Newsletter 16th October 2026







'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon,

What another busy and enjoyable week we have had. It has been lovely to see the children engaged in their learning across the school and also enjoying the autumn sunshine during OPAL Play and PE.

There have been some brilliant opportunities both in school and further afield this week. We have certainly missed our Year 6 children while they have been away at Magdalen Farm on their residential, and we cannot wait to welcome them back and hear all about their adventures!

On Thursday, some of our Year 5 children represented the school at a KMAT Dodgeball Festival. They did us proud, showing fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm and ball skills throughout the event. Well done to everyone who took part!

Harvest and the theme of gratitude have also been an important focus for us this week. Next Thursday morning, Years 3 and 4 will lead our Harvest Service at the church, and on Friday we will welcome our friends from Weston Foodbank into school to receive your kind donations. Please send any donations into school on Friday morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

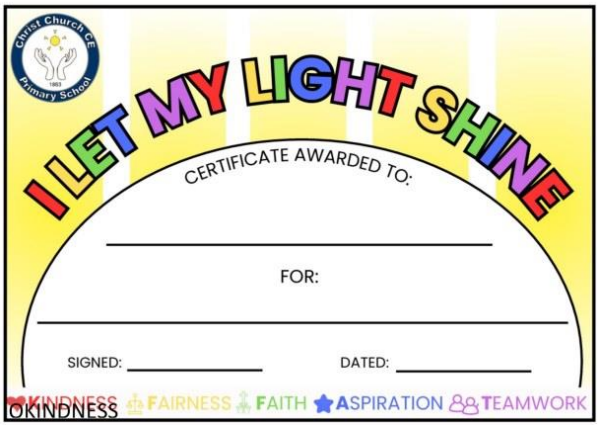
Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Clarke

Deputy Headteacher

Christ Church CofE Primary School

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: Barney for building resilience and independence.

Year 2: Willow for always doing the right thing and exceptional handwriting.

Year 3: Amy for amazing progress with her handwriting.

Year 4: Leo for amazing participation all week and excellent effort with handwriting.

Year 5: Julia for showing a mature attitude to her work and her friends.

Year 6: Zeynep for an all round good and positive work ethic.

This week the following pupils that have received them are:

Year 1: Clarissa for always giving 100% and being a kind friend.

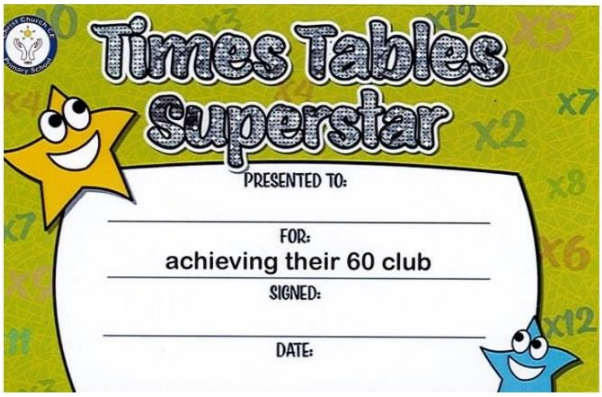
Year 2: Kaira for amazing focus and participation in maths.

Year 3: Melyssa for impeccable behaviour at all times.

Year 4: Flavius for a brilliant contribution to lessons and great improvement in handwriting.

Year 5: Nikel for fantastic effort at a KMAT sport event this week.

Year 6: (On camp)



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 this fortnight.

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.

This last 2 weeks the following pupils have achieved the following:

Bronze (75 points) - Year 1 Abi, Jesse, Liam, Clarissa and Eden

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 last 2 weeks the following pupils have achieved the following:

We haven't had any to celebrate so far this fortnight.

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!

Last week the pupils that received a Headteacher award are;

Year 1 - Abigail for super skills in her P.E football lesson, great control of the ball.

Year 6 - Dexter and Scarlett for their great maths work and understanding of the learning.

This week the pupils that received a Headteacher award are;

Year Reception - Jasper and Izzy for amazing and independent writing.

Year 2 - Andreas for fantastic independent fact family maths.

Year 3 – Brian, Evelyn, Maris, Elham and Diesel for such thoughtful Harvest prayers.

Year 4 – Dakota for completing work to a high standard.

Kyle for such imaginative story telling.

Year 5 - Luna, Lorik, Amelia and Eden for fabulous football skills and teamwork.





