



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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With yet another exceptionally busy week in the life of Christ Church, it is with thankfulness we reflect upon all that has been achieved. There have been exceptional examples of community, friendship, encouragement and reflection which has served to lift us all. So many members of our school family have strived to give over and above and to shine as we know we can. There are, naturally, challenges and we can all face these at different times but speaking out and working to support one another can help us to all become stronger. We are grateful for the love and support we have received from our children and families this week as well as the staff body - there are certain times in the life of a school where the community defines our purpose first hand and for this we are truly grateful.

Amongst the fullness of the coming month, we will also take time to recognise the YoungMinds' Hello Yellow campaign which will take place on Friday 9th October. Children will be invited to wear something yellow as part of/or adorning their uniform on this day. The purpose behind this is to start conversations about mental health and show young people they are not alone. We will also be working on a paperchain for the day - to which we would like parents and carers to also contribute. This is an important topic and one we should take time to acknowledge. Please join us in support of this cause.

It is also fantastic to hear the children read about their successes across the week. We were particularly impressed by Mila's clear and grown-up reading voice in assembly and the content of Jack's certificate, which he kindly allowed me to place here. It really encapsulates all that can happen in just one week:

I really deserve my certificate for my work in Maths. I've been answering all the questions lately and doing really well. I got VIP of the day yesterday which really made me happy. In English, we have been reading a book called Holes - I'm really enjoying it. This week, we did a non-chronological report - I did it about Sheffield Wednesday because we could do it about anything and that's the club I support. In PE, I think we have been doing really fun activities. I think my class have been doing really well. I really enjoyed football and circuit training which are both really fun. Finally, in music, we entered a song writing competition. We were in the top ten and we had to act it out along with singing to the music - and I hope we are going to do really well. Jack Y6

Nursery

The Nursery children used conkers in their roleplay - we had conker milk in the baby bottles, conker cakes, many pretend conker recipes and even real conker ice cubes! We made invitations and took food orders on post-it notes.



Reception



We've had a wonderfully messy and creative week outdoors. The children have loved exploring the mud kitchen, mixing up their very own "mud soup" using soil, water and flower petals. With lots of stirring, scooping and imaginative play, we have created delicious-looking recipes and enjoyed experimenting with different textures, colours and natural materials. It has been lovely to see their creativity, teamwork and curiosity blossom while having lots of muddy fun.

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Year One



In Year 1 we have been learning about our 5 senses in Science. This week our lesson was on sound. The children went on a sound walk around school to see what they could hear and then recorded the sound and described whether it was loud or quiet.

Year Two



This week in Maths, Y2 have been exploring the concepts of comparing and ordering numbers.

To help us develop our mathematical vocabulary, we decided to compare and sort some of our friends! We found lots of different ways, including the use of height, age and hair fairness.

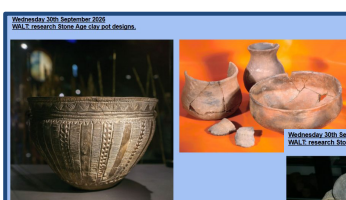
We are now becoming experts at using the phrases *greater than*, *less than* and *equal to*.

Year Three

In Art, Year 3 have been researching Stone Age clay pots to gather ideas for their own clay pot projects where they will be designing and making their own ones.

This links closely with their Science learning which is all about rocks as last week they discovered that clay is a type of sedimentary rock which is very permeable and not durable. However, this makes it easy to shape and perfect to model with!

Here is some of the research by Audrey and Cesar.



Audrey

Cesar



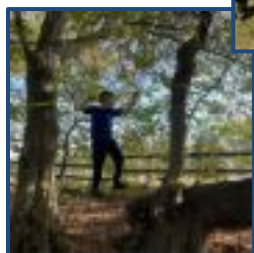


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Year Four

Year 4 have certainly been brave and adventurous this week as they joined the residential trip to Wildtime. They made the most of each moment as well as building new skills and strengthening their resilience. We are so proud of each of them from being able to stay away from home overnight to participating in new activities and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. A HUGE thank you too for Ms Bell and Mrs Watford who led the trip following a particularly busy week in school. We are truly thankful for all they have done; we wish everyone a restful weekend!



Year Five

This week in Y5, the children wrote the first draft of their persuasive speech arguing Miss Honey should be headmistress of Crunchem Hall instead of Miss Trunchbull (from Matilda).

By Julian

Without a doubt, Miss Honey is a better headmistress. Miss Trunchbull is an absolutely abhorrent monster!

In one of the latest lessons, she flung a innocent, poor girl into the dreaded Chokey just for breathing too loudly! How horrible is that? They She didn't do anything!

Under her rule of the school, the school is 100% more like a prison than a school. Every day there is at least five people who witness her terrible punishments which are more like torture! It is totally horrible and unfair! Who wants a school like that?

Who wants a school where children live in fear? Miss Honey is kind and compassionate teacher who cares for

Year Six

In our current topic 'Crime and Punishment', we have been comparing and contrasting punishments from the Ancient Roman times, Anglo-Saxon times and the Tudor period. This week, we looked at what punishments were like in Victorian Britain. We looked at the harsh conditions for poor people in Britain and why the gap between the rich and the poor was so pronounced. We also discussed the use of 'Penny Dreadfuls' to encourage shameful views about those living in poverty. We then tried to recreate our own front covers to show the divide.

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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:

Thando

Y2
Jackson

Y3
Mila

Y4
School
Journey this
week

Y5
Sophie

Y6
Jack M

Dance - Reception

Please ensure you are checking the club list on the school website to enable you to be aware of the enrichment opportunities after school. We would like to signpost Reception class to the dance club which will be suitable for them to attend.

Harvest

The service will be held at church next Thursday 8th October. The children will register then walk there together. Please continue to bring in your donations for the foodbank and the service. We need enough items that each child can carry one to donate - thank you for your continued generosity. Parents are welcome to attend this service. If you wish to come we ask that you still drop the children to school then make your own way to church.

The Big Question

Story: The UK government has announced plans to make food served in schools across England healthier from September 2027.

Question: Who should decide what we have for school lunch?

Waitrose GREEN Tokens

Thank you Tyger's mum and to members of the Friends' Committee who have worked hard to secure us a slot with the Waitrose community fundraising project. Please can you pop into store and support the cause for school by popping your tokens in the slot. We will be very grateful for any funds raised through this as it is going straight back to the children in terms of resources. Thank you for your continued support of the school enabling increased opportunities for our children.

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Weekly Reflection

Proverbs 22:6:

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."



A strong community is a place of joy and belonging.

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 Moore or Mrs Turner immediately should you have any concerns regarding children or adults at school.

head@christchurch.barnetmail.net / 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 all the Staff*

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Diary Dates

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October 2026:

Wed 7th	YR (18:00) Curriculum meeting
Thur 8th	Harvest Festival (walking from school to Christ Church)
Fri 9th	Inclusion coffee morning 9am Hello Yellow - wear something yellow with uniform
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