



Our Vision is to be a...

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



@CCIDownend

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 6

- Mon 14th & 18th July** – Basketball coaching for all classes
- 2pm Tue 15th July** – Y2 Leavers dress rehearsal
- 1.30pm Wed 16th July** - Y2 Leavers production and assembly at Christ Church (CCD) – this is the one for parents to watch but if you can't you are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal.
- Fri 18th July** – Final Reports sent home
- Mon 21st July 1.30-3pm** Y2 party and water fight (Water pistols etc needed – one per child and a change of clothes)
- 12-1pm Tue 22nd July** - Picnic for all children & families at CCJ
- 1.30pm Tue 22nd July** – school ends for CCI & CCJ (film in hall for any children at CCI who cannot go home)

Dates for Term 1

- Mon 1st Sept** – INSET Day – no school for children
- Tue 2nd Sept** – 2 hour visits for EYFS, full day for Y1/2
- Wed 3rd Sept to Thu 18th Sept** – Alternate full days for EYFS
- Sunday 14th Sept 10.30am** – Anna Martin and Gareth Jones attending worship at Christ Church
- Fri 19th Sept** – EYFS full-time
- Mon 29th Sept** – Penguin trip to the Library, Experience Harvest Zebra and Cheetah Y2
- Tue 30th Sept** – Experience Harvest Penguin
- Mon 6th Oct** – Flu Vaccinations, Zebra library trip, 9am SEND coffee morning with CCJ
- Tue 7th Oct** – 10.30am Open Worship Harvest at Christ Church, 3.45-5.15pm Cheetah Target Festival
- Thu 9th Oct** – 9am Parent Council meeting, 2.30-3.10pm EYFS parent curriculum information sessions in classes (ch. to hall)
- Thu 9th Oct & Tue 21st Oct** – 3.30-6.30pm Parent/Teacher meetings
- Mon 13th Oct** – Cheetah Library trip
- Thu 16th Oct** – 3.30-4.30pm New EYFS 2026 Open evening (designed for children to come along and play and explore the school)
- Mon 20th Oct** – Crocodile library trip
- Fri 24th Oct** – Last day of Term 1 – non-uniform day, enrichment session 1 and hot chocolate awards.

Term 2 starts on Monday 3rd November but this is an inset day for children with training for staff.

Weekly message from Anna Martin

It was wonderful to complete our fantastic sports week by holding our annual sports day at Downend Cricket Club for the first time. The children competed so courageously, despite it feeling new and very large, and showed so much respect for each other as they cheered everyone on. The children behaved brilliantly and we were very grateful that so many families could come along to enjoy the day.



Then we finally topped off the week with the Friends 'Summer Social', which we believe has raised over £4000 for the school! What a fantastic evening – we are so grateful to the Friends team and the many volunteers.



Collective Worship

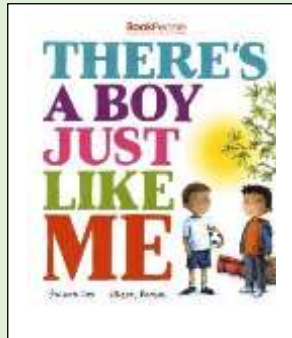
Monday – Miss Chevassut and our ECO team led worship, talking to the children about how important it is to respect the environment.

Tuesday – Mrs Martin led a worship about showing respect and kindness to others who are less fortunate and scared, such as refugees. She used the story 'There's a boy just like me' to help explain this.

Wednesday – Achievement Service with Mrs Rylands.

Thursday – Mr Jones talked to The children about valuing others' opinions.

Friday – Spirituality Worship With Mr Jones, exploring our wonderful world.



Living the Values

In school the **children's awards** go to the children from Dance Mash Up who performed at the show at CCJ on Sunday. A parent wrote to me to tell me how respectful they had been when watching the older children dancing, by watching and cheering them on.

The children's home awards go to Sharvil, Bhaavya and Austin this week;

Sharvil in Lion Class - has been showing respect when he is asked tidy his toys away. He listens carefully, doing this straight away, without ever arguing about it.

Bhaavya in Giraffe Class - has also been showing respect at home by listening attentively when her family members are talking, looking at them and talking their views on board.