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: Filip for being super helpful and showing kindness in helping to tidy breakfast club.

Our pupil Star of the week this week is: River for helping in all the classes.

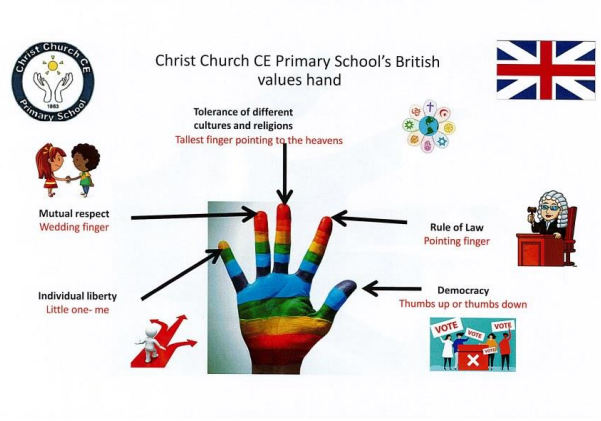
Our staff Star of the week last week was: Mrs Jasper for opening the nest and being nurturing to the children.

Our staff Star of the this Week is: Miss Lassetter for being fantastic in EYFS.

Our Star Writer last week was: Amy for such amazing progress in her handwriting in just 4 weeks.

Our Star Writer this week is: Jasper in Reception for fantastic efforts.

Term 2 We will be focusing on Democracy



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 Aysha + 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

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

Year 6 are now back from camp, we hope they all have a restful weekend to recover from all the activities!

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.

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Saturday 31st October - Deadline for Year 6 children to apply for their secondary school.

Thursday 5th November - School dinner special - Bonfire/Quorn-fire banger hot dog, wedges and smoky BBQ beans (as well as the usual options)

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).

Friday 13th November - Children In Need (More details to follow).

Tuesday 24th November - Individual/Sibling School Photos.

Thursday 3rd December - EYFS Christmas Nativity - school hall at 10am.

Tuesday 1st December - Rags to Riches collection (More details to follow).

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday 17th December - Last day of term.

Friday 18th December - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

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, Thursdays- to start next term.

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 love any donations of 'small world toys' such as, toy cars and animals if anyone can help or with any donations of the following:

Important notice to parents/carers regarding our Allergy Policy

Important Notice to Parents and Carers

At Christchurch, the safety and wellbeing of all our children is our highest priority. In line with the new national statutory guidance known as **Benedict's Law, 2026**, all schools in England are required to implement stricter safeguards to protect children living with severe and life-threatening allergies.

We have a statutory duty to ensure that all foods are labelled and mitigate any risks of potential cross-contamination with allergens, unfortunately, this is not something we are able to guarantee or accept responsibility for regarding items brought into school.

Following the updated guidance, we will no longer be allowing sweets, cakes, biscuits, chocolates or any other celebratory food items to be brought into school for birthdays, special occasions or class celebrations. We understand that sharing treats has traditionally been a lovely way to celebrate special events. However, even small amounts of certain foods can pose a serious risk to children with severe allergies. By removing all celebratory snacks from school, we can help create a safer environment for every child.

We kindly ask parents and carers not to send in any food treats for distribution to pupils.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to ensure that our school is a safe and inclusive place for all children.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued Co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kerry James

Headteacher

Please follow the link below to view our full Allergy Policy;

https://www.christchurchprimaryschool.org/attachments/documents.asp?id=747

Please note; you are able to send your children in with a snack for their after school club, however, we are a **NUT- FREE** school.



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.uk[1] first thing in the morning to notify us of:

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

Please note:

North Somerset Council[2] 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 95.5% and this week was .....

PE Kit - Dates

Children to come to school in their PE Kits on their PE Day

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
- A piece of fresh fruit

[1] mailto:office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk
[2] https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/school-attendance-and-children-missing-education/

- 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.

New Starter Information

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 recieve 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. Orders can be made with Concept Wear, Oldmixon.

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.uk[3]) 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 accommodate a 7:45 start for just £1 per child, per day.

