



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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We often reflect upon the brilliant elements that come together to make our fantastic school and this week I want to take a moment to thank our incredible staff body whose care and dedication is *beyond* compare. The love they show the children at each turn is constant and we are so thankful to work with a team such as this. The start of the term can often be exceptionally full as we embed new interventions, routines and spend time refining and shaping what we wish to provide for our children. The humility shown by the staff hides the depth of their dedication and the time they give over and above. We are thankful for the encouraging words, messages and comments from families that have already been shared and which often lift staff, providing renewed energy.

It has also been lovely to have visits from a number of our past pupils this week as well as emails from families. We always enjoy hearing how they are getting on and seeing them in their smart new uniforms. It is good to know our Christ Church family stays with them as they move on.

Next Friday in school we will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the suite straight after drop off. We would welcome any donations of cakes and treats (*ingredients displayed please for allergies*) and hope very much that you will come and join with us to support this worthwhile charity; and have the opportunity to spend time together.

Nursery

Our nursery children have enjoyed using the 'mini-me' figures of themselves and their new friends. They have been using these to act out familiar experiences, playing alongside each other and beginning to form friendships.



Reception

It has been a great week in Reception as we have welcomed our final cohort of children to our Reception family. The children have settled in beautifully, exploring their new classroom, making friends and getting to know the adults. We have already seen lots of smiles, curiosity and confidence as they begin their exciting school journey. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled and are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, growing and having fun together.



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Year One

This week in History, Year 1 have started learning about the history of toys. We looked at a range of toys from the past and present and thought carefully about what they were made from and how they worked. The children then used their new vocabulary to sort the pictures of toys into past and present, explaining their ideas and spotting some interesting differences along the way!



Year Two

This week our classroom was invaded by a visitor who made *quite* the mess!

The children quickly set about identifying the intruder, finding a number of mysterious clues - paw prints and grey fur. It had been Mr Wolf!

Thankfully he didn't reappear, aside from in our new English text: Little Red Riding Hood.



Year Three

Have you ever seen a floating rock? Year 3 have! This week they have been investigating igneous rocks, observing their properties and how they are formed.



Leila explains that:

"When the volcano erupted, then some of the lava was bubbling and then that rock went back onto the earth where it cooled down really quickly so there were still bubbles when the rock hardened."

Tobias continues:

"The rock floats because bubbles are in it and bubbles float on water - if I put soap in my bath, it will make bubbles which float upon the water."



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Year Four

This week in Year 4 we thought about...
'Nothing New, Just A Review!'

By remembering things we have learnt before, we can build our new learning on top, make better connections and consolidate our knowledge.

We are learning about Habitats and spent time remembering what we had learnt in our Science in KS1. We remembered a lot of different things.

This also links well to our School Journey which is coming around quickly. Our adventures and learning in the outdoors will give us even more to build upon. We will definitely be making more memories which will last a lifetime.

Year Five

This week, Y5 were learning about air resistance.



They conducted an experiment to see which material parachute reached the ground the fastest.

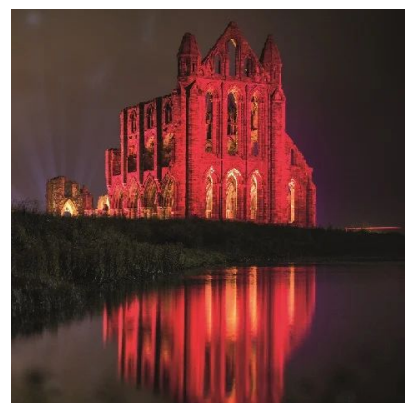


Year Six

In Year Six this week, we have been building up to writing a setting description in English all about Whitby Abbey. We have been looking at using different vocabulary and formal techniques to build suspense without revealing too much information.

'Wood frames lined the walls, making the tunnel look ghostly and eerie. At the same time, the lights flickered on and off like the lightning above. The only sound was each water droplet falling to the flooded floor creating ripples of fear throughout the old, rundown building.'

Immy, Year 6





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Certificates

Well done to these children who received certificates this week for their effort and excellent learning. They are very well deserved:

Y1
Alex

Y2
Arsen

Y3
Maxim

Y4
Florrie

Y5
Bonnie

Y6
Milo

Music Recognition

It has been brilliant to see and hear all the music which has been happening already this term in school. Thank you to Mrs Wade who is certainly getting her steps in and building her muscles moving the instruments around the school. Thank you too to our fantastic music monitors - we couldn't do without you! We look forward to the music certificates in our weekly Friday assembly.

New Pupils

We would like to welcome our new starters:

Cataleia Mila, Sofia, Leo, Edgar, Venba, Amelia, Tayananiswa, Nova, Henry & Anaya

Monday we welcomed Ronav into our Year 1 class.

In addition, welcome to Theo who joined our Y6 class this week.

We know our parent body will also look out for you too as we welcome the families to our Christ Church community.

Big Question

Story: Nepal has announced that its wild tiger population has more than tripled, rising from 121 tigers in 2010, to 429 today.

Question: Do wild animals have as much right to the land as we do?

Attendance

07/09/26 - 11/09/26

Congratulations to all of our classes who achieved or exceeded our attendance target of 97%, and particularly well done to Year 3 who reached 100%.

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Brilliant Brass!

