



Christ Church CofE Junior School Newsletter 36

Thursday 18th July 2024

This week our Collective
Worship theme was:

Compassion

Writer of the Week

Writer of the week will resume
in September



Golden Jacket

The Golden Jacket will resume in September!



School Dinners- Next week back will be week 1

School dinners are £2.65 per day which is payable on School Gateway. If your child would like a school dinner, they can order one daily. All they need to do is inform their class teacher during the dinner register.

All meals are freshly prepared on site and there is always the choice of jacket potatoes or sandwiches if your child does not like the main menu option that day.

Thank you to all our Families

As we approach the conclusion of another fruitful academic year, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this journey. It has indeed been an absolute honour and pleasure to work alongside your children, witnessing their growth and enthusiasm in learning.

Throughout the year, our school has been buzzing with various enriching activities including insightful trips, engaging workshops, exciting Bikeability sessions, an inspiring Inspiration Day, captivating Author visits, as well as stimulating reading, spelling, and maths challenges. The aim has always been to provide diverse opportunities for the children to explore, learn, and thrive.

Looking ahead, we are already brimming with enthusiasm and plans for the upcoming academic year. We are dedicated to continuing to provide a stimulating and nurturing environment for your children to flourish and succeed academically and personally.

As the summer break approaches, I wish you all a restful and joyful break. Whether you choose to travel and explore new horizons or stay at home and enjoy some quality time together, I hope it is a rejuvenating time for your family. For those children who have mastered the skill of riding a bike this year, may they revel in the newfound ability and practice it to their heart's content over the summer months!

For those of you who will be joining us in September, we eagerly anticipate welcoming you to our school community. To those who are transitioning to new adventures, we extend our most heartfelt wishes for success and happiness. And for our returning families, we eagerly await your return on Tuesday 3rd September, ready to embark on another year filled with exciting opportunities and growth.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and collaboration in your child's education. It is a privilege to be a part of their learning journey.

Wishing you a wonderful summer break and looking forward to the adventures that the new academic year will bring.

Warm regards,

Mrs Nash

Year 6 Leavers Service

Our Year 6 leavers service will be held in church on Thursday 16th July at 6.00pm. During the service as collection will take place. The money collected will be shared between the church fund and Acorns Children's Hospice.

We are looking forward to seeing the families of year 6 children at the service to celebrate their Christ Church Journey.



Inspiration Days

These themed days are designed to ignite curiosity and foster a love for learning in our students, encouraging them to engage more deeply with the topics we cover in class. As some classes have booked workshops with external providers, the dates for Inspiration days in each year group will differ. Please see information below on each year group.

Year 3 Inspiration Day

Let's go back to the prehistoric period! In Year 3, we will be learning about Stone Age to Iron Age. To inspire the children, we have booked an all-day Stone Age workshop on **Friday 20th September**. **The cost of the workshop is £7. The product will be available to pay for from 1st September.** The children will be able to experience what life would have been like in Britain during this period of time. Children are welcome to dress up like cave people to help bring their experience to life.

Costume Ideas



Year 4 Inspiration Day

Friday 13th September- Year 4 children will be taking part in a Drama workshop to kick start their enquiry on Ancient Egypt. They will explore the people in Ancient Egyptian society and examine the timeline of King Tut and the discovery of his role through expressing their ideas and feelings through voice, movement, role play and drama! Children are free to come dressed in Egyptian clothing. **The cost of this workshop will be £6.60 per child. This product is now open on School Gateway.**

Year 5 Inspiration Day

Year 5 will be diving into the world of Vikings on **Friday 27th September** as their Inspiration Day will start their journey into learning about the many raids on the Anglo Saxons in medieval Britain. Children can dress as a Viking or an Anglo Saxon as we start to learn about the battles between the two and who wins control of Britain.

Year 6 Inspiration Day

Order! Order in the court! In Year 6, we will be learning about 'Crime and Punishment' across the ages. Starting in Roman Britain and comparing this through history all the way to current day. To inspire the children, we are carting them off to prison, with a trip to Shrewsbury Prison on **Monday 16th September** (information sent via Microsoft forms). To the clink we go!

