



Christ Church CofE Primary School

WE LEARN, WE PLAY, WE CARE
AND WE PRAY
IN JESUS' NAME

Dates for your diary: Please be aware Dates & Times may change at very short notice

- Monday 4th November** – School Re-Opens at 8:40am/ Shoe Box Appeal items need to be in today
Tuesday 5th November – Year 6 selling Poppies this week for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
Wednesday 6th November – Reception Class Messy Church 1:30pm/PTA Bonfire Bingo 3:30pm
Friday 8th November – SEND/Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:30am
Friday 15th November – Children In Need – Please donate through the Parentpay link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15359>

- Monday 18th November** – Say Cheese!, Tempest photography in school to take individual portraits
Tuesday 19th November – Year 6 Crucial Crew Event
Thursday 21st November – EYFS/Reception 2025 Open Morning 9:30am
Thursday 28th November – School Health in to do Flu Programme R-6, any questions contact them on 01244 397470
Friday 29th November – Year 5 Trip to Tatton Park
Tuesday 10th December – EYFS/Reception Class Nativity 3:30pm
Wednesday 11th December – KS1/Year 1&2 Nativity, 2pm & 5pm
Tuesday 17th December – Whole School Carol Services @ St Thomas' Church 6pm
Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Day @ CC, Panto & enjoy a Turkey Roast Dinner Batch for lunch
Thursday 19th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper today - School finishes at 3.20pm for Christmas returning on
Tuesday 7th January 2025 8:40am

MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVIES

What a long and busy half term we have had – so much learning has taken place! The children have all settled incredibly well and we all feel that Reception Class have been part of our school family much longer than they actually have. They have taken to 'big school' like ducks to water and are happily making the most of all Christ Church has to offer – a big well done to Reception!

This is the first version of our 'new style' half-termly newsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading all about what the children have been doing in class and around school. I was lucky enough to spend two great days on the Year 3 Residential at Burwardsley. I was so proud of our children, they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and further embedded their learning about the Stone Age – their history knowledge was very impressive.

Just a reminder about attendance – school can't authorise term-time holidays and ten consecutive missed register marks or ten missed register marks (not consecutive) in a rolling ten-week period will result in fixed penalty notices. [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you about the Parent Code of Conduct, which we introduced last year. The adults in school often go above and beyond their role requirements to support our children and families and, while at times they have to deliver difficult and sensitive information, they do so following advice and direction from other agencies. Please ensure your interactions and communication about and with all members of the school community are respectful and considerate.

Have a lovely half-term break, stay safe and well, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November 2024.

Best wishes,

Freda



“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans.”

John Lennon



Dear Lord,

Let us pray for rest as school half-term holidays begin. We thank teachers and all those who work with children and pray they can rest and rejuvenate. We also pray for families - that children and parents enjoy the week together and also pray for the success of activities that take place during half-term.

Amen

PRAYER & PRAISE AWARDS

ALFIE OLIVIA MAIYA JOZEF TED MAX
 KHALEESI LILY LOGAN CHARLIE THOMAS
 MILLY FILEY ELLA OLIVIA HARVEY RICKY
 BONNIE LOUIE EMILY WILLIAM THEO
 TALLULAH TJ ELSIE RONNIE ELIZA ISAAC
 RICKY GEORGE ALICE LUCA ALFIE LEXI
 ALEXANDER FRASER ESMÆ ISABELLA
 MAX IZABELLE ELLIOT TABITHA PHOEBE
 NANCY HUGO MARY ERIN MAX TOBY
 ALYSSIA-RAE BRODIE SKYLA PEARL
 XANDER EMI GEORGE MATILDA AGNES
 IDA OLIVIA JAYA BETSY ELIZA HEIDI ROSE
 OSCAR EMILY ELISE AXL YEAR 3 FOR
 RESIDENTIAL & HARVEST DANIEL EMILY
 HUEY HUGO ISABELLE EVE

Have you moved house, changed mobile number or other contact details, please do not forget to let us know in writing. Either email admin@christchurchpri.cheshire.sch.uk or pop a written note into the office. Thankyou

Holidays in term time will incur a fixed penalty notice. For more information please see our website, theCWAC website also has information regarding attendance & you can download future cwac holiday dates that we follow (apart from 5 INSET dates that need to be set)

Please complete a leave of absence request form from the school office and return for any requests with 14 days notice.

Polite Request - Please be honest if taking your child out during term time for a holiday so they can freely talk about their adventures even if it is for one day, please also be honest as well when collecting your child early as they will quite often say were going the 'Caravan'/'Party' etc' as it is upsetting and disrespectful to Staff.

