



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 your Diary - Term 1 & 2 Dates

TERM ONE

15th Oct - Harvest Festival at Christ Church (school only)
5.30-7pm - 23rd Oct. EYFS 2025 Open Evening
23rd Oct - One-page reports sent home
24th Oct Last day of school for children. Enrichment sessions, hot chocolate awards, non-uniform day fundraiser
25th Oct - Inset Day/staff training

Half term

TERM TWO

Monday 4th November – Term 2 starts, school for all children
8th Nov – Theatre visit for EYFS at CCI
11th Nov - Anti-bullying week
15th Nov - Children in Need – non-uniform & CIN dress up for children, Friends Quiz at CCI
21st Nov - Individual photographs – date change

TERM Two cont.

26th Nov - 3.45-5.15pm KS1 Striking festival (8 Penguin ch needed)
28th Nov – 9am Parent Council meeting
28th Nov & 3rd Dec Parent/Teacher meetings (3.30-6.30pm – booking invites to be sent out at the start of T2)
w/b: 9th Dec KS1 Nativities at 9am – 9/12 Peng, 10/12 Zeb, 11/12 Cheet, 12/12 Croc, 13/12 Giraffe (parents invited)
17th Dec – Father Christmas visits Friends eve
18th Dec – 9am EYFS singalong (all EYFS parents from Panda/Lion/Tiger invited to watch in the hall), Christmas jumper day, Christmas Lunch
19th Dec – Y1 am trip to Theatre, hot chocolate awards for behaviour
20th Dec – Y2 am theatre trip, all children to wear non-uniform party clothes, Christmas Parties, last day of term

Weekly update from Anna Martin

This week has been a very busy one despite the terrible rain and it really didn't stop our fun. The tiredness and illness has kicked in for lots of children (and staff!) this week but in true CCI style, rather than let it dampen our spirits, we have given it our all.

Here you can see some of our Y1 and 2 children designing and building their own junk model bridges this week as part of their learning about the Three Billy Goats Gruff story, bringing their texts to life by practising their engineering skills.



Some of our Y1 and 2 children were invited along to Downend Library for a visiting theatre production of Little Red Riding Hood, where they retold the traditional tale, whilst addressing stereotypes.



Cheetah Class were the first class team to attend the series of CSET festivals at Mangotsfield Secondary school this week. They took part in relays testing their target skills and took part with such enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit, making Miss Gould very proud.

Collective Worship

This week we continued our learning about Friendship by enjoying the Hindu story of eternal friendship 'Krishna and Sudama'. The story explores how good friends just know when a friend is in need without needing to be told or asked for help.



We continued our learning about 'black history heroes' and heard about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Serena Williams and Marcus Rashford.



To finish the week, we thought how we can show friendship by learning to listen to others and what our responsibility is to look after the earth.

Living the Values

In school

There are two children's awards this week for Dougie and Ted in Crocodile Class, who spent their lunchtime picking up rubbish to help our playground and the environment to be safer places.

There are also two staff awards! The first goes to Miss Gould, who gave up her non-contact time to accompany Mrs Rylands and several children on a trip to Downend Library this week.

The second person was nominated by a child in Zebra Class. Sophia wanted to mention Miss Chevassut as she was so sad when her flip book broke but felt so much better when Miss Chevassut gave her hers.

At home

Ethan in Crocodiles – showing care and compassion to his little brother when he was hurt.

Dougie in Crocodiles – Came home from Taekwondo searching for a sticker as someone had been upset that they didn't get given one.

Hugo in Tigers – for letting another child have the lolly he wanted to buy because she was really sad and he knew it would make her feel better.

Parent Council

We held our first parent council meeting of the year this week and it was great to welcome some new parents. It was wonderful to meet with parents who represent different groups through a mix of background, gender and race as this gives us a really diverse outlook on our school community.

Thank you to Peter, Lucy, Winifred, Temy, Steph, Rachel, Rhiannon and Jen for coming along and giving me so many brilliant ideas and having a useful discussion with me.

The three main things we discussed were;

- Joined up working with CCI/CCJ – what can we do better and how aware are parents of our work on this
- Discussion around a joint picnic and possible early finish on the last day of term in July (further details to follow if we proceed)
- Playtimes & football and why we have changed the structure

The most important point that I'd like to make about our parent council is that we listen and things change as a result. For example we plan to;

- Add additional scooter storage to resolve the overcrowded shelter
- Make sure the back gates and vehicle gates are open on time to ease stress on parents trying to access the school site
- Discuss suggested plans with CCJ for further joined up events such as sports day
- Bike helmets purchased and introduced at playtimes to improve playtime safety

The next meeting is after drop-off on Thu 28th November.

Open Evening for 2025-2026 Reception

Our open evening will be **Wednesday 23rd October, 5.30 – 7.00pm**. No need to book. Please let your family and friends know about our wonderful school. New families can also choose to visit during the daytime, please just phone or email to book a tour.

