



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)*

## CCI NEWS #31

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### Term 6 Dates

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June** – T6 starts
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> June** - 3.45-4.45 KS1 Girls sports event with BHIS
- W/b: 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Y1 phonics screening
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June** - CSET sports festival at Mangotsfield Secondary for Tigers & Pandas 3.45-5.15pm
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June** - 9am Parent Council
- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> June** – 8.15-12pm All Y2s to Pomphrey Hill for MAD Olympiad (further details to follow)
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – New CCI classes shared
- Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> June & Thu 25<sup>th</sup> June** – 3.20-4.15pm Visit your child's new CCI class after school – attend just one unless you have a job share/ two teachers
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June** – INSET day
- W/b: 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports week \*Rearranged Olympian day on
- Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> July\*** CHILDREN WEAR SPORTS CLOTHES ALL WEEK (not PE uniform)
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July** 9.15-10 New EYFS Stay & Play
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July 12.30-3pm** - Sports Day for all at Cricket Club PM
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Maths Day at CCI & Y3 CCJ classes shared
- Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July** – 9.15-10 New EYFS Stay & Play
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July** – ‘Little City’ – an EYFS giant role play experience funded by the Friends
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> & Thu 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Spiritual Space run by volunteers from Christ Church
- Thu 9<sup>th</sup> July** – 10-2pm Y2 Transition Day at CCJ (packed lunch needed) & 3.30pm Y2 families invited to CCJ
- Thu 9<sup>th</sup> July** – 2.30pm Rocksteady Concert
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July & Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July** – EYFS & Y1 children spend the mornings in their new classes, Y2 go back to their EYFS classes
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Social (Back-up date, if wet Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July)
- Tue 14<sup>th</sup> July** – 2pm Dress Rehearsal of Y2 Leaver's production for anyone who cannot attend the Wed event or for grandparents and younger siblings who would like to watch. At Christ Church
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2-1.30-3pm Leavers services with leavers bear presentations at Christ Church
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2 Leaver's Disco 3.10-4.30pm
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Final reports sent home, hot chocolate awards & Summer Social back-up date
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Y2 Leaver's Party and water fight PM
- Tue 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Non-Uniform day, last day with whole school picnic at CCJ for all families. School finishes at 1.30pm (OCOSC will provide free childcare if needed until 3.10pm)

### Weekly update from Anna Martin

It has been a fast-paced, busy term, and we have loved every single minute of it here at CCI! The support from our families has been endless—from chaperoning school trips to shifting mountains of soil and rubble in 30-degree heat. I feel incredibly thankful every day for the privilege of working in a school with such a fantastic, caring community. Our parents truly are the absolute best. Thank you for making our staff feel so valued and cared for and for always going above and beyond to help us out every time we ask. We couldn't do it without you!



### Christ Church Schools' Partnership



What beautiful weather to end our term! It's lovely to see all the children in their own clothes and thank you to everyone for the donations to both schools – it really is so appreciated.

One of the benefits of being two schools working together is being able to share some of the resources we both have. Today some of the CCJ children are doing a cooking activity at CCI along with their siblings – making pizza! After half term, we will also be starting the transition activities for year 2. In the first week, all of the year 2 children will be going to use the field at CCJ, which they are really looking forward to.

From both our schools, we wish you all a very lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you on June 1<sup>st</sup> for term 6.

## Enrichment Day T5



## Swimming Pool update

We are absolutely thrilled to share a massive milestone in our swimming pool renovation project. Thanks to an incredible collective effort, we have raised a whopping **£15,403!** This fantastic total comes from extremely generous donations, non-uniform days, uniform and ice lolly sales, and successful grant applications. Every single penny has helped us get closer to our goal.

We want to extend a special thank you to Bodie's family business, whose extraordinarily generous contribution covered a huge **two-thirds** of this total amount.

What has been truly heart-warming is the wave of support from families whose children are now grown adults. This is a beautiful testament to the lasting legacy of the CCI pool and how much it means to generations of children, long after they have left our school.

This project isn't just about fundraising—it requires some serious hard work. In all honesty, our pool would have closed without our community.

We are incredibly grateful to Nathan (Judd's dad), who is generously donating all of his time and professional expertise to complete the building labour entirely for free.

Alongside Nathan, so many of our current families are rolling up their sleeves to help clear the mountains of rubble and soil that have been dug up.

This project is proving to be the ultimate team effort, and we feel profoundly thankful for the passion, generosity, and hard work of the CCI community.

**Thank you for saving our pool!**

## Collective Worship

**Monday** – The children heard the story 'Thank you Omu', a diverse story helping the children to learn why Christians say Grace before meals to show thanks to God.

**Tuesday** – The children visited Christ Church for their termly worship with Reverend Dan Watts, who told the children the Bible Story of the 10 Lepers.

**Wednesday** – Weekly Celebration Worship

**Thursday** – Miss Essex led an assembly reminding children of the safety rules they need to follow to stay safe online.

