



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)*

## CCI NEWS #25

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### Term 4 Dates

- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 9am** – Parent Council meeting
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Class photographs
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Friends Family Bingo night
- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 2.30pm Choir Concert
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – 10.30-10.45am Open worship at Christ Church (families welcome)
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – 3.30-5.15pm Lion Class sports festival at Mangotsfield Secondary (details to follow)
- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** - 2.30pm Rocksteady concert
- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – Last day of term, enrichment sessions, hot chocolate awards & non-uniform fundraising day

**Term 5 starts with an Inset Day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Olympian Day – rearranged for sports week in Term 6 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. We are so sorry for the big delay after all the fantastic fundraising!

### Weekly update from Anna Martin

This week, our KS1 classes have continued to get out and about to explore our local area. These trips have provided wonderful opportunities for the children to learn more about the habitats right on our doorstep, discovering the plants, animals, and insects that live around us. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and making meaningful connections with their learning.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who support these visits. Your time, care, and willingness to help make experiences like these possible are truly appreciated, and we are very grateful for your continued support.



The EYFS children had an exciting surprise visit from PC Bennett, who spent time with our youngest children. He spoke to them about jobs where people help others, sharing insight into his role as a police officer. The children were fascinated to learn that while he carries five pieces of equipment, he believes his most powerful tool is his voice. PC Bennett emphasised that his main job is to help people, which was a valuable and inspiring message for the children to hear.



### Christ Church Schools' Partnership



We have looked ahead to next academic year 2026-27 and planned which days we will have for our five INSET days. We wanted to share these with parents as early as possible, so you can arrange childcare and also make the most of the long weekends! Both this July and next, we will be having our shared end of year picnic on the CCI field and finishing the day at the end of lunch (1.15pm).

#### INSET dates 2026-27

- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (term 1)**
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (term 1)**
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January (term 3)**
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April (term 5)**
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June (term 6)**

## Update on 'Every Child Counts'



<https://www.justgiving.com/.../225-for-225-every-child...>



As you can see I have completed just over 165km, onto the final push now. My knees are still very painful, but don't seem to be getting worse. I can feel a twinge in my Achilles tendon which is an old injury, likely triggered by overcompensating for the knee pain. Every step hurts and it's taking about 1hr 7mins for each daily 10km, there is no chance of stopping I promise!

We have so far raised £900 which equates to £4 per child, please help me by sharing with your friends/family to raise as much as we can for our children.

Thank you to all who have supported so far!

**Keep going Saran, you are amazing!**



## Collective Worship

**Monday** – No worship due to the Olympian cancellation

**Tuesday** – Mrs Rylands taught the children how and why Muslims celebrate Eid.

**Wednesday** – Miss Essex led our weekly worship through celebration and awarded the raffle prizes.

**Thursday** – Mr Jones talked to the children about doing the right thing. The children heard a Bible story about Jeremiah who kept on passing on God's messages even when people weren't listening. Jeremiah stayed faithful to God and persevered in doing the right thing.

**Friday** – The children learnt about Louis Braille, the man who created Braille so that blind and partially sighted people could read and live life to the full. The children were encouraged to achieve something that changed people's lives for the better.

## Living the Values



This week the **school children's award** goes to **George S in Cheetahs** and **Tillie-Rae in Crocodiles**. George has worked so hard on his writing never giving up and is now saying he loves writing! Even though he finds it hard and he never chooses the easy option, always challenging himself! Tillie-Rae has shown great perseverance with her phonics this week and this is reflecting in her reading and writing work in class. Well done both!

**The staff award** goes to **Miss Griffin**, who persevered to come into school every day last weekend even though she felt really unwell. She even completed a long run over the weekend for the SANDS charity!

**The children's home award** goes to:

**Wren in Zebras** - has been working really hard at keeping going even when her home learning is tricky and at the weekend she asked for some jobs to do to help clean the house and kept going with this when she would have rather been playing!

**Carys in Cheetahs** - cycled around a pump track for the first time at the weekend. She was initially a bit scared of the big bumps and ramps but kept persevering. By the end, she could cycle all the way around by herself and really enjoyed it.

**Claudia in Pandas** - is showing perseverance during her classes in order to try and successfully pass her gymnastics assessment.

**Leo in Penguins** - showed great perseverance whilst playing for his football team, Mangotsfield United. He didn't give up during the game and scored a goal and won Man of the match for his team.


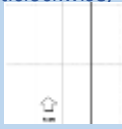
**Kip in Giraffes** – despite it being his first time on a Skateboard he kept trying and didn't give up.

**Isla in Tigers** - has persevered to learn to ride her bike without stabilisers. She kept reminding herself of the Tiger class motto, Tigers never give up!

**Marcos in Penguins** – has shown perseverance in sticking at football even when it has felt tricky and this weekend he earned the MOM award for his great defending, tricky wing play and crossing in the second half.

