Newsletter 13th November 2026







'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Good afternoon everyone,

A frost this morning tells us that Winter is around the corner. Pleased read the attached advice in regards to when to and when not to send your child into school in this newsletter.

Today we celebrated Children in Need day and than you as always for the donations made. We will get it sent off as soon as possible to help the many children in need around the

country. We also honoured Remembrance day with a lovely service led by our Year ambassadors and we held a 1-minute silence.

I am very proud of our pupils at all times and this week I received some feedback from the public about how well behaved our pupils are when they are out on their trips. Year 1 went to the Weston Museum (they also held a 1-minute silence) and our EYFS children enjoyed their welly walk in Grove Park.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the carnival tonight if you are going. I also heard their is a firework display on the Pier on Saturday night?

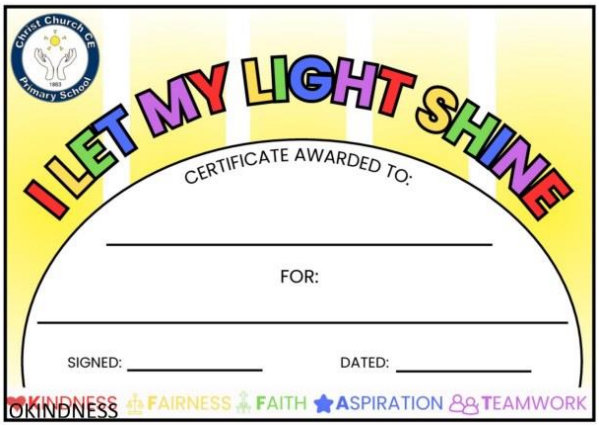
Regards

Mr James

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.

In the last two weeks the following pupils that have received them are:

Year 1: Keeley for such a positive attitude coming back to school after half term.

Mavis for always trying her best in everything she does.

Year 2: Alex for exceptional progress in reading and writing, as well as great independence.

Iris for always setting a wonderful example for the rest of the class.

Year 3: Keziah for giving 100% effort in all of her learning.

Luca for a beautiful creation poem.

Year 4: Nila for working hard in her English lessons.

Eric for brilliant understanding in Maths.

Year 5: Finley for embracing change with positivity and maturity.

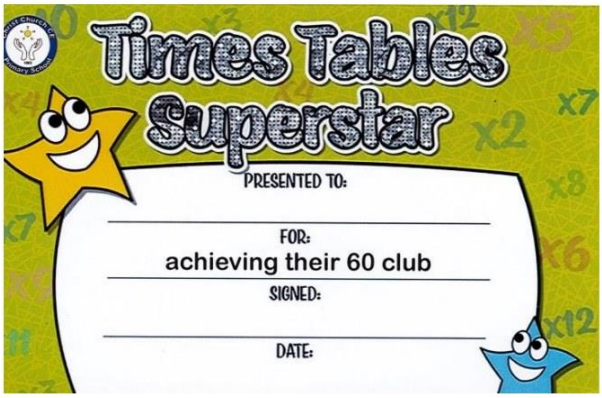
Natalia for showing great maturity every day.

Year 6: Filip for leading by example.

Izzy for demonstrating a positive work ethic.

Nurture Hub: Mia Year 2 for working hard and growing in confidence.

Izabella Year 5 for working towards her targets and being brave.



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

In the last two weeks the following pupils have achieved the following:

50 Club:

60 Club: Year 6 - Vera



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.

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

Bronze (75 points) -

Year 1 – Margo, Aliz, Rhea, Maks, Mavis, Evie and Biel.

Year 2 - Willow

Year 3 - Ella and Lily.

Year 6 - Vera, Nellie and Margot.

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. In the last 2 weeks the following pupils have achieved the following:

Reading 50 times (certificate):

Year 1- Biel, Clarissa, Eden, Jesse, Liam and Peniel

Year 2 – Yoanna, Luna.R and Luna.S

Year 6- Vera and William

Reading 100 times (bronze pin):

Reading 150 times (silver pin):

Reading 200 times (gold pin):

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!

In the last two weeks the pupils that received a Headteacher award are;

Year 2 - Albie and Maia for fantastic dancing in their PE lesson.