Austin in Lion Class – for showing respect to his Great Grandad on his 101st birthday by being very gentle and really engaging to entertain him.



Term Time Holiday Penalty charge

In South Gloucestershire, taking a child on a holiday during term time can result in a fine. For a first offense, the fine is £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. A second fine within three years for the same child is a flat £160. For a third offense within three years, prosecution in the Magistrates Court may be considered. For more information please visit the South Glos. website

School Uniform Swap

Give What You Can, Take What You Need!

Is your child growing faster than your uniform budget? Don't let good clothes go to waste - come along to our School Uniform Swap!

This is a community event where families can donate gently used school uniforms and pick up what they need - completely free.

When: Thursday 21st August, 1pm to 3pm

Where: Resound, Blackhorse Road, BS16 9BP

How it works:

- **Donate:** If you have any clean, good-quality uniform items which your children no longer need, bring them along to donate.

- **Collect:** Browse what's available and take away what you *can use* - *completely free*.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



It was such a pleasure to see so many CCI and CCJ dancers perform at the LTD dance festival this Sunday. It is incredible to see children as young as reception, all the way up to teenagers doing their A-levels. It shows what a fantastic community we have between the schools and it is one that they never truly leave! Thank you too to Karen, Yas and Georgia for all their effort.

In the last few days of the year, both schools have many events happening. We do always try our best to ensure these are communicated and do not clash between the schools. Please do look at the dates on the newsletter to see what is coming up and when. Good luck to all our Y2 and Y6 leavers on their productions and services.



Out of school Achievements



Januja has completed her stage one swimming and is happy to be in stage 2.



Well done Sophie, swim star of the month!

Summer Reading Challenge

From now until 13 September, libraries across South Glos are inviting all primary school-aged children to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden – a magical journey through nature, imagination, and storytelling!

Children aged 4 to 11 can sign up for free during staffed hours and receive a special activity bag to get started. Read books of your choice, collect stickers, complete your collector's poster, and earn a medal, certificate, and a free swim voucher from Active Lifestyle Centres, plus, enjoy free nature-inspired events and activities all summer long.

PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS
more fun, more friendships, more smiles DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the summer holidays.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dogball to cricket, basketball to archery.

With the fully funded H&P programme, these camps can attend weekly which includes healthy food and exciting activities.

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

AGES 4-11
Mon-Fri 9am - 11.30am
£22.07

4 YEAR OLDS
Mon-Fri 9am - 11.30am
£22.07

South Gloucestershire Community Learning
***FREE Adult Courses**

Staying safe online workshop
Tuesday 22nd & 29th July 2023, 3.30 - 11.30am
Yate Armadillo Cafe

This course will help you to understand online security and will support you to protect yourself when online. You will learn how to recognise threats and the steps you can take to reduce online risks. The course is suitable for those who wish to re-engage with learning to either to improve their wellbeing, upskill and progress to further learning or employment.

Course cost is free but there is a small charge.

Location: Yate Armadillo Cafe, Yate, Gloucestershire, GL8 8JH
Website: www.southgloucestershire.gov.uk
Email: staying-safe@sgcl.org.uk
Phone: 01453 866666

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Online safety at home

CCI Internet Safety Newsletter - Issue 6



Age Rating and Restrictions

Be aware of the age restrictions for the apps. They are in place to keep children safe.



Smartphone Free Childhood is a growing movement of families who believe childhood's too short to scroll away. They recommend...

<p>0 - 13 Years old</p> <p>No phone</p> <p>We're not taking 'no internet' or 'no screens'. But having some exceptions, most primary aged kids don't need a phone of their own.</p>	<p>11 - 14 Years old</p> <p>First phone</p> <p>A simple phone for communication but without social media or web browsers. Texting access to family laptop or other devices.</p>	<p>14 - 18 Years old</p> <p>Follow on phone</p> <p>Introduces a smartphone with parental controls and clear boundaries around apps and data usage.</p>	<p>18+ Years old</p> <p>Smartphone</p> <p>Older teens are better equipped to manage the complexities of constant, instant and social media feeds.</p>
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Did you know? You can add a PIN to your account so a PIN must be entered to purchase or view restricted content. You can restrict viewing of videos from certain ratings categories by selecting which ratings categories you'd like to restrict.