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Staff Leavers

This year we will be saying goodbye to some of our valued staff members.

Miss Moriarty

Miss Moriarty will be leaving us after completing a year with our Year 5 students. We are sad to see Miss Moriarty leave our school, but we are thrilled that she has this exciting opportunity to further her career. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours, and have no doubt that she will be very happy in her new role.



Mrs Price

Mrs Price, who has been working one day a week in our office alongside Mrs Hegarty, has made the decision to reduce her hours. As a result, Mrs Price will now only work at the Infant school.

Mrs Price will be greatly missed at Juniors School, where her bubbly nature has been a valued presence. Her dedication and contributions to the school community have been greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

Rest assured that the office at Juniors School will continue to operate smoothly, Mrs Williams will be joining Mrs Hegarty two mornings per week

Mrs Ghale

Mrs Ghale will be leaving Christ Church School this week. Mrs Ghale, fondly known as Su, has been a dedicated counsellor at our school for many years and has provided invaluable support to numerous children during her time with us.

In September, Mrs Ghale will be embarking on a new chapter in her career, moving on to explore new opportunities and challenges. While we are sad to bid her farewell, we are also excited for her and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. It is undeniable that Mrs Ghale's passion, dedication, and commitment to our school community have left a lasting impact on both our students and families.

Mrs Beason

Mrs Beason, will be leaving Christ Church Junior School after 22 years of dedicated service. Mrs Beason has been an integral part of our school community, embodying qualities of hard work, care, and professionalism throughout her tenure.

Mrs Beason's contributions to our school have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. Her commitment to the well-being and academic success of our students has left a lasting impact on the school community, and we are immensely grateful for her dedication over the years.

While we are saddened by Mrs Beason's departure, we are also delighted to share that she will be embarking on a new chapter in her career. We wish her every success in her future endeavours and have no doubt that her new role will benefit from the same level of expertise and passion that she brought to Christ Church Junior School.

As we bid farewell to Mrs Beason, I would like to express our gratitude for her outstanding service and extend our best wishes for her continued success. We are confident that the school where she is moving to will appreciate and benefit from her exceptional skills and talents.

Welcoming New Staff

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Williams will be joining our office team. Mrs. Williams, who currently serves as a lunchtime supervisor, will be working alongside Mrs. Hegarty on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Her dedication and familiarity with our school community will undoubtedly make her a valuable addition to our team.

Furthermore, I am delighted to inform you that Miss Russell will be joining our Year 5 staff. Miss Russell, an experienced teacher, will be covering the remaining period of Mrs. Banner's maternity leave. Her extensive experience and passion for education will bring a fresh perspective to our classroom and benefit our students greatly.

Dates for your Diary (new information in bold)

In order to make it easy for parents to find the information needed. Diary dates will be on the newsletter every week. Any new additions/ amendments are in bold to make them easy to identify and add to your diary.

Monday 2nd September– INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September– School reopens.

Monday 9th September– 4k swimming starts. 4K will swim every week until Christmas.

Friday 13th September– Year 4 Inspiration Day- Egyptians Day

Monday 16th September– Year 6 Inspiration day– Trip to Shrewsbury Prison. <https://forms.office.com/e/Zie4idXq8H>

Friday 20th September– Year 3 Inspiration day Stone Age Day

Tuesday 24th September– Year 4 Parents' workshop– Maths and Writing 1.30pm-3.00pm.

Friday 27th September-Year 5 Inspiration day Anglo-Saxons

Tuesday 1st October– Year 5 Parents' workshop– Maths and Writing 1.30pm-3.00pm.

Wednesday 2nd October– Year 3 and 4 trip to the children's Book Show @ Wolverhampton Grand Theatre.

Tuesday 8th October– Year 6 Parents' Workshop Maths and Writing 1.30pm-3.00pm

Tuesday 15th October– Year 3 Parents' Workshop Maths and Writing 1.30pm-3.00pm

Wednesday 16th October– Flu Vaccine

Thursday 19th October– Flu Vaccine 'mop up' for children who were absent on 16th October.

