



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)*

## CCI NEWS #23

**6th March 2026**



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### Term 4 Dates

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Science Day ‘What’s your question?’  
(Y4 children to join us in exploring electrical circuits),  
Friends plants for parents

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Paralympian Day

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/christ-church-cofe-infant-schoolfundraiser#>

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> & Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Experience Easter for Y2s

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 9am** – Parent Council meeting

**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**

### Weekly update from Anna Martin

We have had a fantastic Book Week, celebrating our love of reading and finishing with the excitement of World Book Day at the end of the week.

The children thoroughly enjoyed drama workshops, as well as engaging storytelling sessions and visits to the library. A special highlight was welcoming Year 6 pupils from CCJ, who came to read with our EYFS children and were wonderful reading role models.

The children also designed their own bookmarks to enter a national competition, showing great creativity and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rylands for organising such a special week and to Mrs Anderson for arranging the drama workshops. What a brilliant celebration of reading!



### Christ Church Schools' Partnership



On **World Book Day**, the Year 6 children from CCJ visited CCI to read with the EYFS pupils as part of our celebration of reading. They were patient, engaging, and kind, and the younger children listened with admiration, clearly looking up to their older reading partners.



## Update on 'Every Child Counts'



Here is a weekly update from Sarah regarding her 225km challenge.

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

'I have started strong with covering just over 50km over the first 5 days, averaging 10km daily. Consciously I have slowed my pace, I may run faster towards the end however I need to preserve my muscles as best I can and avoid injury. Initially I was doing 2 runs each day, however my body was not enjoying the second run so I switched to 1 long run. I don't believe I will be able to maintain 10km each day but I have given myself a good head start. My body and my mind are 2 separate entities at the moment 😊. My body just needs to resign itself to the fact that this is what we are doing, other than very sore legs and a gnarly blister on one foot, I'm feeling ok and injury free. The most difficult thing is walking downstairs! Wishing I had prepared a little (but I truly didn't), this is no easy challenge, I can't believe I volunteered for this! I am a little deflated that I haven't managed to raise much yet, although I rallied my family and friends to give me a boost. I would like to thank those that have donated, understanding that not everyone is able to donate, can we please ask that they share for us wherever possible!'

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

### Collective Worship

**Monday** – We had a visit from Belinda and her puppet Jack to tell the children a different Bible Story that demonstrates perseverance.

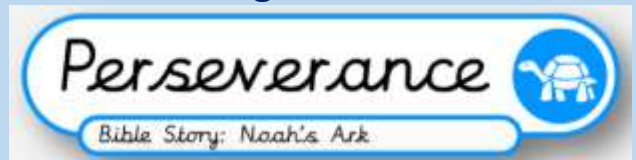
**Tuesday** – We had a celebration of our drama workshops at the end of the day.

**Wednesday** – We celebrated children who have been persevering in their learning and behaviour and gave out the weekly reading raffle prizes.

**Thursday** – We launched WBD with a wonderful storytelling assembly, where the children were asked to use their imaginations to tell their own stories.

**Friday** – The children thought about forgiving others in their weekly spirituality worship. They explored that it can be tempting to stop being friends with people who hurt us but that it can hurt for longer if you don't reconcile, forgive and move on.

## Living the Values



This week the **school children's awards** go to **Kobi in Zebra Class**. He has had a tough week but has shown perseverance and kept going and we are all so proud of him.

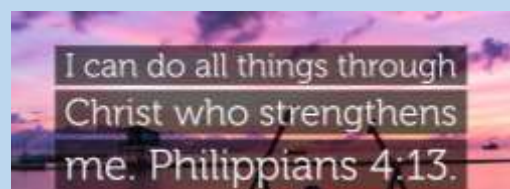
**The staff award goes to our kitchen team**, as they have coped really well with a change in management and now another change in their team, showing so much perseverance.

**The children's home award goes to: Fred in Tigers** – for persevering in learning how to ride his bike even when it was very tricky. Well done for never giving up Fred!


