



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 2

Mon 1st Dec – Decorating our school Christmas tree

Tue 2nd Dec 9am – Mental Health & Well-being information session/coffee morning at CCI for both schools.

Wed 3rd Dec – EYFS Theatre performance at CCI

Thu 4th & Wed 10th Dec 9am – CCI tour for current Y2 parents

W/B: 8th Dec – KS1 Nativities (Mon Peng/Tue Zeb/Wed Cheet/Thu Croc/Fri Gir) Friends Christmas Wrap, Worship at CCD

Mon 15th Dec – 2.30pm Choir concert

Tue 16th Dec - Theatre trip for Y1 & Friends Father Christmas visit

Wed 17th Dec – Theatre trip for Y2, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch, 9am EYFS singalong

Thu 18th Dec 9am - Parent Council meeting & 2.30pm Rocksteady concert

Fri 19th Dec – Last day of T2, Christmas Parties, non-uniform & Hot Choc. awards

T3 starts on Monday 5th January (no Inset Day)

Weekly update from Anna Martin

It's beginning to feel very festive in school this week, as the children are starting to enjoy the magic of Christmas. Our Key Stage One classes have begun their Nativity rehearsals, and there is already a lovely 'buzz' around the building as the children practise their songs and lines. We are so proud of how confident and enthusiastic they are — it's always such a special moment seeing their hard work come together.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming our local Christian Churches Team into school for their wonderful Nativity Puppet Show. The children were captivated by the beautiful storytelling and the chance to see the Christmas story brought to life in such a creative and age-appropriate way. We are very grateful to the church team for sharing this experience with us again this year. The children also really enjoyed exploring the puppets afterwards!



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



CCI were delighted to welcome a group of Y6 children from CCJ to their playground on Friday to help inspire the younger girls to join in with football at playtimes. Football at playtimes is often dominated by the boys—through no fault of their own—but we wanted to upskill the girls at CCI and give them a real confidence boost.

The Y6 girls were wonderful role models who coached the younger children brilliantly. They truly inspired our pupils to believe that gender doesn't matter in sport and encouraged them to get stuck in every day, not just on Girls' Football Fridays.

We are so pleased that closer working across both schools is creating more opportunities for older children to mentor younger ones. The Y6 children really are fabulous!



Amongst the fun, glitter and rehearsals, we continue to focus on kindness, togetherness and understanding the reason Christians celebrate Christmas. These calmer, more meaningful moments are just as important, and we aim to balance both the joy and the reflection throughout the coming weeks.

Collective Worship

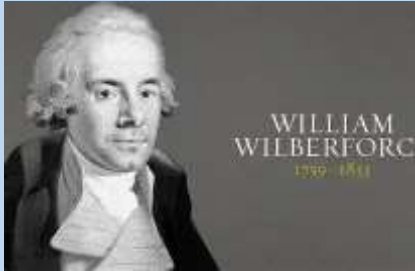
Monday – Belinda and Jack who told the children the Bible Story of Zacchaeus. Jesus saw that he was feeling sad and lonely and wanted to help him, despite the mistakes he had made.

Tuesday – We welcomed the Christian Churches Team who performed the Christmas story using their wonderful puppets. The children really enjoyed this special performance.

Wednesday – Achievement and Values awards and Reading Raffle prizes

Thursday – The children thought about showing kindness to others when they are upset or sad.

Friday – The children learnt about others in their spirituality worship this week, learning about a man called William Wilberforce. He persisted for over 20 years to stop the slave trade in the UK.



NSPCC Pants Rule

We regularly teach the children about the 'PANTS' rule using the NSPCC video and materials seen below. The children find this very entertaining, but it also has a really important message that helps children know how to stay safe.

What are the PANTS rules?



Privates are private +

Always remember your body belongs to you +

No means no +

Talk about secrets that upset you +

Speak up, someone can help +

[Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Living the Values



This week's school children's award goes to George S in Cheetahs who was spotted trying to help a friend to do up their coat. Both were finding it very tricky but George stopped what he was doing to help.