Visit to CCJ for all families

Mrs Osborne, Head at CCJ, is very aware that our current EYFS families did not get the opportunity to visit CCJ when they applied for CCI last year so CCJ have opened up this year's EYFS visits to CCJ for anyone who would like to visit.

Tuesday 3rd Dec 9am

Tuesday 7th Jan 9am

Please ring or email to book a space on a tour;
01454 866516 or christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk

Y2 families will be invited for a transition tour later in the year so there is no need for Y2 parents to visit just yet.

Playtime safety

We will be introducing safety helmets at playtimes for children when they use the balance bikes and scooters. The children will be expected to wear these at playtimes when using this equipment.

We also want to share the safety rules of a couple of other pieces of equipment so that you can reinforce these with your children after school.

- climbing posts are designed so that feet go only on the bottom rests and hands on the top to prevent any high climbing.
- The children should avoid swinging the hanging ropes as they have hard plastic ends that can injure faces etc.



Harvest Festival donations

We will be collecting donations for Harvest to support CAP UK, an organisation who help several of our families each year. If you can donate something small, then please choose something from the lists below and send this in by Tuesday 15th October.

tinned ravioli or meatballs
tinned macaroni cheese
tinned veg
packs of toilet rolls
washing liquid
shower gel
tuna

coffee
teabags
rice
pot noodles
instant mash potato
pasta sauce
crisps/packed lunch snacks
jam



EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: This week in our phonics learning we have introduced new sounds 'l, n, m and d'. As authors we have been working really hard to form each letter carefully, using the cursive 'whoosh in and whoosh out'. We have been using story language to help us recall the story of The Little Red Hen.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have been learning the traditional tale of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. The children have made masks to act out the story and we have been thinking of adjectives to describe the troll. The children have written a wanted poster to apply their use of adjectives.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have been exploring the story 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. We have been getting to know really well by acting it out, reading it in pairs and creating story maps of the tale. We have then thought about writing the story out, we will be including some alterations to the story but this week we have written the beginning, making sure that we are including noun phrases to make our writing really interesting to read.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you retell the story of the Little Red Hen to a member of your family?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: To use a range of interesting adjectives in their description.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We have re-visited the learning we have done about apostrophe's for possession, recalling how and when these are needed in our writing. We are going to try to include examples of this in our story writing.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: We have been marvelous mathematicians this week, looking at the numbers 1,2,3 and 4. We have explored the numeral, the written word and all the different ways we can represent these numbers as amounts. e.g dots on a dice, using our fingers, conkers, claps of the hands etc.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: We began the week using number lines to represent teen numbers and have also been comparing numbers using greater than and less than symbols.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been carefully looking at the number of tens and ones in a number, considering when we need to cross the ten to add / subtract 2 digit numbers.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: What can you find 3 of in your home or at the park?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Solving problems by working systematically.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We have challenged ourselves by adding the cost of 2 items together and seeing how many combinations of amounts we can make.</p>
<p>Enquiry: During our enquiry sessions this week we have been geographers, talking about our journeys to school, the different routes we may take and the things we may see on the way. We created a small model map using junk modelling houses and building block roads. After sharing our story- the Little Red Hen- we have been scientists and developed our baking skills! Just like the hen, we made our own bread, but the children and their friends helped each other, working collaboratively...unlike the characters in the story.</p>	<p>Enquiry: We have begun our new enquiry, 'What might I do in the future?' and this week we launched it by making our own stick puppets. Our final challenge is to create a flipbook about a job that we would like to do in the future.</p>	<p>Enquiry: We have started our new enquiry 'What might I do in the future' this week with reminding ourselves about the different states of being at school – being a reader, author, artist. We have then been engineers and made flip books that we will add to later in the enquiry.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you work together to help somebody you know? Maybe tidy up toys, hang a coat on a hook, help to get a meal ready?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Using skills as an engineer - How might you join a flipbook? We experimented with different resources practise making our first books.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We have been considering whether we are always one state of being or whether we can be 2 states of being at one time?</p>

Fab Bricks

Order a discounted personalised LEGO® brick keyring / bag-tag through your school & raise funds at the same time!

£3.25 each, available in a selection of colours and fonts. For each one you buy, £1 is donated straight to the school. Order as many as you like! Look out for order forms coming home in bags.

PLEASE RETURN TO: THE SCHOOL OFFICE (LONDON ROAD) TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE (WYKE) FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA PARENTPAY. GREAT THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! BRONCHA @ LCC

FRIENDS OF COI PRESENT

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 15TH NOVEMBER

doors open 7:30pm | quiz 8:00pm

£3pp available on ParentPay

Bar
Tables will be organised on the night
Everyone welcome!

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9:00-15:00 £15 or 9:00-17:00 £20
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