Tuesday 22nd October– London Parents meeting

Tuesday 3rd December– Year 6 trip to London

Tuesday 8th April– Year 4 Residential Parents' Meeting

Thursday 8th May– Friday 9th May– Year 4 Residential to Kingswood

Tuesday 17th June– Year 6 Residential Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 9th– Friday 11th July– Year 6 residential to Laches Wood.



Summer Challenges!

Do you want to keep your children engaged this summer?

This year, we are introducing some fantastic maths and reading challenges for our children.

Maths Challenges

We have prepared bronze, silver, and gold challenges that are all olympic themed. It's going to be a gold medal-worthy experience for our young mathematicians!



Reading Challenges

For our bookworms, we have crafted year group-specific booklets with a reading activity for every week. We can't wait to see our students dive into these engaging reading materials!

Prize Draw Alert! If your child manages to conquer all the challenges and brings their completed booklet back to school, they will have the chance to win a marvellous afternoon tea with Mrs McWilliams and Miss Cox. It's a prize fit for champions!

These booklets are available for a voluntary contribution of just £1. All proceeds from the booklet sales will be used to fund the winning children's afternoon tea. To secure your child's booklet, please fill in the Microsoft Form link provided below and make the payment through the Parent Gateway.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5my7QWiVk1>

We wish you a summer filled with ice cream, sunshine, fun, and, of course, some maths and reading adventures.

Mrs McWilliams and Miss Cox

Important Information:



Dear Parent/Carer

We have been directed to pass the following information to you which refers to the changes in policy for term time holidays. Please consider the information below when considering taking your children out of school.

From the start of the autumn term 2024-25, there are some changes to our school policy regarding holidays in term time which I would like to share with you. I would like to emphasise that these are national regulations established by the Department for Education. The implementation of this change is not something we have control over as an individual school and we will not benefit financially from the administration of fines which go directly to the Local Authority.

Attendance is a national as well as a local concern. Government figures published recently confirmed that in the Autumn term of 2023, 16% of primary pupils were classed as persistently absent, 27% of secondary pupils. In a drive to address this decline in attendance, the DfE said that fines "must be considered if a child misses five days of school for unauthorised absence". Schools' daily registers will also be shared online with the DfE and Local Authorities. **These future changes regarding attendance documentation and regulations will come into force from August 2024.**

It is imperative that parents and carers understand these changes at the earliest opportunity, as we know that some parents may be considering booking holidays now which will no doubt apply for the new school year. **Holidays in term time are not permitted and cannot be authorised.**

Holidays of five days or more as per the above or where a child has holiday and has already amassed over 5 days of unauthorised absence will mean that a penalty notice is given.

There is a limit of two penalties and escalation in cases of repeat offences. A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. Therefore, from Autumn term 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate.

The first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160. This will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. (The £60 fine was introduced in 2013 and has not been increased in the 11 years since.) A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action should be taken instead. This can include considering prosecution but may include other tools such as one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Please note that the school is merely the administrator of the penalty notice, we do not benefit from this in any fashion. Funds gained from any penalty notices are not given to individual schools, but rather to the Local Authorities.

From August 2024 this will be the process that has to be followed, so parents should consider the serious implications of taking their child out of school during term time.

Stationery for September

Please could parents provide children with a small pencil case with coloured pencils in for September. They will stay in their trays. School will supply pencils, rubbers, rulers, sharpeners, glue sticks.

Many thanks for your support

Clubs in September

Clubs with resume week beginning 9th September. Club places will be available for booking from Monday 1st September at 1.00pm on the School Gateway. Club places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Children who are entitled to free school meals can are entitled to one funded club per term. Clubs run from 3.15-4.00pm. Children will not be permitted to stay at an after school club unless a place has been booked via School Gateway.

