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**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 3rd Nov** – Inset day (no sch. for children)
- Thu 6th Nov** – Triple P Parenting Course starts at CCI
- Mon 10th Nov** – Odd Socks Day
- Fri 14th Nov** – Children in Need – dress in own clothes, spots/Pudsey/Blush
- Mon 17th Nov** – Lion trip to Library
- Thu 20th Nov** – Individual school photos
- Tue 25th Nov 3.45-5.15pm** - Penguin Striking festival at Mangotsfield
- Fri 28th Nov 3.10pm**– Friends Christmas jumper/PJ/toy sale
- Mon 1st Dec** – Tiger trip to Library
- Tue 2nd Dec 9am** – Mental Health and Well-being information session/coffee morning at CCI for both schools.
- Wed 3rd Dec** – EYFS Theatre workshop and performance at CCI
- Thu 4th & Wed 10th Dec 9am** – CCJ tour for current Y2 parents
- W/B: 8th Dec** – KS1 Nativities, Friends Christmas Wrap, Worship at CCD
- W/B: 15th Dec** – Choir concert, Theatre trips for KS1, Father Christmas visit, EYFS singalong, parties, Rock Steady & Parent Council
- Thu 18th Dec 9am** - Parent Council meeting
- Fri 19th Dec** – Last day of T2, non-uniform & Hot Choc. awards

Weekly update from Anna Martin

Welcome back everyone — we hope you all had a lovely half term break! It's been wonderful to see the children return full of energy, smiles, and excitement for the new half term ahead. Classrooms have been buzzing with enthusiasm and curiosity right from day one!

Our EYFS children have been learning all about Bonfire Night, and what better way to bring it to life than with a real fire pit experience! The children loved toasting marshmallows, watching the flames flicker, and talking about how to keep safe around fire — a perfect mix of learning and fun.



Meanwhile, Year 1 have been busy making their own rain maker instruments as part of their work on the story "*Lila and the secret of the rain.*" It's been fantastic to see how they've used creativity to bring the story to life, providing the children with a really enjoyable activity on day 1.



Here's to a brilliant half term full of curiosity, creativity, and plenty of smiles.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



Support staff from CCI were fortunate enough to join CCI's brilliant inset training on Monday – a real chance for collaborative working. Staff from both schools took part in training focused on supporting children's sensory and emotional needs. The team also refreshed their understanding of de-escalation strategies, exploring how to spot early signs of dysregulation and tailor support for each child. We discussed how autism can present differently in girls and shared practical ideas for supporting children with PDA tendencies. It was a really valuable day of learning to help us make our classrooms even more consistent, inclusive and supportive for all our pupils.

Both schools will be marking Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need (CIN) next week with Odd Socks Day on Monday and CIN dress up or own clothes on Friday.

Collective Worship

Monday – Inset Day

Tuesday – We began the term by learning about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate this tradition in the UK. The children really enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and his attempts to blow up the Houses of Parliament. We also talked about the vital safety rules to follow.



Wednesday – We celebrated our achievements and those who have been showing compassion at home and in school.

Thursday – On Thursday the children explored noticing a need in others and how they can they show compassion to help meet that need.

Friday – The children learnt about the new theme for 'Our Space' and how they could use this space to focus on showing compassion and our Bible story of the term.



Living the Values

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

Clayton in Tiger Class, for kindly giving up his bike at playtime when he noticed another child wanted to use it and was feeling very sad.

Cara in Panda Class, for showing great compassion by comforting a classmate who was upset and bringing them a tissue to help them feel better.

The staff awards go to Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Lendrum, who went above and beyond on the inset day this week. If we think about compassion as putting others first through acts of kindness, both demonstrated this beautifully by taking on tasks outside their usual job descriptions and giving up their own time to do so. Mrs Jenkins spent the entire day power-washing the EYFS outdoor learning area, while Mrs Lendrum helped to clear leaves from all around the school site.

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

Nancy in Penguins, who showed compassion towards her friend Amelia during roller skating in the half term by holding her hand as she skated for the first time, comforting her when she fell, and reassuring her that she had also fallen many times when she first started.

Mason in Giraffes and Scarlett in Zebras, for helping an elderly neighbour who struggles with health issues by taking care of their rubbish and recycling bins.

Iris in Penguins, who chose to donate some of her own money to homeless charities after seeing people in need with very little.

Ralph in Pandas, for showing compassion to his brother Harry, who injured his wrist in a football tournament, by checking on him regularly and patiently waiting for him to do things together, even when Harry was slower than usual.

Grace in Cheetahs, who spent her own pocket money on a litter picker and used the half term to go out with her daddy collecting litter along local roads.

Ethan in Cheetahs, for showing compassion towards his brother Reuben. When Reuben dropped some of his snack on the floor, Ethan—without being asked—kindly shared some of his own.

Claudia in Pandas, who has been showing compassion to her younger brother as he prepares to start potty training. Claudia has been sitting with him to look at potty books, showing him how to use the potty, and reassuring him that accidents are normal when learning something new.

Value of the term

Our Christian Value this term is '**Compassion**' and we teach the children that this means treating others as you'd like to be treated and noticing how others feel.

The Bible verse that we use to underpin this is;

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.' Colossians 3:12

We tell the Bible story of The Good Samaritan to explain this to the children. The Good Samaritan was the only person who stopped to help the injured man in the story.

Hot Chocolate award winners!

