



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 6

- Fri 27th June** – Y2 Move Up Day to CCJ
 - Week beg. 30th June CCI Sports week** – sports clothing all week (doesn't have to be PE uniform)
 - Fri 4th July** - Sports Day (Y1/2 9-11.30am & EYFS 1.30-3pm) & Summer Social 4.30-6.30pm
 - Thu 3rd & Mon 7th July 9-12pm** – EYFS and Y1 children move up to new classes/Y2 go back to EYFS in their new Y3 class groups
 - Thu 10th July – 2.45pm EYFS** parents invited in for food stalls
 - Thu 10th July 3.10-4.20pm** - Y2 Leavers Disco
 - Mon 14th & 18th July** – Basketball coaching for all classes
 - 1.30pm Tue 15th July – Y2 Leavers**
 - 1.30pm Wed 16th July** - Y2 Leavers production and assembly at Christ Church (CCD)
 - 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 – CCJ will have a similar plan)
- ****Sports Day will be at the Cricket Club this year ****

Weekly message from Anna Martin

Our Y2 children represented the school brilliantly at the MAD Olympiad last Thursday and we came back to school with some great achievements. Oakley was third in the sprint final, Harvey came second in the egg & spoon race final, Zebra Team came 1st and Penguin Team came 4th in the relay final with both teams winning their heat and Zebra Team came 2nd in the whole competition. More than anything, we were so proud of the team-ship and respect that the children showed to each other and other athletes.



Our Eco Team have been busy making some 'Bug Hotels' for our school grounds this week and thought really carefully about creating inviting homes that our insects could feel safe in. These are now on the field and Eco Team have spoken to the whole school about everyone showing respect to Eco Team and the insects by not touching them.



We would like to thank all of our families for being so supportive to the school this week as we have announced the new classes. Not everyone has got what they wanted, but every family has supported the children and us to try and make it work.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



It has been wonderful to see how brilliantly the children have taken to visiting their new classes across both schools. They have spent time meeting their new class teacher, getting to know the children in their new class and being excited about the changes to come next year.

We understand it is always strange to say goodbye to the current teacher and class but it is also an opportunity for growth and new challenges. Year 2 and Year 6 have especially big changes as they move schools! Year 2 have been very much enjoying the chances they have had to visit CCJ and the team and there are several more opportunities for them to do this over the coming weeks. We also want to wish our year 6 children the best of luck as they visit their new secondary schools ☺.

Collective Worship

Monday – Downend Library came to talk to the children about the summer reading challenge (see below)



Tuesday – The children went to Christ Church for a worship about Respect with Reverend Dan Watts.

Wednesday – We celebrated our children who have lived out the value and gave out raffle prizes for our most regular readers.

Thursday – Mr Jones led this worship about valuing others as we would like to be valued.

Friday – Mr Jones talked to the children about George Muller and how he prayed to God to help him help children who had been orphaned in Bristol.

South Gloucestershire Libraries

📖 COMING SOON – Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Story Garden! 📖

All children aged 4–11 are invited to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge - it's FUN and FREE at your local South Gloucestershire library!

🌱 From Saturday 5 July to Saturday 13 September, visit your library during staffed hours to sign up and pick up your FREE activity bag. Then, let the reading adventures begin as children read books they enjoy over the summer to collect stickers and rewards!

💬 Here's what families are saying:

"It's a great way to get children interested in reading more – and the rewards are amazing!"

"My grandchildren love it! Talking about the books boosts their confidence."

"A fantastic opportunity to keep reading skills growing over the summer."

🎁 Plus, there are loads of fun FREE holiday activities, including:

🐞 'Buzz & Scuttle' Insect Collage Workshops with illustrator Marian Hill

🌱 Story Garden themed crafts

Visit our website for details

<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities/>

#SummerReadingChallenge #StoryGarden

South Gloucestershire Council

The Reading Agency

Living the Values

In school the **children's awards** go to Ted and Alby in Crocodiles and Aled in Tigers. Ted could see we were trying to pass through the same area so he stepped back to let me through, which I thought was so respectful. I tied Alby's shoelaces and he went to run off with his friends but then came back to thank me. Aled accidentally knocked into me and stopped and said 'sorry about that'. All great examples of how respectful our children are.

The **staff award** goes to Miss Chevassut for helping Eco Team to be respectful to our world and all the creatures who live in it. She spent time at home gluing together the bug hotels they had made, going above and beyond.

At home the values awards go to;

Verity in Tigers for showing respect to all animals by talking to them and treating them with kindness.

Tabitha in Crocodiles for showing respect to the environment by doing a litter pick at the beach one day without being prompted to be her family.



CCJ Visit

Mr Jones and Mrs Martin spent the morning at CCJ this week to spend time with the Y3 children and staff to learn about how we can make changes in Y2 to help the children move onto CCJ happily. It was wonderful to see the Y3 children so happy and settled and we wanted to share some feedback.

What is the same as CCJ?

- All Y3 children now go into school through the classrooms rather than the lower band door
- There are additional adults in each Y3 classroom
- There is an age-appropriate balance of practical and recorded learning, just like CCI

What do the Y3s love about CCJ?

- All of the sport!
- The Playpod
- Forest School
- Children's University
- Buying Tuck and 'Frozo Fridays'
- Y6 Buddies

What can we improve further?

