



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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This last week in school has been a challenging one for us as we shared the news of the loss of our beloved caretaker and friend, Lee Crocker. We would like to extend our thanks to our families for all your thoughts and wishes and the care you have shown. The children have demonstrated amazing resilience and compassion and this was certainly felt around the school in the interactions and their responses when we spoke to them about Mr Crocker. The love and faith we share has been a comfort to us.

We would like to celebrate Mr Crocker and all he has brought to Christ Church and to give thanks for his life. The children asked if they could share memories and many commented upon his work with the Eco-Committee and the trees he has planted with the children which provides a lasting legacy. We will share the details as these are confirmed however we do have a book of condolence to which we invite families to contribute. You may wish to give cards or notes which we can add into the book otherwise we invite you to come and write in the book which will be available at the start and end of the school day.

Nursery

This week the nursery class have been exploring movement in PE and when using our outdoor area. We have been running, jumping, hopping and skipping around a space - making sure not to bump into each other.

We learnt how to side-step in order to walk sideways and how to look over our shoulder to walk backwards!



Reception

This week the children have been continuing to learn and apply our new phonics graphemes and phonemes.

We have enjoyed learning:
s a t p i n m d g o c k and can't wait to learn the rest of the alphabet. We have enjoyed applying them in lots of different contexts.



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Year One

In Art this week Year 1 have been working on creating their own Mr Men and Little Miss characters. They cut out the shapes they wanted for the body, hair, arms and legs and then used marker pen to add in the facial features in the style of Roger Hargreaves' Mr Men characters.



Year Two



Year 2's Science this week focussed on the impact of exercise.

Children enjoyed experimenting with their bodies using star jumps, planks, ball games and stretches! After each, they analysed the effects the exercises had had on their bodies and explored *why* each helped their bodies to remain healthy and strong.

Eva's planking gave everyone a run for their money!

Year Three

Year 3 have been learning about 'balance' in gymnastics and this week they worked in pairs to create symmetrical and asymmetrical balances. They experimented with height and shape using the equipment and we're sure you'll agree that they've been very creative in their poses, many of which require a lot of strength, stamina and flexibility!



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Year Four

Last week, we had a fabulous time at **Northern Heights**! The weather was glorious, making all of our outdoor activities even more enjoyable. From morning until night, we were busy taking part in a wide range of exciting adventures.

The children showed fantastic teamwork and resilience as they built dens, raced each other on the go-karts, and zoomed down the slopes during grass sledging. As the sun went down, the fun continued with an exciting ditch walk, where everyone enjoyed exploring in the evening and working together to tackle new challenges.

One of the highlights of the trip was gathering around the campfire to toast delicious marshmallows, share stories, and enjoy time with friends. We also danced the night away at the disco, showing off some amazing moves and making lots of happy memories together!

It was a wonderful experience filled with fun, friendship, laughter, and adventure. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and willingness to try new things.



Year Five

This week the children finished their first 'Big Write' in English! They worked really hard to write a convincing persuasive speech and persevered throughout the drafting process to edit and improve their work.

Year Six

Our lovely Year 6s are through to the final of the School Vision's 'National Song Competition'. Please continue voting for them using this link:

<https://pollunit.com/en/polls/1MaaUHRZ7HVN096gQ2CxVA>



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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:



Calling all Musicians!

We are holding our first music recital of the year on Monday 19th October at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who learns an instrument at home or school who has a piece that is performance ready is welcome to perform. Please email the school office if you are interested.

New Pupils

We would like to welcome Olanna and Alfa into our nursery this week.

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

The Big Question

Story: Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that uses artificial intelligence, which can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring.

Question: Do we need AI wherever we go?

Attendance

Thank you to the families who are using our Attendance Policy and the appendices when requesting leave for exceptional circumstances.

We are aware there are times when it is not possible to book appointments out of school hours however where possible, we would encourage families to investigate this possibility.

This is the link to our policy page:

<https://christchurchprimary.greenhousedms.co.uk/Parents/Attendance/>

Attendance last week was 96.9% for the whole school which falls just short of our 97% target.

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A fond Farewell

Today we say goodbye to Unashe (Year 1) and Anashe (Year 4) who are moving away. They have been wonderful members of our school and we wish them and their family all the very best on the next part of their journey.

SEND updates:

Exciting news, the Autism Advisory Team are running an exciting speaker event on Tuesday 20th October with Dr Pooky Knightsmith about 'Understanding and Supporting Children Who Mask.' This event is for parents and carers of autistic children who hold it all together at school. Does your child manage the whole school day, then fall apart the moment they're home with you. That isn't you doing something wrong, it's what happens when a child finally reaches the person, they feel safest with. This session is for parents and carers of autistic children who mask, and it's mostly about home: why the evenings look like they do, the quiet signs that come long before a crisis, and the small changes that take the pressure off.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/PiXBEUJsk8>

Online Safety and Screen Time

As children spend more time online, it is important to help them develop safe and healthy digital habits.

- **Set clear boundaries** around screen time, including screen-free mealtimes and bedtime.
- **Know what your child is doing online** and use age-appropriate parental controls.
- **Talk about online safety** and remind children not to share personal information or passwords.
- **Encourage them to speak up** if something online makes them worried or uncomfortable.
- **Model good habits** by balancing screen time with sleep, exercise, family time and other activities.

Remember, it's not just about **how long** children spend online, but **what they are doing and how it affects their wellbeing**.

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Sport at Christ Church

This week the children have been exerting themselves for the Cross Country Trials. Well done to everyone in KS2 for their efforts and especially to those who made it into the team to represent the school next Thursday. We will look forward to hearing about their experience.

We will also wish our netballers well who are playing this week against Livingstone.

The Tag Rugby Festival will be held in the coming weeks on the pitches at Old Elizabethans; we are looking forward to joining in with this annual event.

Hello Yellow

Thank you to everyone who helped to mark the National Mental Health Awareness Day by supporting 'Hello Yellow' and adding a yellow item to their uniform. The children reflected upon the point behind this which is to raise awareness and start conversations about young people's mental health so that no young person feels alone with how they are feeling. Thank you to Mrs Wright who organised our positive paperchain. This will be going up this coming week.



By wearing bright yellow and coming together as a school community, we send a vibrant message of solidarity, hope, and support to every pupil.

A.A. Milne: "Promise me you'll always remember — you're braver than you believe..."

Psalms 94:19 (NIV) "When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy."



Growing up brings big changes and, sometimes, big worries. This week, let's remind our children that they don't have to carry their anxious thoughts alone. There is always comfort, a listening ear, and a safe space waiting for them when things feel overwhelming.

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 all the Staff

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Diary Dates

October 2026:

Thurs 15th	KS2 Cross Country
Fri 16th	Just One Tree Day KS2 Creative Writing
Mon 19th	Y3 PTA cake sale (15:30) Music Recital (18.30-19.30)
Wed 21st	Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony
Thur 22nd (NOT 21/10)	Y5/Y6 Young Shakespeare
Thur 22nd	YR - Y6 Flu vaccines
Fri 23rd	Inset day
Mon 26th - Fri 30th	HALF TERM

November 2026:

Wed 11th	Y5/6 Islamaphobia workshops
Thurs 12th	Individual photograph day Y5/6 Girls Football tournament (12.00-15.00)
Fri 13th	Inclusion coffee morning 9am
Wed 18th	Y2 PTA cake sale (15:30)
Fri 20th	Infant Music Festival (13.30-14.45)