



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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We have reached the end of another busy week at school and again are thankful for all those in our community who strive to make a difference each day. It is important to stop and reflect upon all that is achieved; the challenges we face and the worries we may be managing, yet to also be thankful that with each little step we can continue to move forward together in love.

Today, we celebrate National Teaching Assistants' Day; I think the LDBS capture this well when they say: *a huge thank you to the TAs who make such a difference in our schools every day. Schools simply wouldn't run without you - your care, patience and dedication help children and young people to learn, flourish and feel supported. With almost 300,000 teaching assistants working in state-funded schools across England, your contribution is truly invaluable. Thank you for all that you do.* At Christ Church we are so lucky to have our TA body who work tirelessly with the children but who also go beyond at each turn, looking after property and the school environment, supporting emotional well-being and proactively seeing where help and guidance is needed. They work over and above. We notice all you humbly do and are thankful for all you bring for the good of the children.

It is nearly the end of a whole month at school and with October comes more activities and opportunities to be involved in life here at Christ Church. Our Year 4 children are off on their adventures next week to Wildtime and we wish them lots of fun and enjoyment as they meet new challenges and build new skills. We also celebrate Black History Month; this year's theme is: Honouring Our Communities. We felt this fitted perfectly with our theme of Belonging and have a number of ideas which we would like to explore during the month and beyond. We will be asking families to come in to give brief talks about their heritage. We have such a wonderful, rich community here and it is important we celebrate one another and take time to find out more about each other. Please look out for a letter which will be coming home soon.

Nursery

As part of our **All About Me** topic, the children have been exploring what makes each of them special and unique by creating their faces with loose parts.

We learnt that people might have similarities or differences in what they look like or what they like. We know that this is ok as that makes you, you!



Reception

Reception are enjoying our daily 1km run. The children have been enthusiastically walking, jogging and running building their stamina while having lots of fun. It is great to see their determination and encouragement of one another. Alongside our daily run, the children are enjoying a range of learning opportunities both inside and outdoors building confidence, independence and curiosity.



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Year One

Year 1 have enjoyed retelling the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff this week. They have been using materials to build the goats a bridge and retell some of the repeated phrases of the story too!



Year Two

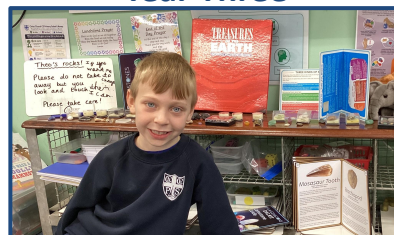
Bonjour from Y2! This week, we have been having lots of fun learning how to follow instructions in French.

*"Levez-vous!"
"Etirez-vous."
"Asseyez vous."*



We had lots of fun testing each other and having members of the class directing us all. We're now using these in general lessons to help us remember them!

Year Three



Theo brought Year 3's learning to life this week, treating his classmates to the opportunity to explore his extensive rock collection! Lots of hands-on, relevant learning linked to their Science topic of 'Rocks'!



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Year Four

This week Year 4 have been developing their knowledge in Geography as well as refining their research skills; learning to ask the right questions to obtain the right information!

We have been very impressed with their knowledge from previous lessons and how they used this to support their thinking.

They have researched different produce made in English counties and then used the technology to explore where in the world the products are exported. Some of the names made us giggle - do you know what a **Singing Hinny** is?!

Year Five



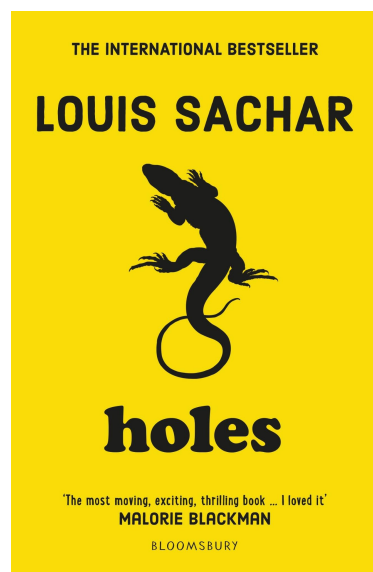
In computing this week the children were learning about how to stay safe online. We spoke about what is appropriate to share and also how to keep accounts secure with strong passwords.

Year Six

Year Six have started their new book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar this week. The book follows a young boy named Stanley on his journey in a detention camp after being sent there for a crime he did not commit. We looked at the deadly, yellow spotted lizards (these are not real!) and wrote a description of an encounter with one.

