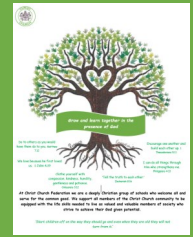




## Christ Church CofE Junior School Newsletter 10

Thursday 19th December 2024



This half term our Collective Worship theme is:

Love

Love your neighbour as yourself

Luke 10:27



### School Dinners– The first 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.

### Year 4 Residential to Kingswood

As you are aware, we have a residential trip to Kingswood for Year 4 in May. We now have only 37 children signed up to this. Thank you to those of you who have reserved a place this week. The deposit for the trip is not due until the end of January to allow families get Christmas out of the way.

However, we need to establish numbers as soon as possible in order for us to amend our booking. The product is open on Gateway but the payment is not yet due. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please complete the form below ASAP. Many thanks for your cooperation. <https://forms.office.com/e/OMsPzeHrCR>



### Merry Christmas!

As the Autumn Term comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this term. It has truly been a busy yet rewarding time, and the children have enjoyed a wide range of enriching opportunities, including performances, trips, workshops, author events, family activities, and much more.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the various contributions you have made towards these events and activities. Whether through financial support, providing transport, or generously giving your time to assist with the PFA events, your involvement has been invaluable. We recognise that it is your commitment and enthusiasm that enable us to offer such a diverse range of experiences for our children, and we are immensely grateful for the partnership we share with our families.

As we break for the festive season, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I hope this time allows you to relax and enjoy the magic of the season with your children, as well as providing some much-needed downtime following a busy term.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 6th January, rejuvenated and ready to embrace the exciting opportunities that the Spring Term will offer.



## New Homework System

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding the homework system we have been implementing in our school over recent academic years. As you may know, we have been utilising the EdShed platform to provide optional homework tasks. This system was introduced following consultations with families which highlighted the diverse needs and expectations regarding homework across our school community. We recognise that there is no one-size-fits-all approach that can cater to every family's circumstances. As only a very small minority of families are accessing the homework tasks on EdShed, we are rolling out a new approach from January.

Beginning January 2025, we will be recommending a **CGP Targeted Question Book** for each year group. The books can be purchased at many retailers but are available on Amazon:

Year 3- <https://amzn.eu/d/0ugQHwE>

Year 4- <https://amzn.eu/d/fzflL89>

Year 5- <https://amzn.eu/d/3veBUwE>

Year 6 already have their homework books which were purchased at the beginning of the year. These will continue to be used.

We encourage parents who wish to complete homework with their children to purchase these books as they will align with the curriculum and enhance your child's learning experience at home. For families whose children are entitled to free school meals, a copy of the recommended homework book can be requested the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bEdjw1yCn0>

Teachers will assign a weekly task from the homework book that is designed to complement the learning undertaken in the classroom. The specific page number to be completed will be communicated via Class Dojo every Friday. The answers for all activities are in the book of the homework book. Children will hand their completed and marked homework book to their teacher on a weekly basis. The teachers will look at the tasks the children have completed to ensure any challenges or misconceptions are promptly identified and addressed.

Our goal in introducing this homework book is to make assignments more accessible for families who wish to reinforce their children's learning at home. It is important to note that while these activities are encouraged, they will remain optional, and it is not obligatory for you to purchase the book. The essential components of homework are as follows:

- Spellings weekly
- Engaging with Times tables Rock Stars at least once per week
- Read 5 times a week at home and record this in their reading records. It is expected that at least one signature from an adult who has listened to them read at home per week will be in their reading record- This will be checked during 1:1 reading.

Children have access to the padlet for extra reading homework. Children who cannot access the padlet at home have the opportunity to do so once a week at school during their padlet day in the library

Those students who demonstrate a commitment to their learning by completing assigned homework tasks may receive Dojo points as a reward.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership in your child's education and hope that this new system provides a homework option to suit all families. Should you have any queries or require further clarification regarding these updates, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Free Opportunity Over Christmas!

The Wolves foundation are hosting the following events over the festive period. The events are for the young people ages 8-18 and are 'Free, Fun, Festive Football Events!'

**Note: Girls Kicksmas is a female event only.**

To sign up, all you need to do is scan the barcode and fill out the required details.



