



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 13th July am** – Y2 children to watch Y6 Leavers Dress Rehearsal
- Tue 14th July** – Current EYFS & Y1 children spend the mornings in their new classes, Y2 go back to their EYFS classes
- 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 1pm (OCOSC will provide free childcare if needed until 3.10pm)

Term 1 2026-27 Initial Dates

- Tue 1st Sept** – INSET day – school closed for children
- Wed 2nd Sept** – Y1 and 2 children all back, 8.40-10.40am EYFS Group A, 1.10-3.10pm EYFS Group B
- Thu 3rd Sept** – EYFS Group A all day with packed lunch
- Fri 4th Sept** – EYFS Group all day with packed lunch
- Thu 17th Sept 9am** – Parent Council meeting
- 21-23 Sept** – Y2s Experience Harvest at Christ Church
- 28th September onwards** – EYFS full time
- Thu 1st Oct 9am** – EYFS reading & phonics information session for new parents in hall
- Fri 2nd Oct 9am** – SEND parent coffee morning
- Tue 6th Oct 10.30am** – Open worship at Christ Church led by Rev. Watts. Families welcome.
- Wed 21st Oct** – One page reports sent home
- Thu 22nd Oct** – Last day of school for children. Non-uniform fundraiser, enrichment activities & Hot Chocolate Headteacher Awards.
- Fri 23rd Oct** – INSET Day – no school for children

Weekly update from Anna Martin

Last Friday, we enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day and what a wonderful event it was! Despite the very warm weather, all of the children showed incredible determination, enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the day. We were so proud of the way they took part, encouraged one another and gave every event their very best effort.

A huge thank you to Miss Gould for organising such a successful day and to all of the staff who supported and cheered on the children throughout the event. We would also like to thank all of the families who came along to watch, encourage and join in the fun – your support helped to make the day so special.

Finally, a very special thank you to Downend Cricket Club for once again hosting our Sports Day free of charge. We are incredibly grateful for their continued generosity and support of our school community.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



On Friday, the Year 2 children enjoyed an exciting 'Move-Up Day' at CCJ. They spent most of the day in their new classrooms, meeting their new classmates and teaching staff, helping them to feel confident and excited about the next stage of their school journey.

Meanwhile, the Year 6 pupils took a trip down memory lane as they swapped places and spent the morning back at CCI in the Year 2 classrooms. It was such a special treat for everyone at CCI to welcome them back one last time before they move on to secondary school. Seeing how much they have grown and matured since their infant school days was a wonderful reminder of the journey they have taken through our Christ Church family.

Collective Worship

Monday – Miss Smith introduced the children to the maths leads from UWE who had come into school to lead workshops for our children, exploring the wonders of maths.



Wednesday – Mrs Rylands led a worship about disability in sport, supported by her inspirational son Zac who joined her from Downend Secondary. He told the children all about playing wheelchair basketball and table tennis. What an inspiration!



Thursday – Mr Jones led our worship, encouraging children to show respect for others' opinions.

Friday – Mr Jones led our spirituality worship looking at our wonderful world.

Living the Values



This week we are giving a **parent award** instead of a children's one. We would like to give the respect award to Sarah Davis, Thomas and Summer's mummy. When Isla's mummy needed emergency first aid at sports day she stepped in, looking after Ashleigh and showing her so much respect.

The **staff awards go to** Miss Gould and Mr Jones by showing respect to some of our reluctant runners on sports day by supporting them to run down the track in front of hundreds of parents!

The children's home awards go to:

Ellis JB in Zebras – chose to spend his reward on a litter picker, clearing up so much rubbish in the local area!

Darcie in Penguins – showed respect to her new next door neighbours by writing a little card to welcome them to the neighbourhood.

Bhaavya in Zebras – wrote a wonderful poem about being ready to move on from CCI and fly and the words are so respectful to herself and others.

Cassius in Crocodiles – showed respect to others by helping to tidy up at 'Tea & Toast' in the Parish Hall without being asked to do so.

Ted in Cheetahs - When Grace was really upset at sports day he ran the football race with her. He was so respectful, not taking over with the ball and just guiding her. (Nominated by Grace's mummy!)

