



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

Tuesday 25th February - Return to School for Spring 2 8:40am

Wednesday 26th February - Year 5&6 PGL residential

Thursday 27th February - Year 4 start Thursday weekly swimming

Friday 28th February - Year 5 weekly music lessons

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - Wear PE Kit today and bring in a favourite story book

This year is based on diversity and diverse authors. As a focus we will be joining in with a 'Ninja school,' so children need to come in with their favourite story book from a diverse author (if appropriate) and their PE kit. There are some author ideas attached.

Lunch will be Hot Dogs/Fries or Deli option Sandwich replacing curry today (week 3)

Reception class vision and hearing tests - Opt Out system - Contact school health on 01244 397470 or email cwp.0-19 immsandscreening@nhs.net if you don't want your child to have these tests. Thankyou

W/C 10/3/25 - Bikeability Year 5 in small groups to be confirmed

Tuesday 11th March - Year 4 Dance Festival 15 children only Civic Hall
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 12th March - Year 4 Messy Church 1.30pm

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th March Parents Evenings 3.30pm-6pm (bookable through school spider nearer the time)

MESSAGE FROM MRS DAVIES

I can't quite believe that we have come to the end of another half term. It is lovely to see the children enthusiastic in their learning and making progress.

A big thank you to all the parents who filled in the survey on the newsletter communication. It was almost unanimous across the Federation to have a half-termly newsletter and bi-weekly diary dates so that is what we will continue to do.

Congratulation to Mrs Owen and her husband who will be expecting their first baby in June 2025 – this is such lovely news for them, I'm sure you will join us in congratulating them. Plans for the cover for Year 5 are already underway and parents will be updated in due course.

As we head towards the second half of the school year, please remember that term-time holidays will not be authorised and fixed penalty notices will be processed. Please note that the Easter break is exceptionally longer this year and could provide a perfect opportunity for a family holiday.

I just want to remind parents to follow the age guidance of TV programmes and apps to keep their children safe. Age guidance is there to ensure children are not exposed to content that is unsuitable for them. Apps such as WhatsApp, Snap Chat and TikTok are 12+ years, all of these apps should not be accessed by primary school aged children. The age bands are given because of the maturity of the children, the content and wider access the apps give. As parents, please be vigilant to the apps and TV programmes your child is accessing, continually review all parental controls, check children's phones, Netflix Accounts and encourage the children, as we teach in school, to report anything that they know is not appropriate online.

I hope you all have a lovely half term, the children deserve a rest for all their hard work. Next term will be very busy as we start off with the Y5/6 residential. Have fun, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 25th February 2024.

Best wishes,

Freda

“Compassion and tolerance are not a sign of weakness, but a sign of strength.”

Dalai Lama



Dear Lord,

We thank you for the amazing advances in technology in recent years.

Thank you for the wonderful resource of the Internet.
We ask that you help us to use it wisely, support our children in safe access and ensure there is no harm to others.

Amen



PRAYER & PRAISE AWARDS

RUPERT RILEY BROGAN NATALIE
GEORGE ELLEN JOEY ROMAN ETHAN
VINNY TRAVIS MAX ISAAC MYLA CALVIN
MABEL CALLUM ELISE BREEZE ARLO
PAISLEY CHARLIE OSCAR AMELIA TAMSIN
EZRA CASPER OSCAR MATTHEW LEO
FRANKIE KIAN AMELIA LOGAN SOFIE
JOSEPH ELIZA HEIDI BROGAN OLIVIA
LOGAN FLETCHER EDEN LIA SKYE ALFIE
PORSCHA OLIVER KHYRA FELIX XANDER
ETHAN BENJAMIN FINLAY NOAH TED
LUCIE HARRISON NELLY LYDIA MAX
PEARL HARVEY

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, the CWAC website also has information regarding Attendance/New legislation & 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 at least 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'/Dancing etc' as it is upsetting and disrespectful to Staff and teaching your child it is ok to lie

Collecting early/arriving late does have an impact and disturbs the whole school, class and your child's learning. Please try and avoid this and send confirmation/proof of appointment in advance so your child can be removed from class in a timely manner. Thankyou for support and understanding

YEAR R



Reception have been working so hard again this half term! We have been learning all about different animals and their habitats. We turned into Polar Explorers, hunting for different animals to draw and write about. The Gruffalo came to visit and we made our own creatures in the deep, dark woods! We have finished our half term with learning all about dinosaurs, looking at how long ago they were alive and their different diets. We have been learning about the composition of 6,7,8 and we've been comparing numbers. We have loved our House of Dance sessions too!

YEAR 1

This half term, Year 1 have welcome in two new additions, our stick insects. The children have welcomed them in with open arms and even with some nervousness they have held them, looked at them closely and have been enjoying looking after them. We have had a wonderful trip to The Boat Museum with a focus on local history. We even had the opportunity to open the locks and created a huge floor map. After our navigation session, which included the Manchester Ship Canal and the Shropshire Union Canal. We had a lovely day!

