



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 #36

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### Dates for Term 6

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.30-3pm** Y2 party and water fight (Water pistols etc needed – one per child and a change of clothes)

**12-1pm Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Picnic for all children & families

**1.30pm Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – school ends for CCI & CCJ

### Dates for Term 1

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Sept** – INSET Day – no school for children

**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** – 2 hour visits for EYFS, full day for Y1/2

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept to Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Alternate full days for EYFS

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.30am** – Anna Martin and Gareth Jones attending worship at Christ Church

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sept** – EYFS full-time

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Penguin trip to the Library, Experience Harvest Zebra and Cheetah Y2

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Experience Harvest Penguin

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Flu Vaccinations, Zebra library trip, 9am SEND coffee morning with CCJ

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 10.30am Open Worship Harvest at Christ Church, 3.45-5.15pm Cheetah Target Festival

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 9am Parent Council meeting, 2.30-3.10pm EYFS parent curriculum information sessions in classes (ch. to hall)

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Oct & Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – 3.30-6.30pm Parent/Teacher meetings

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Cheetah Library trip

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 3.30-4.30pm New EYFS 2026 Open evening (designed for children to come along and play and explore the school)

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Crocodile library trip

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Last day of Term 1 – non-uniform day, enrichment session 1 and hot chocolate awards.

### A Look Back at a Wonderful Year!

As we wrap up another busy and brilliant school year, I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that's been achieved—and to say a huge thank you to you, our amazing parent community.

This year has been filled with growth—not just academically, but in all the ways that really matter. We've seen friendships blossom, confidence grow, and children taking big steps in their personal development. From showing courage in trying new things, to showing compassion, kindness and respect to one another, our pupils have truly embodied the values that we live by.

We've been so proud to offer a wide range of enrichment activities this year, from exciting trips and creative workshops to sporting events and extra-curricular clubs. These opportunities help our children discover new interests, develop their talents, and build lasting memories – truly living their lives to the full.

A heartfelt thank you must go to all of you—our parents and carers—for the incredible support you've shown. Whether you've helped out on trips, cheered at sports day, supported reading at home, or simply offered a kind word to staff, we couldn't do what we do without you.

To our wonderful children: we are SO proud of your progress. You've worked hard, looked out for each other, and shown real perseverance—even when things got tricky. You've grown in character as much as you have academically, and we can't wait to see what you'll achieve next.

And of course, a massive shout-out to our incredible staff team, who have given so much time, care, and energy to make this year a success. Their dedication to every child's learning and well-being is what makes our school such a special place.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and fun-filled summer break and sending love to our Y2s as you prepare for your next adventure.



### Christ Church Schools' Partnership



Both schools would like to thank our families for their continued support of the schools over the past year. We feel very fortunate to be part of a community who support their children so well and this is evident in the regular attendance at the many events we hold.

We are really looking forward to coming together as a whole school community on the last day of term for a Christ Church Schools picnic, held at CCJ, and we hope to celebrate the fantastic year with you all there.

## Achievement & Attendance figures

You will know that CCI is so much more than just the academic results our children achieve. However, it is very important to celebrate how brilliantly our learners have done this year in reading, writing, maths and phonics and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for the progress they have made.

Here you can see the percentage of children who achieved the expected standard by the end of the year;

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Phonics
EYFS	84%	81%	87%	-
Y1	85%	85%	84%	91%
Y2	80%	80%	80%	71%

Just to note that children retake the phonics screening in Y2 if they didn't quite pass it in Y1. This resulted in 73/75 Y2 children having passed the screening by the time they leave CCI.

Attendance:

Whole school average 96.3%

National average 94.5%

## Thank you to the Friends

We would like to say a very big thank you to our Friends team this year for raising enough money to fund all of this;

- Birds of Prey visit
- New mural at the school entrance
- Junk percussion workshop
- Science fun day
- EYFS theatre experience
- Y1 and Y2 Christmas theatre tickets
- Little City role play experience for EYFS
- Clay art joint project with CCJ
- 2 new reading schemes
- Swimming pool noodles
- Games for Maths day
- PE/pool equipment for sports week
- Eggs/chicks in incubator
- SEN toys and equipment for new room
- Playground equipment, games, planks and crates
- A-frame whiteboards for each class
- A visualiser to be shared between classrooms

We are in awe of the wonderful parent volunteers who are the Friends and would like to say a special thank you to Jenny and Luke as they move on when their Y2 move to CCJ. Our school is a much better place because of the Friends and all of the children benefit from lovely events as well as essential funds raised.

## Message from our Chair of Governors

'Every year the governors and senior leadership team at the school agree on the areas they want to focus on for improvement. At our final governors meeting for the year we looked back at what has happened and we were delighted to see just how far the school has progressed against these objectives. Particular highlights for me have been the incredible feedback we got from our SIAMS inspection, the progress we've seen in the standards for writing and the positive feedback we've had from parents of Y3 children about some of the changes made to school transition into the juniors. We are so lucky as a school to have such an excellent staff team, led brilliantly by Anna!

Part of the school vision is to be a caring community and we, as governors, are also incredibly thankful to all the children and their families who all contribute to making CCI such a warm and welcoming place. Being at the leavers performance this week was a special opportunity to see how much the staff care for each and every child in the school, and I know they will miss all of our year 2 children who have brought their own personalities and talents to the school. I know they will also be hugely excited to get to know our new EYFS children next year.

We are sad to see 2 excellent governors leave us at the end of this year. Matt and Alicia have contributed so much to the school and we're incredibly grateful to them! We are delighted to have 3 excellent new governors starting with us in September - Laura, Lauren and Leah. If anyone would like to understand more about what governors do, or would like to raise something with us, then please do reach out via Sam (our clerk) [Samantha.Beamant@gmail.org.uk](mailto:Samantha.Beamant@gmail.org.uk)

From all the governors, we hope you have a fantastic Summer Holiday and look forward to all that lies in stall for next year!'  
Chris Douglas Chair of Governors

## School Improvement Plans for 25-26

Our senior leadership team spent Monday offsite, reviewing last year's challenges and successes and planning what our focus will be next year.

In summary, our successes were;

- SEN support
- High quality support staff
- Improved lunchtime provision with staff who really understand children's needs
- Improved behaviour
- Spiritual Development and a very successful SIAMS inspection
- The changes we made in writing to reduce cognitive overload for children and introduce Drawing Club in EYFS
- Relationships between colleagues and staff well-being

Our plans for next year include;

- Further improvements made to writing
- Using research and quality first teaching principles to ensure that all teaching is of an equally high standard at all times.
- Further joined up working with CCJ, with CCI staff learning more about KS2 and beyond so that our provision prepares learners as best as it can.

You will be able to read our full School Improvement Plan on the website by the end of term.

It is always with a very heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to our Y2 children and it genuinely is the hardest thing about being an infant school rather than a primary school, as we have to say goodbye too soon. All of the Y2 children have been on their own journey at CCI, with some starting later, some having challenging personal journeys, some flying through it and some feeling very anxious about the next stage in their journey.

There are also several families in Y2 who now leave us as their only or youngest child is about to move onto CCJ. We would like to wish those of you who this includes good luck and to say thank you for being such valued members of our school community.



Thank you for the memories Y2, we will hold you in our hearts forever 

