



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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Term 6 Dates

W/b: 8th June - Y1 phonics screening
Wed 10th June - CSET sports festival at Mangotsfield Secondary for Tigers & Pandas 3.45-5.15pm
Fri 12th June - 9am Parent Council
Thu 18th June – 8.20-12.30pm All Y2s to Pomphrey Hill for MAD Olympiad (further details to follow)
Mon 22nd June – New CCI classes shared
Tue 23rd June & Thu 25th 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 26th June – INSET day
W/b: 29th June – Sports week CHILDREN WEAR SPORTS CLOTHES ALL WEEK (doesn't have to be PE uniform)
 *Rearranged Olympian day on **Thu 2nd July***
Wed 1st July 9.15-10 New 2026 EYFS Stay & Play
Fri 3rd July 12.30-3pm - Sports Day for all at Cricket Club PM (team coloured t-shirts required)
Mon 6th July – Maths Day at CCI & Y3 CCJ classes shared
Tue 7th July - 9.15-10 New 2026 EYFS Stay & Play
Wed 8th July – 'Little City' – Current EYFS giant role play experience funded by the Friends
Wed 8th & Thu 9th July – Spiritual Space run by volunteers from Christ Church
Thu 9th July – 10-2pm Y2 Transition Day at CCJ (packed lunch needed) & 3.30pm Y2 families invited to CCJ
Thu 9th July – 2.30pm Rocksteady Concert
Fri 10th July & Tue 14th July – Current EYFS & Y1 children spend the mornings in their new classes, Y2 go back to their EYFS classes
Fri 10th July – Summer Social (Back-up date, if wet Fri 17th July)
Tue 14th 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 15th July – Y2-1.30-3pm Leavers services with leavers bear presentations at Christ Church
Thu 16th July – Y2 Leaver's Disco 3.10-4.30pm
Fri 17th July – Final reports sent home, hot chocolate awards & Summer Social back-up date
Mon 20th July – Y2 Leaver's Party and water fight PM
Tue 21st 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

We are immensely grateful for the incredible way our school community came together on the last day of term to clear our swimming pool, before phase 2 could begin. It is a privilege to work in an environment surrounded by such immense generosity, support and team spirit.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who joined us to dig, lift and work so hard to clear the pool - your efforts have made a huge difference. A special mention must go to the children who played and behaved brilliantly so that the adults could get to work.

Our main and very special thank you goes to Judd's family, especially Nathan, for their incredible support in making the swimming pool refurbishment happen and their contribution to the event. Thank you all, from the bottom of our hearts, for your continued dedication to our school.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



This week, leaders from both of our schools attended the South Gos. Learning Alliance Conference, dedicating valuable time to professional development and leadership wellbeing. Working alongside our Hub of eight local schools, we collaborated on key initiatives to enhance our school communities. Together, we explored impactful strategies for developing children's oracy, discussed how to utilise AI safely to save time for teachers, and reviewed the valuable coaching offers available to support our staff teams. The highlight of the day was a brilliant showcase sharing what is currently working well across eight different schools, leaving us inspired and equipped with fresh ideas to benefit our pupils.

Christian Value of the Term

Our Christian Value this term is Respect. We want our children to be inspired to be the very best they can be and have a real purpose in making the world a better place, showing thankfulness for the lives they have.

The Bible Verse that we refer to this term is from 1 Peter 2:17 'Show proper respect to everyone.'

The Bible Story we tell the children to help them understand what respect is, is the story of 'God the Maker' - the Creation story. The story tells the children how Christians believe God created the world and we teach the children that we must look after and respect our world and everyone in it.



Mrs Glanville joins our team!

We are delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Jen Glanville to teach in Zebra Class. Mrs Glanville has been teaching at St. Stephen's Infants so will be a brilliant 'fit' for our school and we are really looking forward to her joining our team. Mrs Glanville will be teaching in Zebra Class for the move up mornings and visits after school so that she can get to know the new Zebras.