Collecting early/arriving late does have an impact and disturbs the whole class and your child's learning.

YEAR R



Reception have been learning their new routines in school. They have started fun phonics sessions and have been learning about what makes them special. Reception have been exploring Autumn and different signs of Autumn. Our favourite book so far has been the Jolly postman, we loved seeing who he helped!

YEAR 1

Year 1 have settled in well and are raising to the new challenges that Year 1 brings. In English we started the year by focusing on writing linked to *No Outsiders*, the children loved the story of Elmer. Our writing focus is on narratives and we have been writing using our author of the term, Oliver Jeffers and the story *Lost and Found*. This term our Maths units are: Place Value, Addition and subtraction and geometry. Our geography and history units have a focus on 'What is it like to live in Ellesmere Port? / How has Ellesmere Port changed?' We have enjoyed learning about what aerial view means and we are in the process of building up to creating our own maps. In RE we have been learning about harvest and also how not everyone has a good harvest and as *Beacons*, what we could do to help people who do not have a good harvest. We have enjoyed a forest school session which has helped support our season focus in science. We loved logging on to Purple Mash and have used this to platform to create some digital art based on the artist Hal Lasko.

YEAR 2

We have had a really busy start in Year 2. We have been learning about place value and have started to look at addition and subtraction in Maths. We have explored the city of London across both subjects in English and History so far this half term. We have read *Katie in London* and have studied information texts based on famous London landmarks. In History, we are studying The Great Fire of London!



YEAR 3

The children have had a great start to Year 3. They really enjoyed learning about the Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Age, with many of the children having an amazing time at the Burwardsley Centre on their Y3 Residential.

What the children said ...

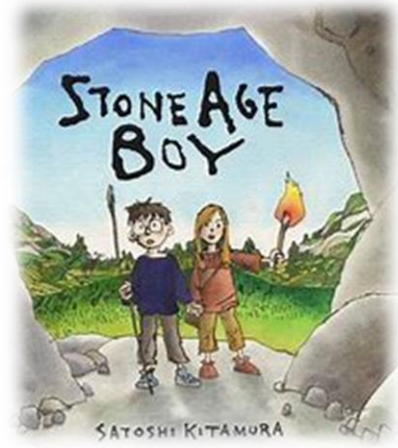
I have really enjoyed the harvest festival because we to take on five more lines at the last minute.

I loved the residential, especially the pasta. I loved the harvest.

I liked the archaeological dig on the residential because we found bones and green stone.

I have loved this year because the residential was fabulous, with great cottage pie and fun activities.

I enjoyed the harvest festival because we performed in front of the school.



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YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a busy start to the year! We have been working hard on our times tables – lots of the children are whizzing through them now! In English, we have been reading the book 'Gorilla' which has inspired us to write our own stories. We have been learning about 'Sound' in Science and how sound travels when an object vibrates. We were surprised to find out that sound travels faster through a solid than through the air! We investigated which materials make a good sound insulator. In RE, we have been learning about 'Prayer'. We enjoyed our session with Reverend Rachel where we made a big 'chain of thanks' and added prayers to our class 'Prayer Tree'.



YEAR 5



What a busy half term we have had in Year 5! In English we have been writing our own Norse myths based upon the story of Arthur and Golden Rope. We included lots of new and adventurous vocabulary from the story. In



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maths we have learnt about the place value of bigger numbers and applied skills to addition and subtraction. Our topic has been the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We have learnt about how they settled in Britain and formed 7 kingdoms. We have been very



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fortunate to visit Theatre Porto and watch a performance of The Chronicles of



Atom and Luna.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the year and it has been lovely to see them all settled in. We have been lucky enough to welcome Jo from Chester Cricket Club to provide hands-on coaching in batting and bowling, allowing them to develop their skills in a supportive and engaging environment. Essar provided a fantastic science workshop where we learnt all about crude oil and how it plans to use hydrogen power in the future. They have worked really hard on their handwriting and have produced some excellent stories based on King Kong

By



Mrs Hopwood and Mrs Blockley.

We really enjoyed putting bread around school to see how the mould grew on it. We have got to know our buddies and we have loved being able to play with them at lunchtimes. It has been great to sit on the benches in worship and we have also really enjoyed our zoom workshops with the other schools. We are reading the Explorer by Katherine Rundell and we can't wait to see how it ends!

