



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 #22

## 7th March 2025

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### Dates for Term 4

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Silly Science workshops for all classes
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Giraffe Class at the KS1 sports festival after school
- Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Mar & Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Parent/Teacher meetings
- Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Parent Council meeting
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Christian Churches Easter Puppet Show
- Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Mar**- Class photos
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** – Comic Relief; wear red clothes with non-uniform
- 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Experience Easter for Y2 children at Christ Church
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March 9am** Open Easter Worship at **Christ Church** – families welcome
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** – 9.15-10.15am Saltmine Bible Theatre at CCJ for Y1/2 children and staff
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** - Friends Easter Family Bingo 5.30pm, more info to follow
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Friends Plants for Parents, details on Parent Pay
- Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – 2.30pm Choir concert
- Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr** – 2.30pm Rocksteady concert
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Last day of Term 4, non-uniform fundraiser, enrichment session and hot chocolate awards.
- Term 5 starts on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** (Bank Holiday for Easter Monday on 21<sup>st</sup> April)
- Swimming starts in Term 5 for all children**
- EYFS trip 24<sup>th</sup> April** (letter to follow)

### Weekly message from Anna Martin

It has been a really fun week at CCI this week and we really do feel as though the sunshine has helped.

Giraffe Class enjoyed a trip to Downend Library, Lion Class enjoyed making pancakes and the whole school enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and #LetGirlsPlay to encourage equality in football.

Despite all of this fun, the children's behaviour has been excellent after a 'lively' week back last week and they have really enjoyed the sunshine and play equipment outside, playing and sharing brilliantly. We have also noticed so many children now tidying away equipment they haven't used themselves.



### Christ Church Schools' Partnership



We wanted to share the good news about attendance in both schools. The local authority has praised our whole school attendance as being consistently strong. We believe this is due to our strong partnerships with our families, so we wanted to thank you. We understand how tricky a rainy Monday morning can be to get motivated and in school, but it makes such a difference!

Please remember though that we know it is not always easy for children. We would always encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher if they are finding coming to school tricky, as we want to help.

## Collective Worship

**Monday – We learnt about why Muslims observe Ramadan and fast for a month before celebrating Eid.**



**Tuesday – We learnt about why Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday and then give something up for Lent before Easter.**

**Wednesday – We celebrated our children and staff who have been showing perseverance at home and in school.**

**Thursday – We celebrated World Book Day and a love for reading for pleasure.**

**Friday – We learnt about the #LetGirlsPlay campaign to raise the profile of equality in football.**



## Inset & Term dates for 2025-26

### Term Dates;

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Term 5	Tuesday 13 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Monday 20 July 2026

### Inset Dates for both schools;

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## Living the Values

**In school the children's award** goes to Reggie in Penguins. Staff have noticed how much harder he is working on his reading and he really is showing so much perseverance. Well done Reg!

**The staff award** goes to Mrs Gardner who has been having to work really hard on getting support for a child and never giving up no matter how hard it feels.

**At home the values awards go to;**

**Immy in Penguins** – persevering to learn to knit and never giving up despite it being very challenging.

**Darcie in Crocodiles** – showing perseverance to learn her tricky words at home by herself and really trying hard to do this without any help.

**Vivi in Zebras** – for persevering with her reading at home despite having a little brother who likes to distract her.

**Bobby E in Pandas** – showing perseverance in joining a new swimming group in much deeper water despite feeling very worried about this.

**Oscar in Zebras** – working really hard on his reading and writing at home, despite it being really challenging at times.

**Dexter in Zebras** – not giving up at swimming whilst trying to master the very tricky dolphin stroke.



## First raffle winners!

The children were so excited to see whose tickets were pulled out of the raffle this week for reading at least 5 times a week at home and doing optional and additional home learning.

We are really grateful to you for recording when the children read at home in their reading logs as this means we can say well done to the children and pop a ticket in the box for them.

Keep up the good work – more prizes to be won next week!