Year 3 – Jugaad for super hard work in practice of number formation – number 8.

Amelia, Amy, Brian, Elham, Caleb, Luca, Oscar, Teddy, Ashleigh, Diesel and Lily for wonderful and thoughtful poetry about creation.

Year 5 – Yanek, Eden, Leon, Jessica and Chloe for super suspense writing with using great vocabulary choices.

Year 6 – Dexter, Olivia, Sophie, Sminoy, Vera and Filip for great teamwork and effort in dance.





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: Sminoy Year 6 for settling superbly into his new school.

Our pupil Star of the week this week is: All of Year 1 for their behaviour on their school trip this week, the museum was very impressed!

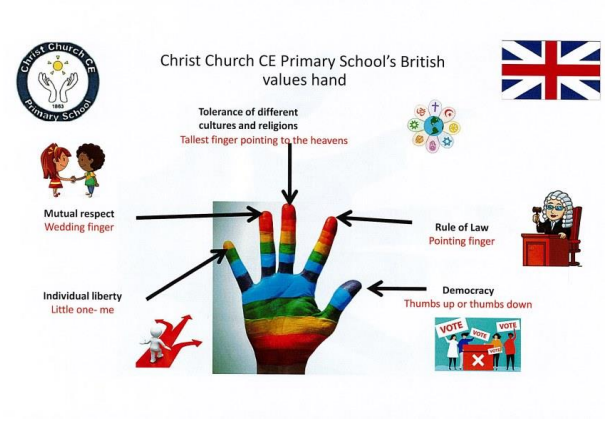
Our staff Star of the week last week was: Ms King for being such a valued, helpful and caring member of Christ Church who will be missed dearly.

Our staff Star of the this Week is: Mr Ealden and Miss Duffy for supporting the school when asked to ensure the smooth running of the school.

Our Star Writer last week was: Arsh Year 1 for showing amazing effort in his writing of a beautiful firework poem.

Our Star Writer this week is: Leo year 4 for exceptional handwriting this week!

Term 2 We will be focusing on Democracy





1 - 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



2 - We have our next PTA meeting arranged for Wednesday 18th November at 3.15pm

When should I send my child to school? Please see the following link for NHS guidance; https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/



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 16th November - Year 6 Height and Weight checks with Sirona (opt out forms are in the office if you would not like your child to take part).

Tuesday 17th November - Y1,2,3 to the cinema to watch Hoppers, back in time for lunch.

Wednesday 18th November - PTA meeting at 3.15pm.

Thursday 19th November - Y4,5,6 to the cinema to watch Minions, back in time for lunch.

Monday 23rd November - Be aware of a notification of roadworks along Baker Street.

Tuesday 24th November - Individual/Sibling School Photos, Nursery/Pre-School siblings are allowed to join from 8.30- 9am, please let the office know if you require this.

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

Tuesday 8th December - Rags to Riches collection, we can start collecting donations of clothes from next week (no school logo's please, more details below).

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! Please book your children in for lunch as normal and Christmas jumpers are encouraged!

Thursday 10th December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Nativity at church, parents welcome, showings are at 10am and 1.30pm.

Wednesday 16th December - Carols around the tree at Christ Church

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

Multi-sports Club Mondays (Year 1 & 2), Tuesdays (Year 3 & 4) Wednesdays (Year 5 & 6)

Art Club (All years) Thursdays

Festive Fun Christmas Dinner Menu - Wednesday 9th December!