Collective Worship

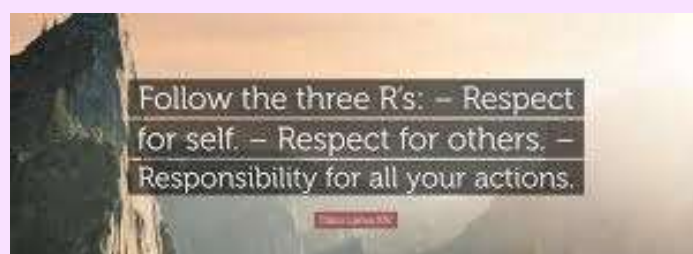
Monday – The children explored the value of Respect. We thought about this in the context of respecting our environment, respecting others and ourselves and showing respect in sport. We discussed the upcoming World Cup and how important it is that footballers show respect to each other and how we should respect the different teams that we may support at CCI.

Tuesday – Mrs Jenkins talked to the children about the termly PSHE Jigsaw topic – Term 6 being 'Changing Me'.

Wednesday – Weekly Celebration Worship

Thursday – The children thought about showing respect to those who pray and how we can show respect by praying for others.

Friday – Mr Jones helped the children to understand how 'Our Space' should be used for this term.



School Council

Miss Essex has been working closely with CCJ and the two school councils in our schools. Yesterday she arranged for both councils to meet at CCJ so that our children could learn about CCJ and ask lots of questions.

Both councils talked about their achievements so far this year and they made plans for the rest of the term to link together with a Y2 question and answer session and a litter pick at Page Park.

They have planned two future meet ups with CCJ School Council in Term 6 on;

Wednesday 1st July @ 2pm - CCJ School Council will come to CCI and visit our Year 2 Classes. They are here to answer any questions about CCJ life!

Wednesday 8th July @ 1.15pm - CCI School Council Representatives are going to work with CCJ School Council to look after our local community by doing a litter pick in Page Park with some of the volunteers.





EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: This week we have been enjoying reading the book 'You Choose' by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart and the children have loved it! We have linked it to our new enquiry and looked closely at the food page. On Tuesday we used sentences to write about our favourite food and on Thursday we used our imagination to create a new type of sandwich!</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have started a brand-new book called, 'The Great Explorer!' We started the week by going on a scavenger hunt to find clues about our new text and then we created a story map to help us practise retelling the story. Alongside this, we have been working really hard on our phonics to get us ready for the phonics screening next week.</p> 	<p>Being an author: This week we have been investigating our new text 'The Great Explorer'. The children have used a story map to help them retell the story. They have also worked on using adverbs to explain how something was done as well as exploring a variety of suffixes.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write a food menu for a café, using the sounds you know to spell the words?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to identify and spell verbs ending in -ed, and to put them into sentences from the story.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were challenged to widen the variety of adverbs that they used and to make sure that they were using the most appropriate one within a sentence.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been learning about fact families! We have given the children 3 numbers for example: 3, 10, 7. We have challenged them to create 4 number sentences using these numbers (two addition and two subtraction sums).</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been recapping partitioning numbers to 100, finding one more and one less, ordering numbers and plotting numbers on a number line. We have been working hard on making sure we can draw out numbers to 100 using tens and ones too!</p> 	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been revisiting multiplication and division. The children have been using their increasing knowledge of multiplication to help them quickly solve division problems.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you challenge yourself to think of all the possibilities to make 6, 7, 8, 9, 10?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to use a 100 square to fill in the missing numbers on a missing number puzzle!</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge this week was to solve missing number problems involving multiplication and division using the inverse calculation.</p>
<p>Enquiry: 'Where does food come from?' What a wonderful start we have had to our new enquiry! We began by visiting Jo our School Cook in the Kitchen! We got to see behind the scenes and find out how she makes all the meals for the children at lunchtimes! We also tasted some delicious fruits – thank you so much for your donations! We talked about their colour, size, shape and taste and enjoyed making observational drawings of them too!</p>	<p>Enquiry: 'How do plants grow near me?' Enquiry This week was our final week to finish our enquiry 'How do plants grow near me?' We finished our enquiry by creating our very own collage design using different types of flowers that we would like to have in our school sensory garden. We labelled each plant/flower and identified why we wanted each one.</p>	<p>Enquiry: We are just coming towards to the end of our enquiry 'How do plants grow near me?' and the children have been thinking about the different plants that grow in the UK and have started to plan a special garden using their knowledge of the conditions that plants need to grow.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you make a fruit salad or kebab at home? Which foods would you choose and why?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Challenge Our challenge was to identify which plants/flowers would activate which sense!</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge was to explain the reason for choosing specific plants based on our 5 senses. Which plant provides the best scent? Which plant is interesting to touch? Etc.</p>