YEAR 2

In Year 2 this half term we have started reading 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward and producing some lovely writing based upon it. We've written a leaflet on how to fix a dragon problem and even written to our Headteacher about a dragon problem in our school! We've learnt how to count and add money in Maths and are now looking at multiplication and division. In Topic, we have been researching the continents and oceans of the world as well as looking at global climates and how the equator and the poles affect this. Finally, we have been testing and investigating everyday materials in Science – going around school to find examples of different types.

YEAR 3

We have been doing tricky Maths such as multiplication and Division. In English we have written Non-chronological reports about the African savannah. We have learnt how to use the internet safely including emails. Y3 really enjoyed all the mental health and wellbeing activities we did.

YEAR 4

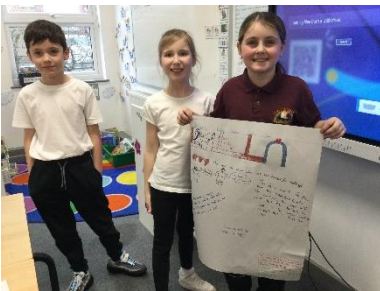
Year 4 have been learning about the teeth and the system in Science this half term. We recreated the system which was very messy but lots of fun! In English, we have been reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii' which has with our Romans topic. In Maths, we have finished our subtraction' where we have learnt the standard written



We have now moved onto 'multiplication and division', working hard on our times

of children are flying through their tables now and achieving more

certificates. In RE, we have been learning about stories of Jesus and how they reveal that he is God's son. We worked in groups to research the different stories and made posters to show our findings.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an exciting half term with lots of learning opportunities. In our English lessons we have been learning about Annie Edson Taylor and her daredevil stunt of plunging down Niagara Falls in a barrel. We have practised the skills of paragraphing and using fronted adverbials to organise our writing. In maths we have worked extremely hard on enhancing our fractions knowledge- we are now fantastic at adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We enjoyed a Science day with Chemistry with Cabbage. In our Geography lessons we have been learning about North America.



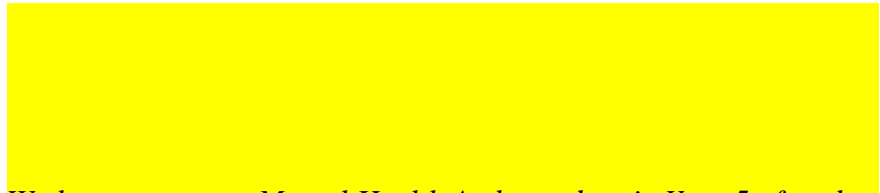
YEAR 6

Year 6 have been enjoying their House of Dance sessions this half term where they have been preparing a special dance to perform when they leave in July. We've been really impressed with their enthusiasm for this - let's hope they don't forget their moves before then!

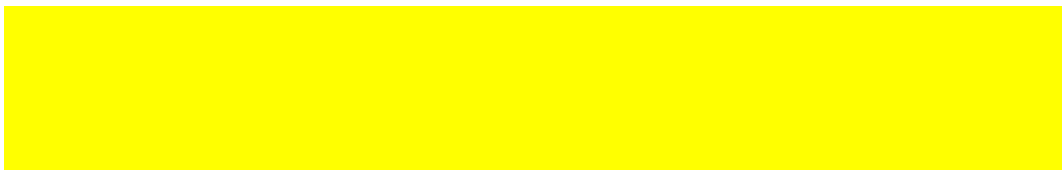
We had a super time building marble runs recently and would like to thank all the children and parents for collecting the cardboard tubes for us over recent months. The children co-operated well together to create marvellous runs which covered the whole classroom. We have also enjoyed learning all about the circulatory system and the children had the opportunity to examine real pig hearts and to make their own edible blood. Once again, they threw themselves into leaning about these topics and we hope that the hands-on activities will help them to remember the facts that they learnt.



SENSORY GARDEN – all being well, work should get started in the half term.



PE – We have some new Mental Health Ambassadors in Year 5 after they received some recent training at Our Lady's Primary School. Furthermore, We have sent six Key Stage 1 children to represent the school playing various games at Willaston Primary. This week, we have seven children going to represent us at the Primary Panathlon hosted at the EPSV. This is on top of our wonderful curriculum PE and exciting after-school clubs.



Glow Party was well supported, figure raised to follow and details of future events. Thankyou to everyone who helped.

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Pre-School/Breakfast/After-school (S4YC)

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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

After Half Term Tuesday 25th February we will be returning on Week 2 but Tuesday will be Meat Free Pasta Bolognese & Gammon will replace Chicken on Wednesday roast

MEDICATION – If you are asking us to administer any medication to your child then you must complete the correct medication form in advance and due to the impact in class, please only request school gives medication ONCE throughout the school day, ideally just before lunch or just after. If more doses are required you are welcome to come into school to administer yourself. Thankyou for your understanding.

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 needed to be paid by 31/01/2025.

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 31st January 2025 £13.60 now overdue

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.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025 – AUTHOR IDEAS

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