



Our **Vision** is to be a...

**Caring Community,
Courageously Learning,
Inspired to Live Life to the Full.**



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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." | (John 10:10)

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Dates for Term 3

- Tue 13th Jan 9-10am** - Sleep workshop with school nurse
- Tue 20th Jan 3.45-5.15pm** - Zebra throwing & catching festival
- Mon 26th Jan** – Lion Library trip
- Tue 27th Jan 9-10am** - Skills connect coffee morning – (details to follow)
- Tue 27th Jan 10.30am** Open worship at church (families can attend)
- Thu 29th Jan & Tue 10th Feb 3.30-6.30pm** – Parent/Teacher meetings
- Fri 30th Jan** - Inset Day (no school for children)
- Mon 2nd Feb** – Tiger and Panda Library trip
- 9th-13th Feb** – Wonder Week
- Mon 9th Feb** – Cricket workshops, Jungle Jonathan Workshops, 9am 'Bowels & Bladders' workshop
- Tue 10th Feb** - Jungle Jonathan Workshops
- Wed 11th Feb** – Online Safety Day
- Thu 12th Feb 3.30-4.30pm** Art Gallery at church for families
- Thu 12th Feb** – Explorer Dome, 9am Parent Council meeting
- Fri 13th Feb** – Explorer Dome, Non-Uniform fundraiser, Hot Choc awards, Enrichment sessions, last day of term.

Weekly update from Anna Martin

We have had a brilliant first week back at school, and it has been wonderful to see such fantastic learning and behaviour across the school. The children have settled back into routines beautifully and have shown real enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

Staff have worked hard to make learning really engaging as they know it can be harder for children to return to school after Christmas. This has included creating an exciting Egg Box Dragon hunt linked to our English work, which the children have absolutely loved. Thank you to everyone for such a positive start to the term.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership

Happy New Year!!

It has been so lovely to welcome all the children back this week and despite the weather, it feels good to get back into a routine. We hope you have all had a good Christmas and new year.

It is very rare, but there is a possibility of having to close the schools, if snow means that we cannot safely open. If this does ever happen, both CCI and CCJ will be the same – we will never close one without the other. As soon as the decision is made in the early morning, we will communicate via text and email, as well as putting it on the school website and informing the LA. This link will take you to the official South Glos website for all schools [South Gloucestershire Council - School Opening Status](#). If you have not heard from us, then we are all open as usual.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christian Value of the term

Courage

Bible Story: David and Goliath



The Christian Value for this term is Courage and we teach the children that one way of showing courage is to do what is right even if it feels difficult or frightening. We tell the children the Bible Story of David and Goliath to help them to understand that Christians believe they can overcome anything with God's love and support.

Aim: We want our children to be courageous in learning and living, putting our values into practice with passion and commitment. We want them to have the courage to challenge and change the world around them for the better.

Bible Verse linked to our Value:

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...for the Lord your God will be with you.' (Joshua 1:9)

Collective Worship

Monday – We talked about how important it is to show courage when friends may not be making the right choices at playtime and recapped what our three schools rules meant and why it is important that we follow these.

Tuesday – The children heard the Bible story of David and Goliath and thought about how David felt he could beat Goliath because he had God on his side.

Wednesday – We held our weekly Worship through Achievement and gave out awards for those children who have been courageous in their learning and prizes to the children who won the reading raffle.

Thursday – The children thought about what showing courage means and how it doesn't always roar but sometimes it can be the little voice at the end of the day that says 'I'll try again tomorrow'.

Friday – As part of our continued learning about spirituality, Mr. Jones talked to the children about 'lessons from a pencil' – see below;

Life Lessons from a Pencil

1. Everything we do will always leave a mark
2. We can always correct the mistakes we make
3. What is important is what is inside of each of us
4. We will all undergo painful sharpening from time to time, which will only make us better
5. Allow yourself to be helped and guided



Living the Values



This week's school children's award goes to Jude in Tiger Class who showed real courage this week when he was feeling very nervous about going to Lego after school club for the first time. He didn't let this stop him from going and had a great time with his friends.

The staff award goes to Miss King who had the joy of finding a deceased rat on the school grounds this week and showed courage in disposing of it when she really didn't want to!

This week's children's home awards go to:

Belle in Crocodiles – for being courageous at home when there has been lots of change and for coping so well with being poorly over Christmas.

Emlyn in Lions – for being courageous during his blood test this week. He has had many blood tests and knows that they are a little uncomfortable but he got through it and he celebrated with a chocolate brownie afterwards.



Thank you Lego Luke

After our Facebook post earlier this week, Lego Luke has very kindly donated some of his Lego for indoor provision at lunchtimes.



Out of School Achievements



Goldie really enjoys Gymnastics! She has recently received her first medal and certificate.

Isaac was awarded Street Dancer of the year 2025! Well done Isaac



We are so proud of Daisy for moving to blue hats at swimming! Well done Daisy

Well done Olivia, great achievements



Census Day- Thursday 16th January

It is school census day next week. Children will have the option of Pasta/ Pizza or sandwiches. School census is when we need the maximum number of children taking a school meal, as this has an impact on our school funding.

Please book a school meal for your children on this day, it will help massively!

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