**FREE FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**  
with loads of chances to win prizes.

Premier League **Kicks**

# KICKSMAS!

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

8-11 years	12:30pm - 2:30pm
12-15 years	2:45pm - 4:45pm
16-18 years	5pm - 6pm

**Foundation Arena,**  
Aldersley Leisure Centre,  
WV6 9NW

**SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE**  
Any questions email: [Nikkilal@wolves.co.uk](mailto:Nikkilal@wolves.co.uk)



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# GIRLS KICKSMAS!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

8-12 years	6pm - 7:30pm
13-18 years	7:30pm - 9pm

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## Year 4 Symphony Hall Trip

Year 4 will be going on a school trip to see a schools' concert at Symphony Hall on **10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to visit one of the country's premier concert spaces and see a full orchestra perform.

The performance begins at 1.30PM and should last one hour. Children will travel by coach, leaving school at 11.45am and should return to school by approximately 4.00pm

As we are leaving school early, a packed lunch will be required, so that your child can eat in school before going. If your child is entitled to free school meals, this can be ordered from our kitchen. In order for a packed lunch to be provided by school, orders must be placed via the Microsoft form by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February. <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

Children will need to wear full school uniform please.

The product is now open on School Gateway where payment can be made. The cost of the trip is £14.60 per pupil. As I am sure you appreciate, without sufficient parental contributions, this trip cannot go ahead and would need to be cancelled.

Permission can be given when paying for the trip via School Gateway. If your child is entitled to free school meals, permission should be granted via the Microsoft Form. <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

We very much appreciate your support as we provide the children with exciting learning opportunities.

## 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.*

Thursday 19th December– Break up for Christmas

Friday 20th December– School closed INSET DAY

Monday 6th January– School reopens.

Monday 6th January– 4S first swimming session

### **Friday 10th January– Individual photos**

Monday 13th January– Year 6 Social Media workshop with PC Brittle

Tuesday 14th January– Year 5 Social Media workshop with PC Brittle

### **Monday 20th January– Year 6 Residential and Parents Meeting**

Monday 10th February– Year 4 Symphony Hall Trip- <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

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.



### Homework Club and Board Games Club

We will be running homework and board games club for January (4 weeks only in the first instance). We are currently looking at staffing and will keep you updated ASAP if these clubs will continue into February. Both clubs are now open on School Gateway for booking.

### Opportunities for Water Safety Session in Wolverhampton



Active  
Black Country



CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

The City Council Water Safety Programme has confirmed its final round of dates. It's being delivered by a consortium of partners including Active Black Country, Swim England, the Royal Life Saving Society, the Canal & River Trust, ConnectEd Partnership, Black Country leisure operators – and supported by all four local authorities. These programmes are delivered in two ways. FAMILY Water Safety sessions and CHILD Water Safety sessions.

FAMILY Water Safety is for Children in KS1, and will need to have an adult with them to take part. Including in the pool.

Child Water Safety is for children in Year 5 and older. They will not need an adult with them to take part.

Please see the dates, times and venues below. If you would like to book on, please tick which session you would like to book on to, complete the form and return to Sam Perks – [sam.perks@connectedpartnership.com](mailto:sam.perks@connectedpartnership.com)

#### **Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre, Planetary Road, Wednesfield, WV13 3SW**

<b>FAMILY/CHILD</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Tick</b>
FAMILY Water Safety for KS1	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2024	10:00 – 11:00	
CHILD Water Safety for Year 5 and above	27 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 (you only need to select one time slot)	10:00 – 10:30	
		10:30 – 11:00	
		11:00 – 11:30	
FAMILY Water Safety for KS1	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	10:00 – 11:00	

#### **Bilston-Bert Williams Leisure Centre, Nettlefolds Way, Bilston WV14 0EF**

<b>FAMILY/CHILD</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Tick</b>
FAMILY Water Safety for KS1	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	9:00 – 10:00	
Child Water Safety for Year 5 and above	23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 (you only need to select one time slot)	10:00 – 10:30	
		10:30 – 11:00	
FAMILY Water Safety for KS1	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	9:00 – 10:00	
Child Water Safety for Year 5 and above	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 (you only need to select one time slot)	10:00 – 10:30	
		10:30 – 11:00	
FAMILY Water Safety for KS1	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	12:00 – 13:00	
Child Water Safety for Year 5 and above	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 (you only need to select one time slot)	13:00 – 13:30	
		13:30 – 14:00	
		14:00 – 14:30	
Child Water Safety for Year 5 and above	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (you only need to select one time slot)	13:00 – 13:30	
		13:30 – 14:00	
		14:00 – 14:30	