A slight jolt from the bottom of the dark pit attracted my attention. The yellow-spotted lizard had whipped its tail around, preparing its venom in its mouth. A sudden scramble and the lizard appeared right in front of my eyes, a few feet away. Its sharp hiss sliced the air.

Sammi, 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
AJ

Y2
Chloe

Y3
Nova

Y4
Anashe

Y5
Adam

Y6
Aran

Music

This week has been fantastic to hear more of our children sharing their talents and welcoming the classes into collective worship and assembly with their skilled playing. We also enjoyed hearing our Year 6 developing their drumming skills in their lesson this week. We especially noted the addition of the sponge sheet to calm the noise - very creative! ;-)

Harvest

On Thursday 8th October we will be celebrating Harvest at Christ Church Church. We are asking for continued support in the form of food donations which will be given to the Foodbank on behalf of our children and families. Please bring donations of tins, dried foods and toiletries into school from Monday. These will be taken up to church on the day where each child will be given a donation to place on the dais.

The Big Question:

Story: The nearly 1,000-year-old Bayeux Tapestry has travelled from France to go on display at the British Museum in London. The 70-metre-long artwork tells the story of the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Question: How can we share our stories?

Attendance

Well done for the continued drive for attendance. The class percentages are remaining high. You are definitely taking care of yourself and remaining as germ free as possible.

Thank you to all the families who are actively using our Attendance Policy <https://www.christchurch.barnet.sch.uk/Parents/Attendance/> when requesting planned absences. Our school target is 97% attendance. Regular and sustained attendance brings many benefits for the children. We appreciate the level of engagement from families who may need more support.

A huge well done to Year 3 who achieved 100% attendance this week!

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Thank You

We would like to thank Mandy Lane and her team of helpers who organised the coffee morning in school in support of MacMillan Cancer Care. The children were very jealous of the hum of conversation and cake munching which could be heard from the school suite - *they were assured their cake eating time would come!* It is lovely to welcome our families into school and to do so in support of a worthwhile cause. We teach our children about Service and thinking beyond themselves and it is lovely to see this in action around them. I am sure I will echo Mandy in thanking all the families who baked and contributed cakes as well as those who came along to share together in the morning.

We are pleased to share that all your efforts have **raised a total of £329**. We are including the QR code here so that if you were unable to attend due to other commitments, you may want to donate.



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. A reminder of the 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.

Also here are some useful courses coming up in the next few weeks

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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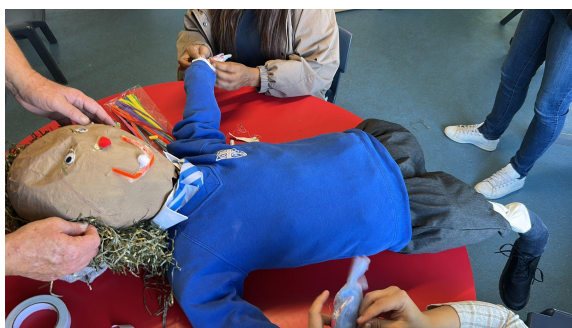
Weekly Reflection

Paul wrote a letter to his friends in a city called Philippi. He was far away from them, but when he sat down to think about them, his heart filled with joy. He wrote: *"I thank my God every time I remember you."* Paul didn't just thank his friends directly; he thanked God for putting those people into his life.

"At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Albert Schweitzer

Scarecrow Festival at St Mark's - 'Keiko' in his place, proudly representing the school!

This week we were asked by one of our parents if the children would be able to help make a scarecrow for the festival at St Marks. We are sure this is something they will remember as not many children will have the opportunity to make these now-a-days. This was a lovely collaboration and we are thankful for all who helped.



Online Safety

Parent Zone produce informative podcasts about parenting and online safety. This week, Parent Zone founder and CEO Vicki Shotbolt is joined by expert guests to ask difficult questions about the future of technology and the ways it helps families. To listen and access other episodes, visit: <https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-shock-parent-zone-podcast>

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 or Miss 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:

Wed 30th-2nd Oct Y4 School Journey

October 2026:

Fri 2nd YR - Y2 (PM) Drama4Free

Wed 7th YR (18:00) Curriculum meeting

Thur 8th Harvest Festival (walking from school to Christ Church)

Fri 9th Inclusion coffee morning 9am

Fri 16th Just One Tree Day
KS2 Creative Writing

Wed 21st Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony
Y5/Y6 Young Shakespeare

Thur 22nd YR - Y6 Flu vaccines

Fri 23rd Inset day

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