- Give the Y2 children the opportunity to spend time in their new Y3 classes whilst still at CCI
- Bring our maths teaching more in line so children find the step up into Y3 less challenging.
- Increasing the amount of recorded work in the afternoons for Term 6 for Y2 children.
- Learn more about each other's curriculums especially in the wider curriculum such as the Arts and Humanities.



EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: This week we shared the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' writing about all the different fruits we enjoy! We have been sound detectives, spotting digraphs and trigraphs within words and reading words with different endings. Our focused sounds this week were: -ing, -ed</p>	<p>Being an author: This week, the children have been writing their own version of the 'Light's on Cotton Rock' story. The children used their story maps and box up plans that they had created last week, to support them whilst writing their own version. There were lots of wonderfully creative ideas.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week the children have been writing their own narratives based on the story 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. They have been encouraged to include comma lists, question marks, exclamation marks, a range of conjunctions as well as using lots of descriptive noun phrases.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you change the word to include the right ending? 'look' 'walk' 'wait'</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were asked to focus on including lots of grammatical concepts in their stories such as- adjectives, exclamation marks and conjunctions and if they wanted an extra challenge they needed to add a suffix onto some of their words, such as 'ed' or 'ing'.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were challenged to use apostrophes for possession in their stories and include the full range of conjunctions taught in year 2.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: We have been using the mathematical language, 'first, then, now' to help us solve subtraction problems and creating different scenarios with maths resources eg. 'First I had 5 cubes, then I took 3 away, now I have 2'.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week, the children recapped related addition and subtraction facts within 10 and 20 e.g. $9 + 7 = 16$; $16 - 7 = 9$; $7 = 16 - 9$. We then went on to counting forwards and backwards in 2's,5's and 10s. We used number lines and numicon to support our learning.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week, we have continued to revisit different concepts such as 2D and 3D shape, money and time. After a brief review of each area, the children worked through a range of related questions to show how much they have learnt throughout Key Stage 1.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you make your own subtraction story using objects from around your home?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We were given the numbers 4,6,9,3 and 8 and had to write down all of the addition and subtraction number facts we could make within 20.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were challenged to compare different 2D and 3D shapes in order to identify similarities and differences.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'Where does food come from?' We used the story of 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' to inspire us to make our own fruity kebabs! We found out where each of the different fruits had been grown.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How do we play in different ways?' This week, we took a look at games played in the past, such as, pin the tail on the donkey, snakes and ladders and marbles. We used our previous knowledge from playing these games last week and wrote down how to play them and what the rules are.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How do we play in different ways?' This week, some of the classes have been comparing games from the past and games from the present. They identified a range of similarities and differences including thinking about what materials are used to make them. Other classes have been working on their end of year performances with their classes.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: What is your favourite fruit? What country is it grown in?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We worked in groups to think about how we could modernise these games so that they are up to date with today's world; such as 'pin the tail on Bluey.'</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge was to investigate a wider range of games looking for similarities and differences.</p>

Out of school Achievements



Carys ran her 11th Junior Park Run a couple of weeks ago, which equates to running a half marathon.



Well Done Daisy, amazing achievement!



Hunter has now completed 21 park runs and earned himself a marathon wrist band. He all smashed his PB from 12m 53s to 11m 54s

Junior Adventures Group

HOLIDAY HQ

SUMMER CAMP

PLUS LOTS MORE!

WATER
SPORTS
FUN OF THE FAIR
SCIENCE

Swing into the school holidays.
Book now for the Summer!

RUNNING AT 90+ VENUES
WEEKLY THEMES
DAILY SPORTS, CRAFTS, TEAM CHALLENGES, SPECIAL EVENTS AND MUCH MORE!

Looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine? Holiday HQ is the place to be!

WEEKLY THEMES | SPORTS | TEAM GAMES | STEM | ARTS & CRAFTS | SPECIAL EVENTS | MAKE AND TAKES | AND MUCH MORE!

SUMMER CAMP Check out what's on offer:

- Themed Hero Activities:** Embark on a new adventure each day with exciting themed activities—like Outdoor Explorers, Sports Week, Crazy Science & Inventions, Fun of the Fair, and more—for unforgettable Holiday Fun!
- Make and Take:** Craft your own unique creation and take it home as a Holiday HQ souvenir! Whether it's arts and crafts, DIY science experiments, or even designing your own t-shirt, every creation is a special Holiday HQ keepsake.
- Special Events:** Experience exciting performances, games, and activities brought to your club by expert facilitators—from epic animal encounters and Nerf battles to silent discos, every week features a special event extravaganza!
- Skill Zone (Daily):** Skill Zone is a daily session designed to build confidence, curiosity, and teamwork through themed challenges and purposeful play. Aligned with each day's theme, kids explore new ways to think, move, and create—developing life skills in a fun, inclusive environment.
- Team Challenges (Daily):** Join forces and take on exciting team-based games and challenges that build teamwork, creativity, and confidence. Every day is a new mission to accomplish together!
- Super Sports (Daily):** Get active and unleash your energy with a variety of dynamic sports and physical games. From classic favourites to new twists, it's all about movement, fun, and friendly competition!
- Arts & Crafts (Daily):** Let your imagination shine through daily arts and crafts activities! From painting and sculpting to creating themed masterpieces, every day is a chance to express your inner artist.

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