



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 3

9th-13th Feb – Wonder Week

Mon 9th Feb – Cricket workshops, Jungle Jonathan Workshops, 9am 'Bowels & Bladders' workshop

Tue 10th Feb - Jungle Jonathan Workshops

Wed 11th Feb – Online Safety Day

Thu 12th Feb 3.30-4.30pm Art Gallery at church for families

Thu 12th Feb – Explorer Dome, 9am Parent Council meeting

Fri 13th Feb – Explorer Dome, Non-Uniform fundraiser, Hot Choc awards, last day of term, Friends cake sale.

Key Dates only for Term 4

Mon 23rd Feb – T4 starts for children

Fri 27th March 9-9.30am - Skills connect coffee morning at CCI for parents at CCI & CCI

Tue 3rd Mar – 3.10-3.45pm Parents and children invited into classrooms to look at learning in books

Thu 5th Mar – World Book Day (fancy dress as favourite book character or 'Go all in' – see below)

Fri 13th Mar – Science Day

Mon 16th Mar – Paralympian Day

Mon 16th & Tue 17th Mar – Experience Easter for Y2s

Thu 26th Mar 9am – Parent Council meeting

Thu 2nd Apr – Last day of term, enrichment sessions, non-uniform day

Thu 2nd Apr - 2.30pm Rocksteady concert

Weekly update from Anna Martin

At CCI, developing a genuine love of reading is at the heart of our school day. After lunch each day, children take part in Active Reading, a calm and engaging time where they can explore a wide range of books in their classrooms, visit the school library, and enjoy thoughtful activities in Our Space.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



Both schools will be celebrating World Book Day 2026 on Thursday March 6th. The theme is "**Go All In**" and aims to promote reading about personal passions like sport, music, or gaming through books. It aims to encourage reading as a fun, modern, social activity.

The children will be invited to dress as a favourite book character or to wear something that they might wear for a hobby such as a Rainbows Uniform, gym wear or a local football kit if they play in a team. This will hopefully make all of the children feel more comfortable and reduce the potential stress and additional cost caused by World Book Day fancy dress.

Our Space is our indoor spiritual garden, used when it is a class's turn to visit the library and at lunchtimes. Carefully planned by Mr Jones, the activities here encourage children to pause, reflect and make meaningful connections.

This term, the focus is on the Christian value of courage – thinking about having the courage to keep trying, to persevere when things feel challenging, and to make the right choices in behaviour. Through stories, discussion and reflection, children are learning that reading is not only enjoyable, but also a powerful way to grow in character and faith.

Whole School Fundraising Challenge!

On 16th March, Bobsleigh World Cup medallist Leon Greenwood will visit CCI to lead an assembly and class workshops, setting pupils a sponsored exercise challenge to raise funds for new PE equipment. Sponsorship forms will be sent home on Wednesday, and donations can be made via the link, QR code, or the school office by 16th March.

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



Please note that we will not be giving out prizes such as wristbands or posters to the families who raise the most money for this event. We had not spotted that this was mentioned and absolutely do not want to put pressure on any of our families to give more money than they can - thank you to our parent who noticed this. Instead, if we use the prizes at all, we'll use them at random in a draw or for all children or for those who have worked especially hard in the physical challenges, when they may have found them challenging.

Collective Worship

Monday – We continued learning our song about showing courage – ‘Power in me’. The children are really enjoying this song and it is wonderful to see them come together as a whole school.

Tuesday – The children learnt about showing courage to overcome their fears.

Wednesday – Miss Gould told the children about our Olympian visit and also about the Winter Olympics happening on 6 February 2026 – 22 February 2026.



Thursday – Bradley from Premier Sport came to talk to the children about the holiday clubs that they offer.

Friday - This week, pupils explored the meaning of wisdom through the story of King Solomon and a challenge involving real and artificial flowers, learning that wisdom is using knowledge and good judgement to make fair choices. They were encouraged to think about how they can show wisdom in their own lives by solving problems kindly and making thoughtful decisions.

Living the Values

This week the school children’s award goes to Summer in Tiger Class. Summer is unable to come to school, whilst she prepares for a surgery and she is being so courageous in learning at home and facing it with courage. We are all so proud of you Summer!

The staff award goes to Mrs Fennell who has recently had some surgery and returned to CCI as quickly as she could, showing lots of resilience and courage. Thank you for your commitment to the children at CCI Mrs Fennell.

The children’s home awards go to:

Robyn G in Cheetahs showed lots of courage when she went skiing. Despite only being her second week of ski school, she managed to progress to skiing some quite steep blue runs and even managed some jumps. There were a few times she felt quite scared but she carried on anyway brilliantly. She also earned her Polar Bear badge from ski school.

Ottie in Zebras went to her first guitar lesson last weekend and did really well despite being nervous. She even learned the start of the James Bond theme tune!

Izzy in Zebras and her big sister Lois spent their Saturday morning putting their artistic talents to use by doing a custom drawings stall to raise money for a local cats home.



World Book Day – March 5th 2026

World book day is fast approaching and the theme of the day this year is ‘Go all in!’ – encouraging children to dive deeper into things they already love through reading. Whether they are passionate about football, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history, music or making people laugh, books can bring these interests to life in exciting ways.

Both CCI and CCJ would like to invite children to dress up for world book day if they would like to and they can choose to dress as a book character or in clothes that they wear for a hobby that they enjoy such as a sports kit from a team they play for.