**Iris in Penguins** - showed great perseverance on Sunday when she took part in the junior park run. Iris had done park run the week before but really wasn't that keen to do it again. Her legs were hurting when running, but she showed great perseverance and kept running and even got a personal best, taking 3 minutes off her time the previous week.



EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p><b>Being an Author:</b> We shared the story 'Tyrannosaurs Drip' in Drawing Club this week. The children loved writing about a 'Duckbilled dinosaur' and creating their own dinosaur to describe in their writing. We had some very exciting new species!</p>	<p><b>Being an Author:</b> This week we have focused on accurately using present and past tense. We have linked this with spelling of -ed words.</p>	<p><b>Being an Author:</b> We have been working on using the subordinating conjunctions 'because' and 'when' in sentences to extend our sentences and add detail about what has happened in a mini-diary entry about Traction Man's rescues. We have also thought about questions and exclamations we could write in a letter to Traction Man.</p>
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Imagine you found a dinosaur egg! Write a sentence to describe where you found it...'It was in the...' 'The egg was at the...'</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you write a diary entry for what you've done over the weekend using past tense?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you include some contracted words in your sentences as well? (eg. I've, I'm, you're, you've, we're)</p>
<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> This week we have been learning <b>number bonds to 5</b> (two numbers when added together make 5). We have used different strategies to help us remember them...using our fingers, numicon shapes and 2 different coloured counters. We practised using the correct mathematical language to help us explain our thinking and show the addition. "<u>   </u> and <u>   </u> equals 5" or "5 is made up of <u>   </u> and <u>   </u>"</p> 	<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> This week we have focused on finding a quarter of a shape and quantity. The children are taught that a quarter needs to have four equal parts.</p>	<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> This week in maths we have been working on position and direction, using our previous knowledge of fractions to help us. We have been using language such as above, below, left and right to describe the position of items and have given directions for an animal to move on a grid to a target using: forwards, backwards, left and right. We have then learnt about clockwise and anticlockwise turns, including quarter, half, three-quarter and full turns to see what the position of an item will be after it has done a turn.</p>
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you write a number sentence for a number bond you have learnt?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you cut your sandwich into quarters over the weekend?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Follow directions such as: Forwards 2, quarter turn clockwise, forwards 1, three quarter turn anticlockwise, forwards 1 on a grid:</p> 
<p><b>Enquiry: Where Can We Go?</b> Last week we thought about the different roles and responsibilities of people who work within our school. This week we have been looking at the different jobs within our local community and how they can help us. We were extremely lucky to have a visit from PC Bennett, who works in the area as a valuable member of the Police. He talked to the children about some of the jobs he needs to do and how he could help them if they ever needed him. There was great excitement from all the children, when they were able to have a closer inspection of his car and listen to the sirens being played</p>	<p><b>Enquiry:</b> This week we have finished our enquiry- What is Home? The children have made their own hedgehog from clay and labelled their physical features.</p>	<p><b>Enquiry:</b> This week we have been finishing off our Enquiry 'What is home?' by continuing to think about where different animals live in different habitats in the world and by writing a fact file to go with our clay habitat for an owl to explain where it lives and what it eats (using a food chain). The classes who didn't visit Lincombe Barn last week have gone this week, looking for animals and habitats there.</p>
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> What job would you like to do in the future and why? Maybe draw a picture to explain.</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Compare the physical features of a sea creature to a creature that lives on the land.</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you write some facts about why a certain animal lives in a certain habitat?</p>

## Out of School Achievements



Isla has persevered learning to ride her bike without stabilisers. She kept reminding herself of the Tiger class motto, Tigers never give up!



Ethan gained his stage 2 badge and 5m badges. He has shown real perseverance recently with swimming.

### Creative Holiday Club

Reception - Year 6

**NO COST!**

**Activities**

- Arts and Crafts
- Clowns
- Games
- Outdoor play

**When?**  
From 10am - 12pm, 14th - 18th April 2024

**Where?**  
Premier Education & Sports Club

Book now for lots of Easter fun!

**£24.65** per child  
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**SIBLING DISCOUNT**

These clubs are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays. Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

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## MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

**Now**

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

**Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, red hands and feet** - someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

**MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?**

- Very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- Stiff neck
- Sensitivity to bright lights
- Rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Severe confusion, feeling drowsy or dazed
- Fit

**SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?**

- Loss of appetite
- Severe pain and aches in limbs and joints
- Swelling
- Very hot, flushed and hot to touch
- Red or blotchy skin
- Rapid breathing
- Shivering and sweating
- Red or purple 'bruises' or blotchy red or pink skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check under areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth, and the eyelids
- Difficulty walking or standing
- Extreme drowsiness, being unresponsive

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

**EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.**

## Class Photographs

Class photos will be held Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. If your child's class has PE that day, PE kit is fine to be worn in photos.