**Sophia in Crocodiles** - showed perseverance at Blaise Castle, walking over the rope bridge. Initially she was frightened as it's a big bridge but she showed courage and perseverance and made it across twice. Sophia was so proud of herself and knew how persevering was so important - "I went across the bridge all by myself. That showed perseverance because I tried my hardest. I knew I could do it, so I kept going."



**Maeve in Pandas** - showed fantastic perseverance in her first swimming lesson. Even though she felt scared and tearful about swimming backwards, she took deep breaths with her teacher, gave it a try, and didn't give up. She stayed in the pool and enjoyed the rest of the session - well done, Maeve!





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p><b>Being an Author:</b> We have been celebrating World Book Day this week, sharing our favourite stories. We have loved describing different characters, using story language and creating mini books.</p>	<p><b>Being an Author:</b> In writing we have focused on how to write questions and using a question mark at the end of these sentences.</p>	<p><b>Being an Author:</b> We have started to use the subordinating conjunction 'when' in sentences this week. We use this to tell more information about when something is happening or has happened. We have been using them in sentences about Traction Man. E.g. Traction man crawls along the muddy ground when he sees the frightened dolls stuck in the flower bed.</p>
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you draw and label a front cover for one of your favourite story books?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Interview a family member and write a list of 5 questions before.</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you add an adverb for how the character is doing the verb? E.g. Slowly, silently, quietly, loudly, roughly.</p>
<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> We have been learning more about numerical patterns, solving problems linked to sharing and discovering if amounts are 'equal' or 'not equal'. We practised sharing between two plates and checking to see if they had the same amount to make them equal.</p>	<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> This week we have been looking at finding addition and subtraction number bonds to 20. We know if <math>6 + 14 = 20</math> then <math>20 - 14 = 6</math>.</p>	<p><b>Being a Mathematician:</b> In maths this week we have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes, both past and to, paying attention to whether the minute hand is on the 'past' or 'to' side and whether the hour hand has gone past the hour or is coming up to the hour.</p> 
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Count up to 10 objects and see if you can share them between two plates? Can they be shared equally between three plates?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Can you write 4 number sentences to match each number bond to 20?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> What will the time be 20 minutes after 5 to 7? What was the time 15 minutes before 25 past 12?</p>
<p><b>Enquiry: Where Can We Go?</b> We have been talking about the things we see and hear around us- what is in our local area? What might we see on our journey to school each day? Do we all see the same things?</p>	<p><b>Enquiry:</b> We have focused on book week! In Year 1 we were lucky enough to be invited to Downend Library to listen to stories and even met Supertato!</p>	<p><b>Enquiry:</b> We have paused our enquiry this week to enjoy lots of book activities related to book week. Some of this has included writing book reviews, drawing our favourite character and designing a new front cover of a book. We have also had visits to CCJ library to explore some of the books they have there.</p>
<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Ask a grown up to help you- stand outside your front door or go into a garden/ park...What can you hear? What can you see?</p>	<p><b>Extension Challenge:</b> Go to your local library and read some books you're interested in.</p>	

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## School Trips

EYFS trip to Court Farm – 24<sup>th</sup> April

Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain – 7<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain – 8<sup>th</sup> May

All trips are payable via ParentPay. There is an option to pay instalments or in full



## School Nursing Service parent drop-in

If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins.

This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

**When:** Every Friday during school term time, starting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026 10:30am to 12.

**Where:** Martins House, opposite Kings Oak Academy.

**You can contact:** School Nursing team 0300 125 5151.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our service.



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# Family BINGO Night

Fun for all the family!  
Prizes, Games, Tuck shop onsite

**£1 per person to play**

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## MARCH | 27

### 5:30 PM

at the school Hall



### TREASURE HUNTERS

DOWNEND LIBRARY  
WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
2:30 - 3:30PM

Free drop-in craft activity  
most suitable for primary school aged children.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### ANCIENT WORLDS LEGO CHALLENGE

DOWNEND LIBRARY  
MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
10:30 - 11:30

Free drop-in Lego Activity  
Age 4+  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