The staff award goes to Miss Hobbs, the trainee teacher in Lion Class. She always treats every child with compassion, whether it is helping them with their learning or just putting a coat on.

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

Dougie in Cheetahs – choosing a more reasonably priced toy for Christmas so that his family could spend money on other people too.

Miriam in Pandas - is constantly checking to see her little sister is ok now that she is more mobile, making sure she's ok when she has the occasional bump.

Hugo in Lions - offered his help and support to his brother who after having a difficult day at school, kindly offered him a hug and told him it's ok. At the same time, he also helped mum, asking if she was ok, and offering kind words and a hug when she had a little accident at home.

Elijah in Lions - was very compassionate at the weekend when he helped us take his brother to hospital. He was very patient whilst we waited, and made sure the doctors knew what his brother did and didn't like. He was also spotted being very kind to a classmate when they were feeling sad this week.

Teddy in Tigers - showing compassion to one of his friends on the way to school one morning this week. He saw he was looking sad so went over, encouraged him, telling him it was ok and offered him a hug.

Moss in Crocodiles – for being really kind to his little brother, helping him when he drops things and showing more love and affection to his Mummy. He has been really inspired by the Good Samaritan story in school.

School Council


School Council had great fun creating an Advent Calendar for each class at CCI and delivered them with the hope of spreading some Christmas kindness at CCI over the festive period. Behind each door is a kindness challenge for the last 15 days of school before Christmas e.g. Smile at someone today, help a friend, say thank you to someone.



School Council Meeting: Wednesday 26th November

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EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: In Drawing Club this week our story has been: 'Meg and Mog'. We have been drawing a picture of Mog and labelling her characteristics. In addition, we looked at where the book is set: Meg's house, and created our own drawing of a spooky house. In our adventure session drew a cauldron and drew and then wrote 3 ingredients that we could put into our spell.</p>	<p>Being an author: We wrote the middle and end of our retelling of Lila and the Secret of the Rain. We used 'and' to join words and included past tense such as danced and cheered.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have completed our adapted stories that we started to write last week. We have been making sure that we are enhancing our writing by using extended sentences that include 'but' and 'so' having tried out creating sentences including them last week. We have also had an opportunity to do some creative writing this week, using our imaginations to create our own piece of writing based on some exciting story starters. Finally, we have made some Christmas decorations so that we can hand them on the tree next week but also so that we use this opportunity to practice our instruction writing.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write a sentence to explain what you have put in your spell?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Remember to use an 'ed' ending for past tense.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We are challenging ourselves to use creative language this week, including it in both our stories and our creative writing.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: Our focus in maths this week has making 5. We introduced the Hungarian 5 frame and investigated different ways to make 5 using 2 different coloured counters. We have practiced saying the amount we have made in a sentence e.g. one and four makes 5.</p> 	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been adding single and double digits within 20. The children have used the practical resources such as Numicon and counters on tens frames as well as recording on number lines.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we are moving onto learning about shape. We will be recapping the properties of 2D shapes and moving onto learning about the properties of 3D shapes. We will learn the names of each 3D shape and then explore how many faces they have, if they have any curved surfaces and how many edges and vertices (corners) each one has. We will also be looking at the 2D shapes that we can see within our 3D shapes – for example we can see a triangle and rectangle on a triangular prism.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write all the number sentences for number bonds to 5?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: In our problem solving this week, we looked at finding 'all the possibilities'. The children had to record two addition and two subtraction number sentences for a fact family such as 3, 4, 7. $3 + 4 = 7$, $4 + 3 = 7$, $7 - 4 = 3$, $7 - 3 = 4$</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We will be reading clues about properties of 3D shapes and then matching these to the correct 3D shape.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'What is Darkness' In our enquiry session this week we have been looking at hibernate in the winter and those that live in dens. During our continuous provision we have been using small world play and creating dens and hibernating spaces for mini animals. We have been making sure that the dens we create are cosy, safe and warm</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How can we travel the world?' We have used our engineering skills to make our own wheels and axles. The children used carboard to create the wheels and pencils for the axles.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How can we travel the world?' This week we have been scientists and we have been collecting data using a tally chart and then displayed this information using a bar chart. We have also been working hard on being performers, practicing our Nativity plays which are coming together brilliantly ready for our audiences in the next couple of weeks.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you create your own den using junk modelling?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Can you explain how to make the wheels stronger? What happens if you use different shaped wheels?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: As scientists we have been learning about what a fair test is and how we can make sure that we are doing a fair test when we experiment / collect data.</p>