Out of School Achievements



Well Done on your fantastic swimming achievement
Sophia!



Zach was graded at karate just before half term, achieving white belt purple stripe status!



Well Done Jaanvi, fantastic news moving up to Level 3 at swimming.

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

Pedestrian and Vehicle Safety During the School Run

We would like to gently remind all families that certain parents and carers are permitted to park within the school grounds as they hold an Accessible Parking Badge. Because vehicles will be entering and exiting the school gates during the busy school run, we kindly ask that you remain extra vigilant.

Please ensure that your children stay close to you and remain on the designated footpaths at all times. By keeping a watchful eye and ensuring our young people stay safe around moving vehicles, we can look after one another and keep our school grounds safe for everyone.

New EYFS 2026

Please come along and visit your child's classroom in a relaxed environment

Tuesday 23rd June 3.30 – 4.15pm **OR**
Thursday 25th 3.30 – 4.15pm

Stay and play sessions, parent/cares come along to the hall for two information session (if child lets them!);

Wednesday 1st July 9.15 – 10.15am
Tuesday 7th July 9.15 – 10.15am

Organised by the Friends of CCI

All raised funds go to support the school and school activities

Stall holders for Summer Social

...Friday 10th July...

Interested in having a stall at the Summer Social? We'd love to hear from you. Please contact the Friends Team at friendsocci@gmail.com for more information.

Term Time Holidays

Parental Responsibilities

As a parent you have a legal responsibility to make sure your child gets a full-time education. Schools are required by law to keep attendance registers. Absences must either be marked as: **authorised** (only the school can authorise the absence) or **unauthorised** (where no acceptable reason is given).

You can find out more information around school attendance and absence on the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk).

Penalty Notices

A penalty notice is a fine issued by South Gloucestershire Council to parents/carers of a child who has failed to attend school regularly and whose absence is unauthorised. It does not require the parent to attend court but is an alternative to prosecution in the magistrate's court. Parents/carers who pay the fine in full within the time limits cannot later be prosecuted for the offence to which the penalty notice relates.

Penalty notices have been introduced because reducing absence from school is a key priority of the government and local authority. Missing school may limit a pupil's attainment, disrupt school routines and the learning of others, and can leave a pupil vulnerable to anti-social behaviour and youth crime.

Changes to Penalty Notices from 19th August 2024

The Department for Education have announced changes in relation to the issuing of Penalty Notices, which will come into effect on 19th August 2024. These changes will apply to absence from school from the start of Term 1 2024-25. The changes are summarised below. South Gloucestershire Council's Penalty Notices Code of Conduct is being amended to reflect the change in national policy.

A new national threshold for Penalty Notices

If your child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, after 19th August 2024, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. There are two sessions in each school day (morning and afternoon). The sessions of absence can be consecutive (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday in one week) or not (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, spread across the 10 school weeks). This is a change from South Gloucestershire Council's current threshold.

There is an increase in the amount that a Penalty Notice is charged at and a decrease in the number of Penalty Notices that can be issued within a rolling three year period

On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of their child, on or after 19th August 2024, the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued, within 3 years of the date of issue of the previous Penalty Notice, to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. There will be no reduction if the Penalty Notice is paid within 21 days. This will apply even if the previous Penalty Notice has been issued by another local authority.

If the threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is met for a third time (or subsequent times), within three years of the first Penalty Notice being issued, a third Penalty Notice cannot be issued. Instead, alternative action will be considered, which may include prosecuting a parent for the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. This will apply even if one, or both, of the previous Penalty Notices were issued by another local authority.