



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

- Mon 6th July** – Maths Day at CCI & Y3 CCJ classes shared
- Tue 7th July** – 9.15-10.15 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 so incredibly proud of how well the children and parents are coping with change as we look ahead to next year. It was wonderful to see our new EYFS, Y1, and Y2 children visiting their future classrooms after school and we loved welcoming the Y3 teachers over to spend some special time with their new classes. Everyone is handling these big steps like absolute superstars!

We also want to say a massive thank you to our amazing school community for your support during last week’s extreme heat and necessary half day school closure. Making those difficult decisions is never easy, but we felt truly supported by your understanding and adaptability.

Finally, what an absolutely sensational Sports Week we have had! The school has been buzzing with energy and the children threw themselves into an incredible range of activities, including high-energy World Cup dance workshops, ultimate frisbee, cup stacking, rugby and our inspiring Athlete Day. Of course, the main event was our wonderful Sports Day, where every single child showed amazing sportsmanship. A huge, heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful sports lead, Miss Gould, for organising yet another truly fabulous week for our children and to Rich at the Cricket Club for letting us host our sports day there once again.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



CCI were delighted to welcome the Year 3 teachers from CCJ this week. Mr Kennedy, Mrs Knott, and Miss Daverson spent time teaching the children in their new classes, getting to know the faces and personalities of the cohort joining them next term.

These visits are a fantastic way to ease the transition between the two schools, helping the children feel comfortable and familiar with their new teachers in a setting they already know. The children did a wonderful job welcoming their new teachers, making it a very successful part to the transition process.



Collective Worship

Monday – Miss Gould introduced sports week and shared some children that had shown respect and courage so far this term in sport.

Tuesday – Mrs Martin shared some recent examples of ways we can show respect to others in sport – through supporting others, letting everyone shine and putting others first.

Wednesday – Miss Gould led a worship talking about the values we want to see on sports day

Thursday – Olympic athlete day

Friday – No worship due to Sports day all afternoon, leaving less time in the morning.



Reminder about end of year picnic at CCJ

We are all excitedly planning our joint end of year picnic for Tuesday 21st July from 12-1pm. All parents and carers from both schools are welcome to come to the CCJ field with a picnic and blanket and join us for this wonderful community event at the end of this academic year. We will be sending more details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries and remember that term ends when the picnic ends at 1pm at CCJ. CCJ siblings will need to go back to classes to gather their belongings at 1pm.



Living the Values



This week the **school children's award goes to Luke in Lion Class**. Luke is always respectful to others and was spotted saying thank you to someone for holding the door open when no-one else did.

The children's home awards go to:

Phoebe in Giraffes – who took on her family's recycling on a recent camping trip, knowing how important it was to respect the environment.

Dougie in Cheetahs - showed respect by supporting his younger brother Lucas during his school transition, talking him through the teachers he'll meet and even starting to fill out his key information form to help him feel ready.

Jack W in Cheetahs – demonstrated respect during rugby training when he accidentally knocked someone over and immediately went back to check they were okay.

Grace in Cheetahs – Grace showed respect for living things by carefully caring for caterpillars and putting the butterfly's needs first when it was time to release them, even though it was hard to say goodbye.

Austin in Crocodiles – Austin showed respect for his community by volunteering in Page Park, helping wash benches and litter-pick with real enthusiasm, determined to clear every last bit of rubbish.

Tabitha in Penguins - was very respectful to the environment and to others by litter picking off the beach at the end of a sunny day.

Serren and Daisy in Zebras & Thea in Tigers – showed respect to the environment by picking up lots of rubbish on an after school visit to Page Park.

Samuel in Crocodile Class – On a recent shopping trip, Samuel said to his mum "Mum, don't forget to bring your reusable bags. Let's not buy plastic bags because they create so much waste and can be very harmful to our environment, especially to the animals living in our oceans."

Clerk to Governor Advert

CCI is seeking to appoint a Clerk to commence duties with effect from September 2026. Please see information regarding the role attached alongside the newsletter



EYFS	Y1	Y2
<p>Being an author: This week have read the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and thought about creating our own fruit salads! We drew a picture and wrote a description using a sentence or two! At the end of the week linked to Sports Week we wrote a sentence using the tricky words "I like..." and chose a favourite sport.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week we have been throwing ourselves in all things sports! We started the week by creating posters with a partner on how to play sports safely. We illustrated these with pictures and captions. Then we moved onto write a list of 'CCI Sports Rules' that we need to follow when playing sport at school. We made sure we used those bossy verbs to tell the reader what to do. We have also been working on making sure we are forming our letters correctly and neatly, ready for our move to Year 2.</p>	<p>Being an author: This week has been a bit different as it has been 'Sports Week'. The children have revisited their learning on writing commands and have used this to write rules that everyone should follow when playing sports together. The children have also written explanation texts about different sports so that others know how to play them.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you write some instructions to make a fruit salad? What would you do first, next, then?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to see if we could use some conjunctions to expand our sentences - 'Always make sure you share with others so that it is fair'.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The children were challenged to use a range of powerful imperative verbs when writing their commands.</p>
<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have continued to explore numbers from 11 – 20. We have had great fun making number lines, ordering jumbled numbers and using numicon to make teen numbers, making sure we have ___ + 10 each time.</p>	<p>Being a mathematician: In Maths this week we have been looking at the capacity of a container and the volume. We started the week working practically with different sized containers, and then we moved onto comparing and describing different volume/capacities in our books. We tried to use the correct language of 'full, half full, empty, most, least, greatest'.</p> 	<p>Being a mathematician: This week we have been revisiting place value. The children started the week by estimating where numbers would be positioned on a number line. They also looked at how numbers can be partitioned in different ways, as well as using the less than, greater than and equals symbols to compare and order numbers.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you order the numbers from 1 to 20? Can you could forwards and backwards to 20.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to agree or disagree with statements about volume and capacity. Just like the one below!</p> 	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge this week was to partition numbers in different ways using complex multi-part, part-whole models.</p>
<p>Sports Week Activities: We have had a wonderful week experiencing lots of different sports from frisbee, obstacle course, cup stacking, rugby and much more! We have created our own minibooks about different sports, designed new football kits and played team games, listening to instructions and working together with our friends.</p>	<p>Enquiry: This week we have continued our enquiry 'what could my classroom be made of?' We experimented with joining different materials together using different strategies, such as, folds/flaps/tabs/slotted joins. Then we moved onto trying to make a slide using these techniques.</p>	<p>Enquiry: At this time of year, the Year 2s start to plan and practise their end-of-year play but some of the classes have been engineers and scientists thinking about how materials can be changed by bending or stretching them.</p>
<p>Extension challenge: Can you tell an adult about the sports you have played this week? Which was your favourite and why?</p>	<p>Extension challenge: Our challenge was to try and join two different types of materials together using a range of different techniques.</p>	<p>Extension challenge: The challenge was to reason about which materials would be good for different play equipment.</p>

Out of School Achievements

Ellie and Thea both collected their half marathon wristbands at the page park junior parkrun



Robyn performed in her first musical this weekend - Beauty and the Beast. She did absolutely brilliantly, performing three shows in one day without missing a step.



Margot ran her first parkrun at Page Park. She did really well, running the whole way round in very hot conditions.



Faye with her Level 1 Water Skills certificate that she achieved on Saturday. She has been really excelling at her swimming and has built up her confidence immensely

A new national threshold for Penalty Notices

If your child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160. 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, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. 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.



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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