OPAL PLAY



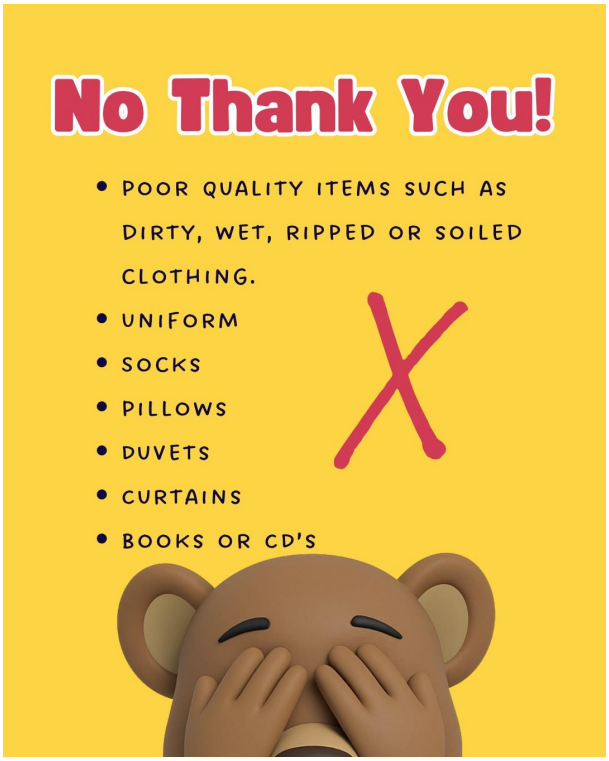


We have the OPAL Play programme (Outdoor Play and Learning) which makes playtimes fun!

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:

Rags to Riches donations - What we can and cannot take





Important Allergy Information

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 DATES FOR 2026-2027



TERM 3

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

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

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 first thing in the morning to notify us of:

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

Please note:

North Somerset Council 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/.

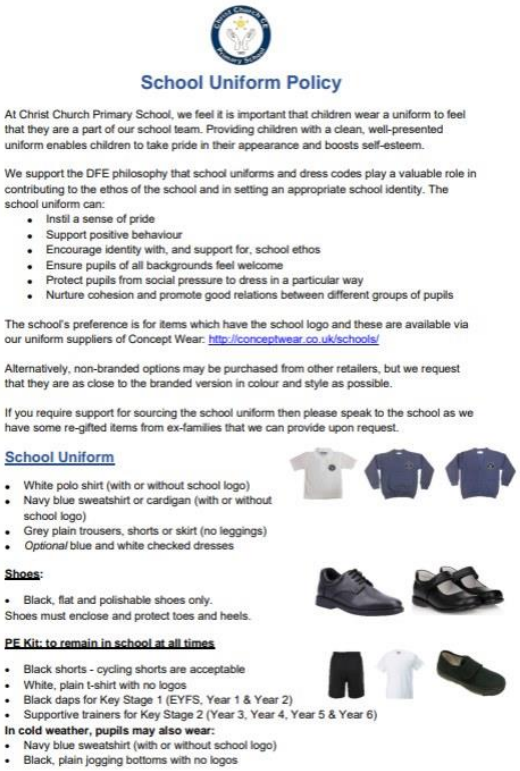
For those bringing packed lunches we ask that your lunchbox contains

- **NO nuts** to protect our children with allergies
- A drink of water
- A piece of fresh fruit
- 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.

School Uniform Policy



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

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 Class Dojo and this is 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) 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.



Follow the link below for more support for families;

https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/best-start-family-hubs-north-somerset/what-best-start-family-hub

North Somerset Council

Transition to Secondary School

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOP

Supporting your child's move to secondary school



The transition workshop will share the latest thoughts, feelings and experiences from current Year 7 students across North Somerset, helping parents and carers understand what the move to secondary school is really like.

WHAT PARENTS & CARERS TOLD US

- "It was extremely informative and really put my mind at ease."
- "Friendly, helpful and knowledgeable. Thank you!"
- "All our questions were answered with care and patience."
- "A good range of topics and plenty of opportunity to ask questions."
- "Lots of ideas to help me support my child."
- "Really practical advice from the end of Year 6 to starting secondary school."

WHY ATTEND?

Hear real experiences
Find out what life at secondary school is really like from current Year 7 students.

Feel confident
Get practical advice and reassurance for the transition.

Ask questions
Share your thoughts and concerns with local professionals.

NEXT WORKSHOP

DATE
Wednesday 11th November

TIME
1:15 – 2:30pm

LOCATION
Castle Batch Family Hub

All parents and carers welcome
Come along to hear real experiences and get support for a confident start to secondary school.

Tickets can be booked via Ticket Tailor
Search for "Transition to Secondary School Workshop" on Ticket Tailor to book your place.

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