On Monday, Peter from BEAT (Barnet Educational Arts Trust) visited our school and demonstrated several different pieces of music on the trumpet and trombone. It was great to hear him create such a range of different tones and moods through the same instruments, including the 'Match of the Day' theme tune and 'Flight of the Bumble Bee', although it is fair to say that his rendition of the Star Wars theme was a firm favourite amongst the students!

If your child is interested in taking music lessons on a brass instrument (including trumpet, trombone, horn or tuba), please contact peter.yardemartin@beatrust.org.uk to arrange a free trial.



Special Delivery!

We are delighted to share that thanks to the money you raised through the sponsored Readathon before the Summer holidays, we now have 15 new dyslexia-friendly guided reading sets for Key Stage 2. These books have tinted paper, dyslexia-friendly fonts, greater spacing between words and lines of text, and larger chunks of text are more frequently interspersed with pictures or diagrams, to reduce visual overload. These texts are copies of 'real books' which are simply printed in a different way and can be used by all children, making our guided reading sessions more inclusive and engaging for all readers.. Additionally, we have been able to increase our range of Little Wandle Fluency guided reading sets used by children from Year 2 upwards, meaning there is now a greater range of texts we have within each level. And guess what... there are still more texts to arrive to supplement the EYFS and KS1 Little Wandle reading scheme too! Thank you to everyone who made this possible through your hard work and generosity when participating in the Readathon.



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SEND updates:

Since returning to school, I have attended training on the Mainstream Inclusion Fund. This is ring fenced Government grant for all mainstream state funded schools, with the purpose of helping schools to identify needs earlier, remove barriers to learning and support pupils effectively. As a school we will be consulting with parents, carers, colleagues and governors on our shared vision for inclusion. This is an exciting time for us to consider how we would like to allocate this funding to develop our universal provision for all pupils.

We would like to invite parents and carers to come along to an inclusion coffee morning on **Friday 13th November at 9am** to share our vision for inclusion at Christ Church. If you would like to attend please email senco@christchurch.barnetmail.net.

Bertie update:

Bertie has not been able to visit this week as he had surgery on his dew claw. Following successful surgery, Bertie needed to stay inside for a week. However he will be returning next Wednesday morning. When Bertie is a little more familiar, we are hoping to offer opportunities for children to visit to support emotional regulation, social communication and reading intervention.

Details of useful courses below and attached flyers

MINI BACPAC course for Parents/Carers - Professionals and parents will deliver modules designed to increase your knowledge and skills with understanding Autism and using practical strategies to support your child.

For further details, dates and to sign up [please see attached flyer](#).

BICS Family Minds Workshops:

BICS are inviting you to join our virtual workshops. These workshops aim to increase your knowledge of common wellbeing and mental health difficulties faced by children and young people. They also aim to provide you with strategies to assist you in supporting your young person.

Please note that these workshops are primarily aimed towards the parents/carers of children and young people.

See [attached for more information](#).



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This week we had a surprise and very welcome donation of stationery equipment from Noah's Ark. It was enlightening to speak with Faye and her team and to think about what we as a school can do to reach out and support those around us in our community. This links well with our Superkind initiative... so watch this space. Faye shared a prayer with us which has been written by a member of their team for their **From That Moment** campaign. Here is part of the prayer:

Weekly Reflection

Lord, we ask that your love and peace would surround these children who are seriously unwell. In moments of uncertainty would you bring them comfort. In moments of pain, bring relief. In moments of fear, bring courage. And in moments of happiness, laughter and joy, help those precious moments to be treasured and remembered.

We pray for the parents and families who carry such heavy responsibilities. Give them strength when they feel exhausted, hope when the road ahead feels difficult, and reassurance when they are afraid. Be close to them during the long days and sleepless nights, and help them to know that they are not alone. Surround them with people who will listen without judgement, offer practical help, and simply be there when they need someone beside them.

We give thanks for everyone at Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. We thank you for the nurses, doctors, carers, therapists, counsellors, play specialists, volunteers, fundraisers and all those who work behind the scenes. Bless them for the compassion, skill and dedication they show each and every day. Give them strength for the difficult moments and joy in knowing that the work they do makes a lasting difference to children and families.

Online Safety – Setting Parental Controls

Keeping children safe online starts with simple steps at home. **Parental controls** can help you manage what your child can access, who they can communicate with and how long they spend online. It is worth checking the settings on your child's tablet, phone, games console, apps and home broadband regularly, as settings and features can change. Internet Matters provides easy, step-by-step guides for setting parental controls across popular devices, apps and platforms.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Child Protection

We take children's safety very seriously and all information regarding safeguarding is on our website and also available from the school office.

Please contact Mrs Harry, Mr Smith, Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Turner or Mrs Moore immediately should you have any concerns regarding children or adults at school.

head@christchurch.barnetmail.net or safeguarding@christchurch.barnetmail.net

Should you ever need to contact the school outside of school hours, please email Mrs Harry who will pick up the email as soon as she can.

*Wishing you a very happy weekend!
From Mrs Harry, Mr Smith and the Staff Team*

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Diary Dates

September 2026:

Fri 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning in suite
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Wed 30th-2nd Oct	Y4 School Journey
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October 2026:

Fri 2nd	YR - Y2 (PM) Drama4Free
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Wed 7th	YR (18:00) Curriculum meeting
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Fri 9th	Inclusion coffee morning 9am
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Fri 16th	Just One Tree Day KS2 Creative Writing
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Wed 21st	Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony Y5/Y6 Young Shakespeare
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Thr 22nd	YR - Y6 Flu vaccines
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Fri 23rd	Inset day
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