-place>

your first preference. It simply gives you the opportunity to express your preferences for more than one school.

Please consider your preferences carefully and make sure you understand the admission arrangements for each school you name.

Please note that naming a school as a preference does not guarantee that your child will be offered a place. Places are allocated in accordance with the relevant admission arrangements and the number of places available.

For applications received by the closing date, the outcome of your application will be sent to you on **1 March 2027**. You will be given information about the school place offered and what to do next.

Before contacting the School Admissions Team, please check the Parent Guide and the information on our website, as these contain answers to many common questions.

Yours sincerely

School Admissions Officers

Pupil, Places and Planning Team

Children's Services

North Somerset Council

Hans Price Academy Open Evening



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Ready to Teach
Ready to Lead

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OPEN EVENING

Thurs 24th Sept 2026
4:30pm - 7:30pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Mon 28th Sept - Fri 9th Oct
Tours available at 8:45am and 9:30am
No booking required.
Other times available by appointment.

We would like to invite you to join us and experience life at **Hans Price Academy**.

On our Open Evening you will be able to meet our friendly and welcoming staff, and either be guided by our superb students or, should you prefer, take a walk around the Academy on your own. Be sure to stop at our canteen to try our range of delicious food.

At Hans Price Academy we expect all students to be **Ready to Learn** and all teachers to be **Ready to Teach. High Expectations** form the basis of these two aspects of Academy life. Come and experience the different aspects of our curriculum.

We believe that our students are our greatest asset and we take great pride in being part of their education both in the classroom and through the extra-curricular sessions we offer. In turn they take pride in their Academy, dress well and take their learning seriously. We have an unshakable belief that every child can achieve given the right support and challenge.



**To find out more call 01934 629307
or email info@hpa.clf.uk**

Hans Price Academy, Marchfields Way, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 3QP
www.hanspriceacademy.clf.uk



Open mornings - Mon 28th Sept - Fri 9th Oct, tours available at 8:45am and 9:30am. No booking required, other times available by appointment.

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Please refer to your local study centre. Subject to availability.

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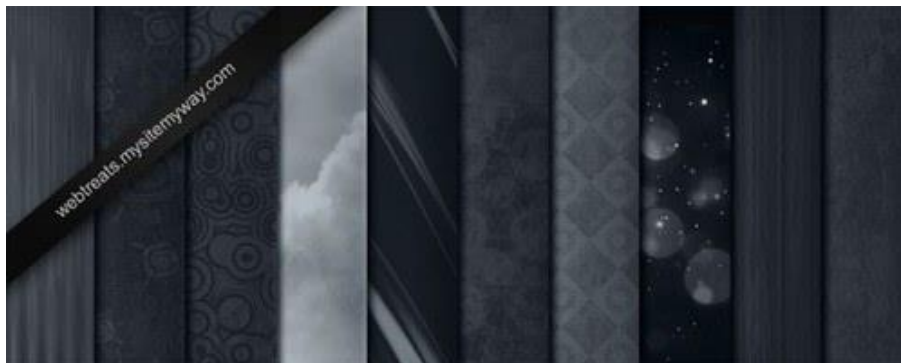
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A Course for Parents and Carers to Access



Booking link for a self-harm awareness training course for parents/carers;

link:https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-harm-awareness-session-for-parents-carers-tickets-1989371388375?aff=oddttdtcreator&keep_tld=true