We look forward to celebrating our love books together - if you would like to find out more about world book day please follow this link:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an Author: In Drawing Club this week our story has been Hansel and Gretel. In our character session we have drawn the Wicked Witch and labelled her with a caption. In our setting session, we have enjoyed creating models of the Witch's house in the woods using junk modelling and construction materials. In our adventure time session, we have imagined that the Witch's house is not made out of sweets, but something else! We had a go at drawing and labeling our houses with a caption. We have also enjoyed writing our own Hansel and Gretel stories, creating witches out of 2D shapes, and retelling the story using small world props.</p>	<p>Being an Author: This week, the Year 1's had to create their own fictional dragon. They had to think about what their dragon was going to be like e.g. friendly, mischievous and then think about what it might eat, where it might sleep and how it might wash. They planned their ideas on 'a box up plan' and then used these ideas to create instructions on how to look after their dragon. Within these instructions they needed to use 'and' to join two sentences together, exclamation marks and also capital letters.</p>	<p>Being an Author: This week we have been writing instructions about how to bring Egg Box Dragon to life! The children have been using imperative verbs, numbered lists, subtitles and other features associated with instructions. The children have also been working on extending their sentences using the conjunctions 'so' and 'but'.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write a sentence to describe the wicked witch?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: We used the visualiser to look back at a variety of children's work in the class this week and then asked the children to use their editing skills and see how they could improve their work; Did they add an extra adjective? Did they use 'and' in a sentence?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge this week was to use comma lists in their instructions and ambitious vocabulary.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: In maths this week we have been looking at composition of number 7 more closely, using a part-part whole model to separate it into its parts. We have also worked on finding one more and one less using a number line.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week, the children started to look at the 2's and 5 timetables. We used practical resources such as cubes and numicon to visualise what the groups might look like e.g. 3 groups of 2 cubes or 4 lots of 5 numicon. They then applied this knowledge into their books recording number sentences to match the array of pictures e.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$. We then started to look at dividing using counters and cubes and tried to work out how many ways you can make equal groups using a certain number of counters e.g. How many equal groups can you make from using 20 counters?</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have moved onto learning non-unit fractions of shapes and amounts such as finding 2 thirds of 18. The children have made links to their previous learning and have continued to use bar models to help them to work out the calculations.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can write a number sentence to match your representation on the part-part whole model?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: If the children felt confident with the 2's and 5 timetables they were asked to solve one-step multiplication problems by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were challenged to find different amounts of more complex fractions and identifying equivalent fractions.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'What Stories do we Know?' This week in enquiry we have continued to use helicopter stories to create our own stories. We have also explored creating online stories on the British Council story maker website.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'What is home?' This week the children started a new Enquiry, 'What is home?' We spoke about the difference between a house and a home. We discussed that some children may have pets which makes it feel like home. Some children shared pictures of their wonderful pets. We then looked at the different types of animals that there are in the world and how we might group them; mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fish and insects. The children were shown a variety of animals and were asked to group them into these categories according to their features.</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How are schools the same?' This week we are finishing off our enquiry by identifying the similarities and differences between our school and Kumi Primary School in Uganda. We will also be completing our challenge where we will be writing information leaflets about Kumi Primary School.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you work in a group to create your own story on the story maker website?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were asked to think about what was the same about the animals in each of the groups and discuss as a class.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge was to identify some of the less obvious similarities and differences between the schools such as differences in the materials that the buildings are made out of or differences in the age of the children in each class and how this can vary.</p>

If you would like us to share your child's achievements of any sort, please email them to christchurchinfants@gmail.org.uk and we will pop them on the weekly newsletter.

Out of School Achievements



Isaac passed his purple with white strips to do his Yellow belt with white strips!!



Ffion recently got her first gymnastics certificate for passing level 8.



Olivia has been gifted a Blue Peter Badge for making poppies for remembrance day



We are really proud of our sons commitment to starting Brazilian Jujitsu and has shone with confidence, in three months of training he has achieved two stripes, getting closer to his grey belt.

This winter Alice mastered skiing. She started with beginner slopes and by the end of our holiday she was confident to ski all sort of runs.



Leo learnt to ride his bike, without stabilisers, last weekend. He was competent on his bike with stabilisers but was initially quite anxious and needed our help when we removed them. But after an hour or so he was away and riding solo with complete confidence without his stabilisers.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2026
 moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
 Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
 Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
 Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA
 Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
 2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

BILLS
 Kids eat free Monday 17th - Friday 28th Feb

BREWDOG
 Kids eat free this Feb Half Term

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
 2 under 16s get free breakfast daily with 1 adult

COCONUT TREE
 Kids eat FREE from 10^{am} to the 16th of Feb 2026.

CAFE ROUGE
 Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
 Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
 Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

FUTURE INNS
 Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
 Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
 Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
 Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
 Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS
 Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
 Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
 Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO
 Kids eat for £1 from 6th Jan to 11th February 2026.

PUREZZA
 Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

PIZZA HUT
 Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

SA BRAINS PUBS
 Kids Eat Free on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
 Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS
 Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
 Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
 2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
 Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend

WHITBREAD INNS
 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
 Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
 Kids eat free all day Feb 16th - 20th 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES 2026

FEB 13	CAKE SALE	MAR 6	PAINTING NIGHT
MAR 13	PLANTS FOR PARENTS	MAR 27	FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
MAY 15	ADULT SCHOOL QUIZ	JUN 19	GIFTS FOR PARENTS
JUL 10	SUMMER FAYRE	TBC	DISCOS - EYFS, Y1, Y2 LEAVERS

SCHOOL

Thank You!

Organised by the Friends of CCI | Charity Number, 1058487
 All raised funds go to support the school and school activities