## Spring Term Clubs

Clubs are now open on School Gateway. All places must be booked via the School Gateway and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

### Tuesday

Football– Mr Slater 4.15pm end

Netball– Jacqui Greatorex 4.00pm end

Recorder– Mr Gray– this is open to the current group only 4.00pm end

### Wednesday

Choir– Mr Gray 4.00pm end

Cricket– Soccer 2000 4.00pm end

### Thursday

Dodgeball—Soccer 2000 4.00pm end

**We are currently unable to confirm if board games and homework club will continue in the Spring Term. We hope to know by next week**

## Swimming

4S will start swimming after Christmas. Swimming is a statutory element of the curriculum. Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PEpdAyg0My>

### 4S swimming.

4S will be swimming next term. Swimming will begin on Monday 6th January at St Regis Secondary School. Swimming will take place during the afternoon.

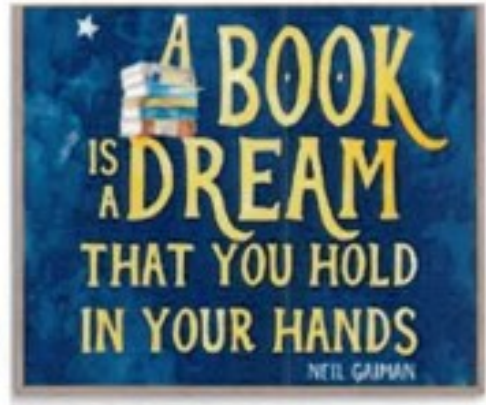
The children will walk to St Regis during the afternoon session, have their lesson, then walk back. Please be aware that children may be slightly late returning at the end of the school day, especially when they first start to go and are getting used to drying and changing themselves. Children are to wear P.E kit on this day. The children will be accompanied by three members of Christ Church staff.

Splash Swim School will take the swimming lessons for us at St Regis. The teachers are experienced in working with swimmers and non-swimmers.

Children are asked to make sure that they have the appropriate swimming kit.

- **All girls to wear swimming caps & boys if their hair is longer than collar length.**
- No jewellery (except studded earrings)
- One piece swimsuit for girls.
- Swim trunks or swim shorts for boys **(above the knee only)**
- Remember to bring a towel!

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



**LIBRARY IS OPEN AFTER  
SCHOOL THURSDAYS UNTIL 4PM  
MRS WALKER WOULD LOVE TO  
SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

**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**



# Week One Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Pasta Bolognaise Served with Carrots & Peas	Chicken Curry Served with Rice Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Mash Potato, Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Baked Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Curry Served with Rice Carrots & Peas	Macaroni Cheese Served Warm Baguette Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mash Potato Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips Baked Beans & Peas
POTATOPASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cookie & Apple Slices	Iced Sponge & Custard	Vanilla Ice-Cream & 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 Beginning 17/03/25  
 06/01/25 7/04/25  
 27/01/25  
 24/02/25



# Week Two Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BBQ Chicken with Rice Peas & Carrots	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	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Nuggets Served with Potato Wedges, Peas & Carrots	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes Green Bean, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
POTATO/PASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese/ Tuna Mayo
DESSERTS	Flapjack & Orange Slices	Jam Sponge & Custard	Shortbread & 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 Beginning

24/03/25

13/01/25

03/02/25

03/03/25



# Week Three Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Chicken & Vegetable Noodles Served with Sweetcorn & Peas	Hot Dog in a Bun Served with Wedges Potatoes Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Chicken Wrap Served with Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers & Chips Served with Baked Beans & Peas
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed bean Vegetable Noodles Served with Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable Nuggets Served with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
POTATOPASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo/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.



Week Beginning                      10/03/25  
 16/12/24                                31/03/25  
 20/02/25  
 10/02/25