**Friday** – Mr Jones helped the children to explore spirituality – thinking about 'Beyond' and 'What is prayer?'



| EYFS  | Y1  | Y2  |
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| <p><b>Being an author:</b> This week we have looked at the book “We’re going on a Bear Hunt.” We drew the Bear character and labelled his features. Later in the week we thought about ways in which the Bear could get into the house! We drew our ideas and wrote sentences to match.</p> | <p><b>Being an author:</b> This week we have been recapping our grammar skills. The children have been practising how to use an exclamation mark to show surprise or a command. Wow! That's great!<br/>They have also been thinking about how nouns can be written as plurals. Do you add s or es at the end?</p>   | <p><b>Being an author:</b> This week we have been exploring the conjunction ‘if’ to join 2 clauses in a sentence. We have also been thinking about contracted words such as has not = hasn’t, and I will = I’ll.<br/>We have used these skills in letter writing – as with last week this has been related to our trip and we have written a thank you letter for the staff at the SS Great Britain - thanking them for the brilliant day out we had – especially the workshop which is something that only school groups get to experience. We have spent time planning and then writing a letter, including a question as well as the elements that we have learnt above.</p> |
| <p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you write more than one sentence to describe what the Bear could do?</p>   | <p>Extension challenge: Remember, if a noun ends in s, x, ch or sh then you need es. Can you think of any irregular plural forms?</p>   | <p><b>Extension challenge:</b> We have had to make sure that we are joining as much of our handwriting as we can and also make use of creative language so that our letters are really interesting to read.</p>   |
| <p><b>Being a mathematician:</b> This week we have been learning about the number bonds to 10 (2 numbers which total 10) we have had fun using numicon to make the different ways and then recorded the number sentences e.g. ____ + ____ = 10.</p>   | <p>Being a mathematician: We have moved onto division and have been dividing by grouping and also by sharing.<br/><br/>For grouping, the children were circling groups of two from pictorial images and saying : There are __altogether. There are __ groups of ____.<br/><br/>For sharing the children physically moved objects (cupcakes) from a larger amount onto two separate plates and said: __ shared equally between ____ is ____.</p> | <p><b>Being a mathematician:</b> We have been continuing learning about measure this week, starting with looking at temperature. We have been reading scales to find out and compare different temperatures. We have then moved onto learning about capacity and volume – comparing and reading the volume of different containers. This is a wonderful element of the Maths curriculum to experiment with at home if you have some containers that have measurements on them!</p>  |
| <p><b>Extension challenge:</b> Can you think of 2 numbers which make 6, 7, 8 or 9?</p>  | <p>Extension challenge: Reasoning</p> <div data-bbox="560 1420 879 1653" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The strawberries have been shared equally.</p>  <p>True                      False</p> </div> <p>Explain your thinking.</p>  | <p><b>Extension challenge:</b> We have challenged ourself at the end of the week with some questions that have a range of different measures within them – we have to work out which type of measure it is before we answer the questions.</p>  |
| <p><b>Enquiry: ‘Who am I?’</b> We have completed our final challenge – making a home for a pet using junk modelling resources, thinking carefully about what we have learnt this term.</p>  | <p>Enquiry: ‘How do plants grow near me?’</p> <p>We have been really looking at plants by drawing them closely and labelling their parts: leaves, stem, roots, flower</p>   | <p><b>Enquiry: ‘How do plants grows near me?’</b> This week we have been monitoring the seeds that we planted last week. We planted them in a variety of places so that we could which conditions were vital for seeds to be able to grow. We have reviewed our prediction and have been surprised by some of the seeds that have been able to start growing! We have spent time learning about some plants that are able to grow in our country and some that grow elsewhere in the world – we have leant about why some plants are more successful growing in specific places.</p>  |
| <p><b>Extension challenge:</b><br/>Can you choose a pet and design a home suitable?</p>   | <p>Extension challenge: Sharing their knowledge by talking about the different types of plants that they know.</p>  | <p><b>Extension challenge:</b><br/>We have had to challenge ourselves to think about why a seed might grow in the dark, with water – this was not what we expected to happen!</p>   |

## Out of School Achievements



Marcos received a trophy from the Downend Saints Presentation Day

Hunter, Kip and Hugo were very happy to receive a medal on Saturday at Downend Saints Presentation Day



Erin and Amelia at their end of season netball awards



Thomas and Summer both ran amazingly in the Great Bristol Mini marathon on Saturday! We were very proud to see their running progress! After 11 park runs completed, Summer achieved her PB this week knocking 2 minutes off her time! Great running!





**CCI**  
**SUMMER SOCIAL**

Friday July 10  
4:30-6:30

Entry: £2 per person  
Available on ParentPay

**ACTIVITIES**

BBQ, live music from Siobhan Oliver, Premier sports activities, police car, school choir performance, bouncy castle, ice cream van, bar available, tuck/soft drinks available, glitter face painting, fun games, raffle

Organised by the Friends of CCI  
All raised funds go to support the school and school activities



## Happy Circus Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm



We are so excited to share that CCI will be hosting Happy circus to **Christ Church Junior School field** for a 2-hour circus show, with food and entertainment before and afterwards. Tickets are now on sale for £10.50 on CCI Parent Pay for any CCI families that wish to attend. Children over the age of 2 will need a ticket to attend. If you are bringing a child under the age of 2 years, please add this in the note section when purchasing your ticket.