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Out of School Achievements



Dorothy receiving her ultra marathon wristband on the weekend - for 50 junior park runs



Ffion performed confidently on stage in front of 80+ people in a ballet show on the weekend. And she has two more performances this weekend!



Isaac celebrated his achievements in class with his friends and teachers, over the last few months Isaac has been doing fantastic with his activities, here are some of his achievements recently.

CCI FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS WRAP

WEDNESDAY 10TH DEC
During school hours

This Christmas, the Friends of CCI are hosting a pre-payment shopping experience in school for all children to have the opportunity to choose a gift for any special ADULTS in their family. The children go to the hall to choose their gifts and the hand-picked presents will be sent home wrapped and ready to place under the tree.

Available now on ParentPay
until the 5th of December
£4 per gift
Max 4 gifts per child

Organised by the Friends of CCI | Charity Number: 1038487
All raised funds go to support the school and school activities

CHRISTMAS SALE

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025
After school outside reception classes

Christmas Jumper, Clothing,
Books and Games

Donations needed by the 21st
Please drop off at Reception

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If you would like us to share your child's achievements of any sort, please email them to christchurchinfants@gmail.org.uk and we will pop them on the weekly newsletter.

Circle of Security | Parenting Support | South Gloucestershire

Parenting Groups

Understanding Your Baby



The group is based on the Solihull Approach to parenting and focuses on the parent / baby relationship. It aims to support parents in building positive relationships with their babies.

12th January - 23rd March 2025
1 - 3 pm Filton Children's Centre
10 week course, term-time only
2 hourly sessions per week

Sessions include:

- How babies develop
- Tuning into your baby's developmental needs
- Weekly fun activity for you and your baby
- How to recover and repair when things go wrong
- Communicating with your baby
- Introduction to solid food
- Baby safety



Scan here for this FREE group

Creative Holiday Club

Reception - Year 6

NO COST!

Activities:

- Arts and Crafts
- Drama
- Games
- Outdoor play

When? Monday - Friday 10am - 12pm

Where? Staple Hill Primary School

Bookings open from 15th October



Stories round the Tree



Monday 15th December
5:30 - 6:15pm at
Downend Library

Bring your favourite teddy and wear your pyjamas for a festive, fun-filled evening!

Booking essential, please ask staff for details

Suitable for ages 4+

Children must be accompanied by an adult

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

YOU ARE INVITED TO

MEET SANTA WITH A LOT OF GAMES, ARTS, BALLOONS, FACE PAINTING, FOOD & DRINKS

SATURDAY | 13 DEC | 2-5.30PM
Lyde Green Community Hall, BS16 7GW

Please register



<https://forms.office.com/e/eVvFvg3D5e>



Christmas On The Hill

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

BS16'S BIGGEST XMAS EVENT!

10am- Dusk. Staple hill high Street

- FREE SANTA'S GROTTO
- MEET STITCH!
- JINGLES THE ELF MAGICIAN
- SALVATION ARMY BAND
- ANIMAL PETTING FARM
- CHOIR PERFORMANCES MARKET
- FACE PAINTING
- CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Follow @wearestaplehill for details