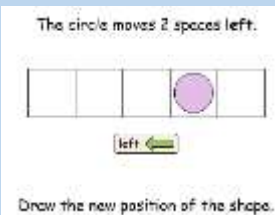


**Respect is
love in action.**

Bangambiki Habyarimana





EYFS	Y1	Y2
Being an author: This week we have linked our writing to our enquiry. We have looked at recipe, talking about how it differs from a story. We talked about the features e.g. a numbered list, method, ingredients etc. As a class we made flapjacks and wrote a set of instructions e.g. Mix the oats.	Being an author: This week we have been working hard to plan and write a letter to our new teachers! We have been working on making sure we are using our best handwriting, a range of punctuation, some adjectives and conjunctions, so our writing is interesting to read.	Being an author: This week the children have been writing their recounts about sports day. They structured their writing using time starters and included lots of facts and opinions.
Extension challenge: Can you write some instructions for a recipe? For example how to make a sandwich.	Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to think of a question we would like to ask our new teachers.	Extension challenge: The children were challenged to use a comma list to summarise the activities that they took part in.
Being a mathematician: This week we have recapped some key concepts e.g. counting amounts we cannot see by closing our eyes and listening to cubes being dropped into a tin and saying the total amount. We have explored the teen numbers, ordering amounts, making number lines and using numicon to make the totals.	Being a mathematician: This week we have been learning all about position and direction. We have been practising using the language of 'left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below'. We have been describing the position of different objects.	Being a mathematician: This week we have been revisiting 2D and 3D shapes. The children identified the common 2D and 3D shapes and then went on to sorting them in different ways according to their properties.
Extension challenge: Can you complete a missing number challenge? 5, 6, 7, __, 9, 10, __, 12, 13, __, 15...	Extension challenge: Our challenge this week was to solve a problem using position and direction. 	Extension challenge: The challenge this week was to reason why certain shapes were included in a group and others were not.
Enquiry: Where does food come from? This week we have concluded our enquiry by completing the 'challenge' session. To make food for a class picnic on the field! We read recipes, followed the instructions and baked food in the school kitchen! We thought about where the ingredients had come from.	Enquiry: 'what could my playground be made of?' This week our enquiry came to an end! We worked with a partner to plan, build and evaluate our very own playground design. We had to think about how we were joining materials together and what our structures would look like.	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 investigating how materials can be joined together using tabs. They also revised how to measure and cut accurately.
Extension challenge: Can you create your own picnic at home? What would you include? Can you chop and prepare your own ingredients?	Extension challenge: Our challenge was to evaluate our design but identifying which materials worked better and why.	Extension challenge: The challenge was to join two materials together without using glue, tape or staples.

Out of School Achievements





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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.

Picnic at CCJ – Tuesday 21st July

Reminder from the kitchen – If your child requires a school packed lunch please select a sandwich via ParentPay. (There will NOT be hot lunch, sandwiches ONLY)

Sun Cream and Hat

With the hot weather continuing, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before arriving at school each morning. We also ask that you send a clearly labelled bottle of sun cream with your child so they can reapply it at lunchtime.

Please also make sure your child brings a sun hat and a named water bottle every day to help them stay safe and hydrated in the warm weather

After School & Lunch Clubs at CCI Term 1 & 2 2026

Monday	Football 3.10 - 4.40 Y1 & Y2 www.premier-education.com/parents/	Lego 3.10 - 4.10 Y1 & Y2 (EYFS can join from Term 2) Luke: bricksandpieces23@gmail.com		LUNCHTIME Bible Club – more information will be sent in September
Tuesday	Gymnastics 3.10 - 4.40 Y1 & Y2 https://www.premier-education.com/parents/			LUNCHTIME Choir Club – more information will be sent in September
Wednesday	Football 3.10 - 4.40 Y1 & Y2 www.premier-education.com/parents/	Martial Arts 3.10 - 4.10 Y1 & Y2 jordan@tiger martial arts club.com	Lego 3.10 - 4.10 Y1 & Y2 (EYFS can join from Term 2) Luke: bricksandpieces23@gmail.com	
Thursday	Love to Dance 3.10 – 4.10 All Children Karen Davies: 07799628308			DURING AFTERNOON LESSONS Rock Steady www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/
Friday	No After School Clubs			