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p><b>Being an author:</b> In Drawing Club sessions this week we have looked at the book 'A little Bit Brave.'</p> <p>We drew the character Luna the rabbit and then wrote a sentence to describe her. In our Adventure time drawing club session we used our imaginations to think of and write about where Luna and Logan could go on their next adventures.</p>	<p><b>Being an author:</b> This week, we have celebrated World Book Week. We have created our own comics based on DogMan and written a wanted poster after reading The Night Pirates.</p>	<p><b>Being an author:</b> this week it has been world book day and to celebrate we have been writing stories for Charlie our Christ Church infants Story loving Bear. We have based our stories on the book 'The way back home' by Oliver Jeffers. We have adapted the story by changing where the characters have travelled to and then we also altered the ending. It has been a great opportunity to apply our learning about statements, exclamations and questions.</p>
<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you add an adjective to describe Luna?</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you create your own pirate and use adjectives to describe what they are wearing and how they behave?</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> this week we have been able to challenge ourselves by including expanded noun phrases and commas in a list in our story writing.</p>
<p><b>Being a mathematician:</b> In Math's this week we have been grouping and sharing equal and unequal groups of objects up to 10.</p> <p>We have been sharing amounts of compare bears and counters between 2 plates. We have investigated which numbers can be equalled shared and which cannot.</p>	<p><b>Being a mathematician:</b> This week, we have been learning how to find one more and one less within 100 as well as plotting numbers on a number line.</p>	<p><b>Being a mathematician:</b> We have started exploring time this week, looking initially at comparing intervals of time. For example we have been thinking about which activities take longer to do – brushing your teeth or watching a film? Having breakfast or a swimming lesson? We have also been able to think about seconds, minutes and hours – how long each of these lasts and what we can do within each timeframe.</p>
<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you record on a whiteboard how you can share 8 counters between 2 people?</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Create your own number lines starting and finishing at different points</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> we have been comparing periods of time such as 2 minutes and 120 seconds. Thinking about which are longer, shorter or equal amounts of time.</p>
<p><b>Enquiry: Where can we go?</b> This week in our enquiry lesson we looked at what features are near to our school using google maps. We then created a map of our classroom or school using a key.</p>	<p><b>Enquiry: Where is my school?</b> This week, we have learned more about countries in the UK and named the different continents. We've labelled these on a map.</p>	<p><b>Enquiry: Where is my school?</b> As it has been Book Week we have paused our enquiry learning and instead we have had opportunities to explore our favourite books. We have enjoyed a virtual lessons with authors such as David O'Connell. We have thrown ourselves into world book day, celebrating reading for pleasure and sharing books that we love!</p>
<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you create a map of your house using a key?</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge</b> Can you tell a grown-up what continent you live in? What country do you live in?</p>	<p><b>Extension challenge:</b> We have been recommending books to one another, considering our friends interests, the authors that we enjoy reading and the types of characters that we love.</p>

## Out of School Achievements



Theo passed his level one swimming and is now an orange hat. He's done so well



Matteos bronze badge from taekwondo! He is so proud

# DOWNEND FLYERS FOOTBALL CLUB



## GIRLS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Development - Reception & Year 1 (age 5/6)  
Under 7s - Year 2 (age 6/7)



If your girl wants to play football, then look no further!  
Downend Flyers Girls FC is the place to be for football, fun and friendships

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- \* Coached by FA qualified coaches \*
- \* Training Thursday evenings 6-7pm \*
- \* Matches on Sundays \*
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- \* Chance to become a future Lioness! \*



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Enquiry Form - <https://forms.gle/YAS7qa2j8ihyBDWv9>

Please can we remind all parents if your child has a stomach bug they must not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness. If you would like more information please follow the link below

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Learning to Live Life

# BUBBLE CHURCH

First Sunday of the month at 4pm

Sunday April 6th  
Sunday May 4th  
Sunday June 1st  
Sunday July 6th

Quakers Road Church Centre

30 minute Church service for little ones every month. It's puppet-packed, Jesus-centred and fuelled with love. Join us for a children's tea afterwards.

Book NOW!