End of Term 1 Newsletter 23rd October 2026





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'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone,

Well, that's the end of term 1 already. I imagine the EYFS parents are wondering where that time went. It has been a busy term with lots going on and trips etc taking place so now it's

time for the pupils to have a hard-earned rest and the staff as well. We return to school on Monday 2nd November.

I wanted to say what a great time I had with the year 6 pupils on camp at Magdalen Farm last week. It was a joy to spend time with them out of school getting to know them a bit better. They were amazing and the feedback from the camp was extremely positive.

Next term will be even busier, I am sure. Please make sure that your child/ren have a nice warm coat ready for the oncoming winter.

Have a lovely rest and we will see you in a week's time.

Regards

Mr Kerry James

BA Hons

Head Teacher

Christchurch CE Primary School

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

END OF TERM 1 VALUE - KINDNESS



At the end of each term, we celebrate one of our core values by recognising the children who have consistently demonstrated it throughout the term. Our core value for the end of Term 1 is **Kindness**. The children chosen to receive this award are:

Year 1: Abi

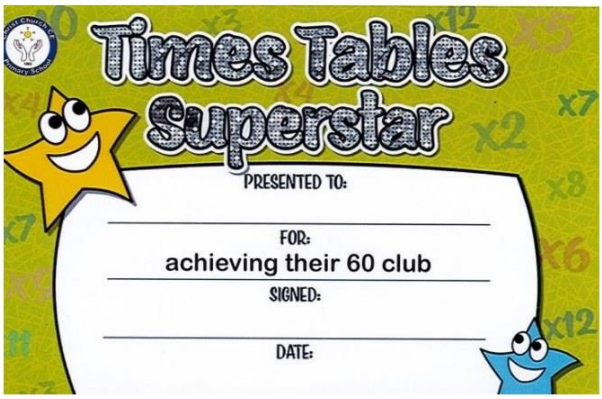
Year 2: Kaira

Year 3: Ella

Year 4: Lottie

Year 5: Fiona

Year 6: Antonia



We celebrate 50 Club and 60 Club for times tables.

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

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 – Barney and Peniel

Year 2 – Iris

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:

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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!

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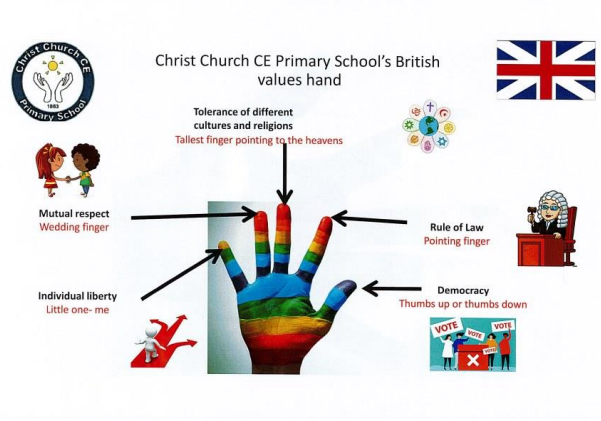


Our Star of the week awards are awarded weekly to a pupil and staff member that has stood out for their effort!

Our pupil Star of the week this week is: All of Year 6 for their positive behaviour and enthusiasm on camp last week.

Our staff Star of the this Week is: Ms Malin for settling into our team and having to do an intense amount of training.

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

Yesterday we had our lovely Harvest Festival at Church and today a food bank collection and assembly, wow thank you for such generous donations!

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

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

Monday 2nd November - We begin Term 2.

Thursday 5th November - School dinner firework special.

Tuesday 10th November- Parents evening from 3pm to 5.30pm (booking links on Dojo).

Wednesday 11th November- Parents evening from 3.30pm to 5pm (booking links on Dojo).

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 8th December - Rags to Riches collection, we will be welcoming any clothing items without a school logo throughout November.

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:

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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 this week was 94%

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/.

[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/

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
- 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.

SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN



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

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

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

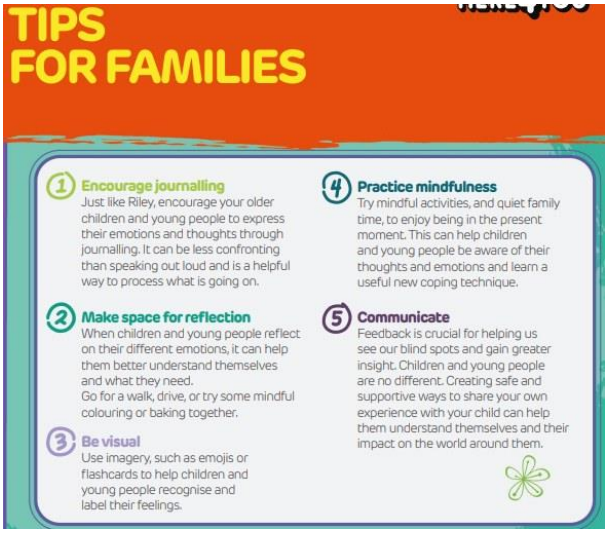
You will either be entitled to

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]

[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
[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]

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

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 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

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[16] https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/parent-guides-starting-or-changing-school

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

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Children's Services

North Somerset Council

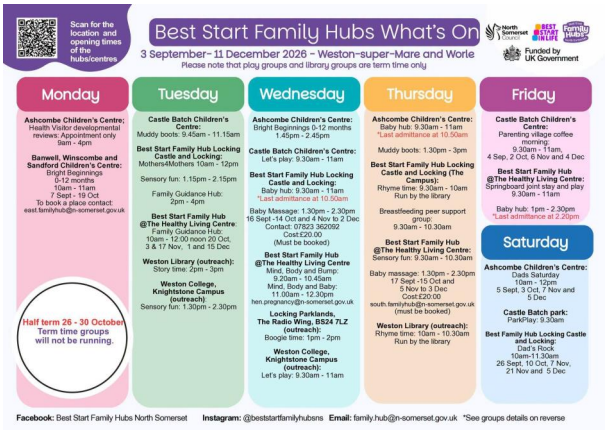
Half Term Event at Christ **Church**, 16 Montpelier



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!



4 - After School Deals!



5 - Lots of Dino related events on at Weston Museum next week, check out; https://westonmuseum.org/events/category/museum-events/



6 - Boom Box Youth Project - every Tuesday evening