By Molly, Poppy and Emily T

Reminder – Please apply for High School before 31 October 2024



FOREST NEWS -Autumn in the forest can be so magical with the colourful leaves and crisp air. Reception class thoroughly enjoyed their first adventure into the forest whilst Year 1 made the most of the season and collected a range of leaves and seeds to share with the class. Year 5 had great fun using what they had learnt in their Science lessons to build levers in the forest to move loads. They even used their knowledge of pulleys to transport some forest animals!



SENSORY GARDEN - Sensory garden is well underway. It has been cleared ready to start laying the foundations of the garden. Our blossom tree arrives on Monday ready for our memorial area and we are excited to see this blossom in the spring.



SPORTS NEWS - *We have welcomed back Cheshire Cricket and their coaches in to Christ Church for another half term of fun, engaging PE lessons. Furthermore, we have House of Dance once a week to deliver quality dance lessons. Recently, football and netball teams from Years 5 and 6 went to a church-school cluster tournament and represented the Christ Church brilliantly.*



PTA - Wednesday 6th November – Bonfire Bingo 3:30pm
Friday 6th December – Xmas Fair After School

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Pre-School/Breakfast/After-school (S4YC)
Mobile Number -07399155059

ShoeBox Appeal – Last day to send in items is Monday 4th November

YR R – SMALL TEDDY/TOY (NEW)

YR 1 – TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE

YR 2 – SOAP AND FLANNEL

YR 3 – GLOVES/HATS/SCARVES

YR 4 – SWEETS (IN PACKS DATE JUNE 24 ONWARDS)

YR 5 – SOCKS/UNDERWEAR

YR 6 – STATIONERY (NOTEBOOKS/PENCILS ETC)

Hopefully we will get enough donations to make at least 7 Christmas boxes. Thankyou

School Dinners – Please pay in advance of your KS2 child having a dinner and keep the dinner account in Credit. Dinners are £3.00 per day, £15 per week. If you owe dinner's please clear ALL outstanding debts before allowing your child to have a school dinner, please send them in with a packed lunch and continue to make payments to clear anything owing. Thankyou

DINNER MENU WEEK – 3 WEEK CYCLE

This week is Week 2, w/c 04/11/24 will be Week 1, 11/11/24 = Week 2, 18/11/24 = Week 3

25/11/24 = Week 1, 02/12/24 = Week 2. 09/12/24 = Week 3, 16/12/24 = Week 1

After Christmas 7/01/25 we will be return on Week 1

Trips already sent out and are on Parentpay

Year 5&6 residential Feb 2025-£30 Deposits and commitment to pay in full now passed – payment plan now set up for the remaining £200. The trip total is £230 and needs to be paid by 31/01/2025 please

Year 1 residential July 2025-£40 Deposits and commitment to pay in full by 8th November 2024. Payment plan in place £117.10 to be paid by 16th May 2025 please.

Year 1 Boat Museum – Friday 10th January 2025 £13.60 payable by 13/12/24 please

Year 5 – Tatton Park visit Friday 29th November 2024 £24.50 to be paid by 15/11/24 please.

Year 6 – Crucial Crew visit 19th November 2024 £6.18 to be paid by 15/11/24 please

If you need a reminder of your parentpay login please email admin. Letters have been sent with all the information on, if you need another copy please just ask. If you have difficulty in meeting the requested amount please contact Mrs Davies or Mrs Hopwood via the school office, please do not leave it to the last minute.

Dog Fouling – Please report using the details below if you spot any dog fouling in the area, CWAC will only address it if we all report it. Thank you

0300 123 8123 number for StreetScene

Link for reporting:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/dog-and-animal-fouling>

Please use Both School Gates at drop off and pick up to ease congestion

Both gates are opened at 8:40am and again at pick up time, please use Both gates to help ease congestion, **it is easier to use the top gate to leave as the access by the main entrance is very narrow.** A member of staff will be on the gates as normal in the morning. Thankyou

PARKING – PLEASE PARK SAFELY

Can I just remind parents to park safely, sensibly and legally when dropping off and picking up from school; please ensure you leave your vehicles in a place that is considerate to our school neighbours and legal. The new yellow lines and pavements ensure the safety of pedestrians navigating the road network and are not a safe place to park.

The School Carpark is only to be used by Staff and Blue badge holders (please display your badge) unless you have had prior permission from Mrs Davies to park in it. Thankyou for your support and cooperation.

Thursday 21st November – EYFS/Reception 2025 Open Morning 9:30am



Starting Primary School in September 2025

**Do you have a child born
between 1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021 and
are you a Cheshire West
and Chester resident?**

YES – from 1 September
2024 you must apply for
a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2024:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 99.2% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2025-26' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2025

Visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions