



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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Mr Crocker

This has been an emotional week in school as we formally took time to remember our wonderful Caretaker, Mr Crocker. The weather was kind to us on Monday as families joined with us to give thanks for Mr Crocker and to share his memory together. We were thankful that Dawn and Jack were able to be here with us and to know all that he meant to us at Christ Church and how he will be missed.

We spoke about his legacy which is wide reaching in all he gave to us.

We also think of Mr Crocker when we look at the trees surrounding the school. The children spent time hanging the leaves they had written for him in the trees, we hope you are able to share in these memories.

We are grateful to the Friends and to the Governors for the tree and the rosebush which have been given in memory of Mr Crocker and will be planted in Jack's Garden and in the bed at the front of the school by the main entrance. Thank you too to Tim Lock who led our prayers together. Cici read the Psalm beautifully and Year 6 sung an acoustic version of Sweet Child of Mine which Mr Crocker would have blaring out of the hall system whilst cleaning the floors. Thank you also to Mrs Watford who read the poem we have written for Mr Crocker - this is shared later in the newsletter and hopefully you will see him in the words and have a moment to remember his interactions with yourselves too.

We as a staff want to extend our thanks and appreciation to the school community who have also reached out to us at this time as we have also lost a good friend. When times are difficult and when times are good, it is comforting to know we are there for one another.

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Year One

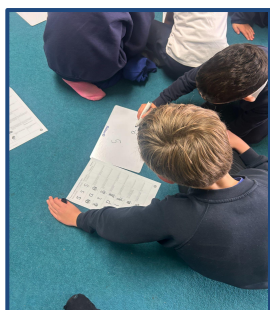
Year 1 enjoyed the afternoon at Underhill Primary School watching 'Club Origami' perform an interactive show with music and dancing. The children were able to create their own origami pieces as well as enjoy the performers move and dance in the style of each folded piece. Their favourite part was being able to play with all the paper at the end!



Reception

The Year 6 children have been putting their skills to good use by joining the Reception children this week for a special writing workshop. They worked together to practise forming letters correctly, offering guidance, encouragement and plenty of praise along the way.

It was wonderful to see our older pupils acting as positive role models and our youngest learners growing in confidence as they developed their early writing skills. A fantastic example of teamwork and learning across the school.



Year Three

This week Year 3 visited Celtic Harmony, a Stone Age-Iron Age authentic camp in Hertfordshire. From the moment they were challenged at the gate to be allowed into the village, they were immersed in a pre-historic world, sheltering in round houses, learning about the pudding stones (only found in Hertfordshire) which were used to grind wheat into flour, as well as weaving, 'muddling' to create a stew, dying fibres to make bracelets and sitting around a campfire for some good old fashioned Stone Age-Iron Age entertainment. What a fantastic trip!



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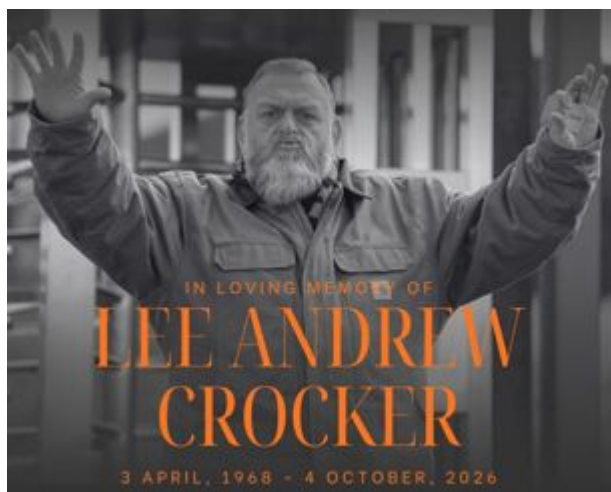
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Year Five/Six

This week Y5 and Y6 were very lucky to be visited by the Young Shakespeare company. They had a fantastic afternoon of being immersed into the tragic story of Macbeth! The children took part in the drama and some were selected to play crucial roles in the performance. The tale unfolded before our very eyes and we were all shocked by the ending - no spoilers!