Tuesday

- 1) Board Games led by Mrs Walker. Years 3-6
- 2) Football led by Mr Slater Years 3-6
- 4) Netball led by Jacqui Greatorex who is a local qualified and experience netball coach. Years 5-6

Wednesday

- 1) Multi-skill led by Soccer 2000 Years 3-6
- 2) Choir led by Mr Gray Years 3-6
- 3) Cricket led by Soccer 2000 Years 3-6
- 4) Homework led by Mrs Walker Years 3-6

Thursday

- 1) Dodgeball led by Soccer 2000—Year 3-6

If your child currently plays recorder with Mr Gray, they will be invited to carry on. This product will be available on your child's School Gateway in September.

We will also be offering a lunchtime glockenspiel club which will open in September once they children have settled. This will be free of charge as it is within the school day.

Proud Moments

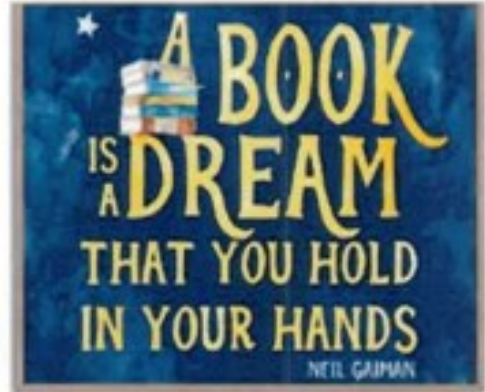


Hattie in year 4 has been successful in her auditions to join the English Youth Ballet and will be performing in 'Giselle' at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre in September. Well done Hattie! We are so proud of you.

Well done Mila and Ella who have been awaiting result from their their Acro exams with their dance school. On Friday they were presented with their results and both of them passed with honours. We Well done girls! It shows that perseverance and commitment pays off!



"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES"
- NEIL GAIMAN



The library will be closed on Thursday 18th July

LIBRARY OPEN AFTER
SCHOOL THURSDAY UNTIL 4PM
MRS WALKER WOULD LIKE TO
SEE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN

FIRST VISIT

COLLECT YOUR BOOKMARK AND YOUR FIRST STICKER

GET A STICKER EVERY VISIT

EVERY 7 STICKERS YOU RECEIVE YOU GET A PRIZE.

THE WORLD BELONGS TO THOSE WHO READ



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Week One Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup	Chicken Curry Served with rice & warm Baguette Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Chicken Sausages Served with Mash, Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Beef Mince Pasta Served with Sweetcorn & Broccoli
VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Curry Served with Rice Or Chips Carrots & Peas	Macaroni Cheese Served Warm Baguette Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Diced Potato, Carrots & Peas
DELI BAR	Jacket Potato With a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato With a selection of Fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil sauce	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato With a selection of Fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil sauce	Jacket Potato With a selection of fillings
SANDWICH	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cookie With Apple Slices	Iced Sponge & Custard	Vanilla Ice-Cream with Fresh Fruit	Shortbread & Apple Slices	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water,
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.





Week Two Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas and Tomato Ketchup	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	BBQ Chicken served with Rice Carrots & Peas
VEGETARIAN	BBQ Mixed Vegetable Wrap Served with Rice Chips Peas & Carrots	Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Peas & Cabbage	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes Green Bean, Cauliflower & Gravy	Cheese & bean Pasty served with wedges and sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Diced Potato, Carrots & Peas
DELI BAR	Jacket Potatoes With a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes With a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes With a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
SANDWICH	Sandwich with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg Mayo
DESSERTS	Flapjack & Orange Slices	Jam Sponge & Custard	Shortbread with Apple slices	Apple Crumble & Custard	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:
 Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water,
 Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.



Week Three Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup	Chicken & Vegetable Noodles Served with Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Chicken hot dog in a Bun Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Beef mince Pasta in a Tomato & Basil Sauce Served with Carrots & Peas
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Lasagne served with peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed bean Vegetable Noodles served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable Nuggets served with potato wedges & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Diced Potato, Carrots & Peas
DELI BAR	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
SANDWICH	Sandwich with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise/Egg Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise /Egg Mayo
DESSERTS	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Oaty Cinnamon Cookie	Banana Muffin	Chocolate Orange Shortbread & Apple slices	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water,
Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.