We were delighted to celebrate the first 'Hot Chocolate' award winners of 2025-26 before half term! These fabulous children were chosen for always following the behaviour rules, being role models to others, showing kindness and putting 100% effort into their learning.





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: This week we have been looking at the book Room on the Broom. The children have loved drawing dogs and using their phonics knowledge to write CVC words. We have also been using our imaginations to think of another animal that could join the witch on the broom and then labelling our picture using the sounds that we have learnt.</p>	<p>Being an author: We have launched our new book for this term, Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway. We engaged the children by sharing a secret box containing clues such as pictures from Kenya and instruments. We then created our own rain shakers. We have been learning the story in small groups and following a story map in preparation to start retelling.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have started to explore a new book called 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain'  We started the week making rain makers as we got to know the story and have then gone onto learning about the past tense and we wrote and answered questions for Lila in the past tense.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you design a new broom for the witch and label the different features of your broom?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Develop the children's language by thinking of words to describe drought such as arid and scorched.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: To use the conjunction 'so' in our question writing.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: In Math's this week had been learning that numbers are made up of smaller numbers. We have also been investigating how we can separate a group of 5 items in different ways, recognizing that the total is this same e.g. 3+1=4 2+2=4 and 4+0=4</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: We are learning about place value of numbers to 20. We have been working with resources such as tens frames, numicon and rekenreks to look at how we represent numbers. The language we have used is tens and ones. Eg. 12 is made of one ten and two ones.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been revisiting place value to 100. We have practiced writing numbers as words, partitioning numbers to 100 in different ways and then we have worked on estimating where on a number line we would put each number.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you find 4 ways to make 5 using counters and record your answers?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: To encourage children to explain their thinking - True or False $16 + 3 = 10 + 9$</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We have been reasoning about numbers, identifying where on a number they would lie and explaining how we know, using mathematical language.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'What is Darkness' This week we have launched our exciting new enquiry. The children have loved exploring the cosy darkness dens in each of our classrooms. They have been investigating the torches, lights and glow stars finding lots of different ways to create 'light' in the dark space.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How can we help?' We are working towards our challenge of making a sponsorship pack of how we can help hedgehogs. This week we are making hand puppets with felt and applying our running stitch skills!</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How can we Help?' This week we have recapped the ways that we can help hedgehogs in our local area. We have designed our own hedgehog finger puppets and then we have been continuing to learn the skill of sewing, using a running stitch to make our own hedgehog finger puppets.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you find different ways of creating light in your bedroom when it is dark?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We are encouraging the children to cut felt carefully to add additional features to their puppets.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: When we have become confident with a running stitch we have challenged ourselves to have a go at a blanket stitch.</p>

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025 9:00 –
10:00am

Younger siblings welcome

Guest speakers: NHS Talking
Therapies, Off the Record,
Love Squared



CCI & ECI
PARENT WELLBEING

Coffee Morning
for

MENTAL HEALTH

Designed to support you with
adult and children's mental health concerns
at Christ Church Infants (CCI).



Can your child help bring some colour and joy to the A&E ward at Southmead Hospital?

One of our wonderful parents, who is the Matron on the A&E ward, shared that her team would love to brighten up their space and bring a little happiness to patients waiting to be treated.

Her daughter, Iris, has already started this lovely project by creating a beautiful A4 piece of artwork — and we'd love for your child to join in too!

If they enjoy drawing or painting, why not encourage them to make an A4-sized artwork to help spread some cheer and brighten the day of patients and staff in this very busy ward? Please send these into the office if your child would like to take part.



BBC Children in Need 2025

We will be supporting 'CIN' this year by following some of the Joe Wicks Activate sessions. We have a specific 'Children in Need' donations page on ParentPay so please feel free to login in and donate.

Friday 14th November-
Non-Uniform Day- Wear something spotty/ CIN related or home clothes



Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day- Monday 10th November

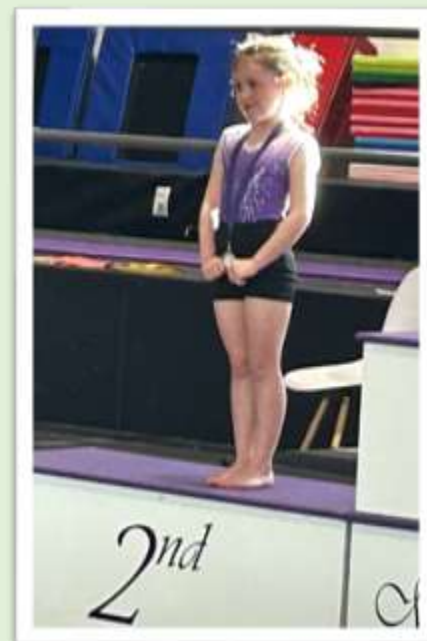


Out of School Achievements

Hugo is very happy he has moved up to stage 3 at swimming



Alice has recently joined gymnastics and won second place in her group



Luna is very pleased to have moved up to stage 2 at swimming



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Tuesdays Years 1 & 2.

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THE BRISTOL BRICK SHOW

Sat 15th NOV 2025, 10am - 5pm
Sun 16th NOV 2025, 9.30am - 4pm
*Quiet Hour - 9.30 - 10.30am Sun only

The Bristol Pavillion
Gloucestershire Country Cricket Club, Neville Road BS7 9EJ

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SUPPORTING: Gaybricks, children's hospice SOUTH WEST, GERT LUG

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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.