[3] mailto:office@christchurch.kmat.co.uk

SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN



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

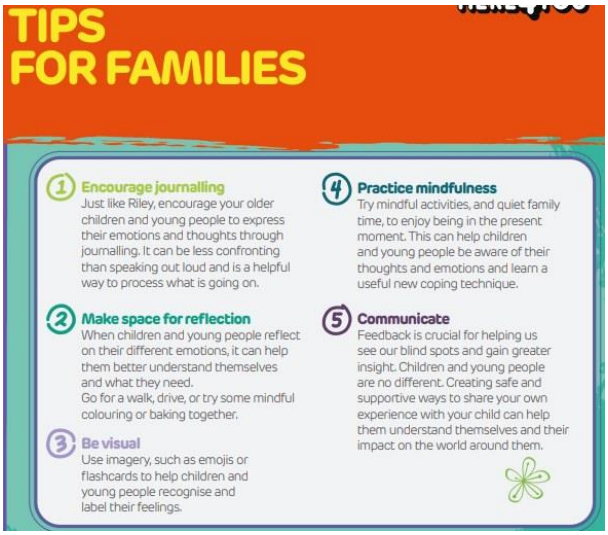
If you complete the form online, it will let you and the school office know straightaway if your child is eligible.

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 [4]News and articles surrounding internet safety.
- Think You Know [5]Great advice to keep children safe whilst using the internet.
- Parent Info [6]Expert information to help children and young people stay safe online.
- UK Safer Internet Centreuk/ [7]E-safety tips, advice and resources.
- NSPCC Online Safety [8]Helpful advice and tools you can use to help keep your child safe whenever and wherever they go online.
- Childnet International [9]Parents and Carers information to keep your child safe online.
- Action for Children [10]Action for Children supports and speaks for the UK's most vulnerable and neglected children and young people.
- BBC Bitesize [11]Fun activities to help children at learn more key subjects.
- Department for Education [12]Articles and advice for children and young people
- Parenting advice from child mental health experts Place2B[13]e
- Help for Young people of all ages here4you.co.uk[14]



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[11]http://www.bbc.co.uk/education
[12]https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education
[13]https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/
[14]https://here4you.co.uk/

Time to apply to Secondary School for Year 6 Children

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

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

[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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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 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

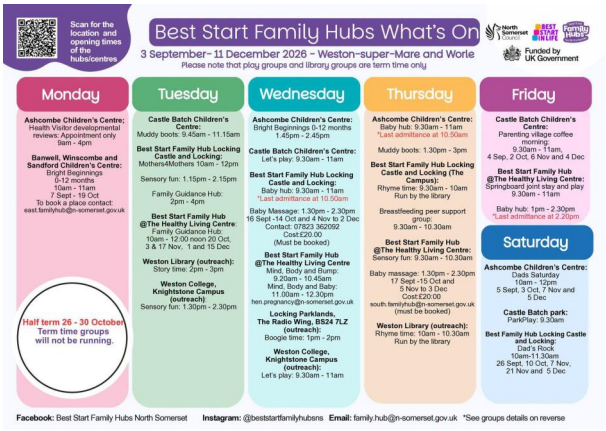
Event at Christ **Church** (not school)



Christ Church
16 Montpelier
Weston – super – Mare
BS23 2RH

Tel: 01934 641016

Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk



2 - Best Start Family Hubs What's On



3 - Events coming up with Imagination Fascination!



Makaton Workshops

Level 1 training provides a practical introduction to the Makaton Language Programme.

Sessions include discussing commonly asked questions, hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use and how to start using Makaton in everyday situations at home or work.

You will also learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 and 2, and some of the Additional stage, of the Core Vocabulary.

This course is for available for parents/carers of pre-school and school-aged children or professionals working in early years settings or schools who need to use Makaton to support the communication skills of others.

Current workshop dates: The Level 1 course is split over two morning sessions and participants must book on to and attend BOTH sessions:

- **Session 1: 9.30-12.30 Tuesday 10th November 2026**
- **Session 2: 9.30-12.30 Tuesday 17th November 2026**

Location: Patchway HUB, Rodway Road, Patchway, South Gloucestershire, BS34 5PE

Cost: (includes participants manual)

- **Parents: £25 (per parent)**
- **Professionals: £70 (per professional/staff member)**

Places are booked and paid for via Eventbrite using this link:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2000272684445?aff=oddtdtcreator [19]

For enquiries please email **Sirona.SLTTrainingTeam@nhs.net**

Please note you will be unable to claim a refund if you cancel with less than 14 days notice.

[19] https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2000272684445?aff=oddtdtcreator