Thank you to the team who performed and, as always, thank you for an incredibly engaging and interactive way to learn Shakespearean language!



For those of you who wish, Mr Crocker's family have asked that donations are made to Macmillan Cancer Support on his behalf. We have included the QR code above should you feel this is something you would like to do.

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Attendance

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. Shared below is the whole school attendance information for this half term. As we move into the winter months, please continue to support your child's attendance at school.

Attendance percentage

School	97.1%
National	95.9%
Local Authority	96.0%

The Big Question:

Story: Nine new emoji characters, including a pickle, a lighthouse and a monarch butterfly, have been approved by the Unicode Consortium.

Question: How can emojis help us to communicate?

Fireworks

Please see the attached flier from the Friends, we hope to welcome as many of you as possible at this event. Please note that this year it is also open to previous families of the school who have purchased advanced tickets. This is a closed event for current families and alumni. We will not be permitting groups of past pupils without family members.

SEND NEWS AND UPDATES

. 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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Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. — Matthew 11:28

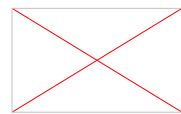
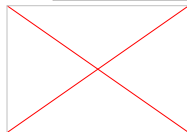
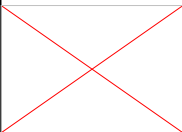
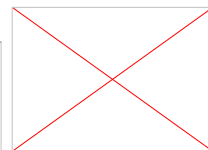
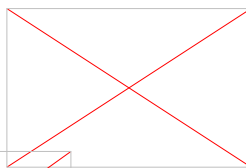
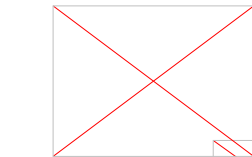
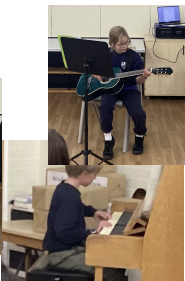
Rest when you're weary. Refresh and renew yourself, your body, your mind, your spirit. Then get back to work. — Ralph Marston

Weekly Reflection

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Music Recital

On Monday evening, some of our students returned to school to take part in our first music recital of the year. We even had a guest appearance from a past pupil, Jai, on the drums! For many children it was their first experience of performing in front of an audience, and we were incredibly proud of all of them for the courage they showed. It was wonderful to see the fruits of their labours from hours of practising and look forward to their next performance. If your child would like to take part in this, please look out for the letter which will come out towards the end of next half term.



Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online remains a priority. We continue to remind pupils about the importance of being kind and respectful online, keeping personal information private and telling a trusted adult if anything they see or experience online makes them feel uncomfortable.

Please use the half term to talk with your children about their online activities, check the apps and games they use and make sure parental controls are in place where appropriate. Working together, we can help our children develop the knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe and make positive choices online.

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 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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DATES

October 2026
Monday 26th - Friday 30th

HALF TERM

November 2026

Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th	Parents' Eve YR - Y6 - Please see class platforms for sign up sheets and times.
Fri 6th	Netball Match v. Livingstone
Mon 9th	Girls' Football Match v. Trent
Tues 10th	World Science Day Mixed Football Match v. Woodridge Y5/6 Islamaphobia Workshops Parent Partnership 9:00am
Thurs 12th	Individual Photo Day Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament (12:00 - 15:00)
Fri 13th	Inclusion Coffee Morning 9am Friends' Firework Evening (see flier in newsletter attachment)
Mon 16th	Primary Netball Tournament Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 17th	Boys' Football Match v. Whitings Hill
Wed 18th	Y2 Friends' Cake Sale (15:30)
Fri 20th	Infant Music Festival (13:30 - 14:45)

December 2026

More dates to follow

Tues 8th Dec 9:30am	EY Nativity
Wed 9th Dec 2:00pm	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Thurs 10th Dec 6:30pm	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Production
Fri 11th Dec - <i>time to be confirmed</i>	Year 3 and 4 Nativity

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