



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 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

A Special Goodbye to Our Y2 Children and Families

As we reach the end of another wonderful year, it's time to say goodbye to our amazing Year 2 children. We are so proud of the journey they have been on during their time with us. They have grown in confidence, made fantastic progress in their learning, formed wonderful friendships and become kind, capable young people who are ready for the exciting challenges of CCJ.

Their fantastic Leavers' Production this week was a perfect celebration of all they have achieved and a reminder of just how much they have grown.

We also say goodbye to those families who are leaving us for the final time. Thank you for your support, trust and friendship over the years. You have been a valued part of our school family and we will miss you greatly.

Thank you for the memories and letting us borrow your fabulous children for the last 3 years – it has been an absolute pleasure. You will always be a part of our school family and we'd like to wish you all the very best for Y3!

CCJ Headteacher Q&A

Mr Huxley is very much looking forward to joining CCJ and would love to meet with parents early in the first term. This will give him an opportunity to talk about his vision for CCJ, as well as a little about his experience and what he brings to the school. There are 4 sessions, all covering the same ground, to allow people to find a time that works for their schedule. If you would like to attend, then please put these in your diary and he looks forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday 2nd September 2:45pm and 5:00pm

Thursday 10th September 2:45pm and 5:00pm

Mr Huxley's email address is;

edward.huxley@gmail.org.uk

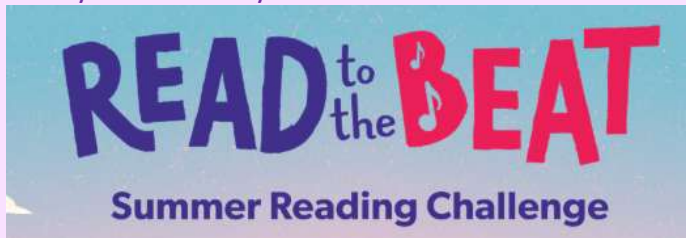
DON'T BE SAD
BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING GOODBYE,
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY
BECAUSE YOU HAVE MEMORIES
WITH THEM THAT YOU'LL CHERISH
FOREVER.

Collective Worship

Monday – Liam, Thea's Daddy, came in to tell the children about being a Paramedic and he even brought an ambulance to school!

Tuesday - The Christian Churches Team came in to teach the children about valuing what is on the inside not how people look. This was a very important message as they go onto new classes and will make new friends.

Wednesday – A Librarian came to visit the children to talk to them about the summer reading challenge. Reception children were all given new library cards so they can borrow books for free.



Thursday – Weekly Values and Achievement Worship

Friday – Mr Jones led the weekly spirituality worship all about dreams. The children were thinking about what lies beyond and explored the concept that dreams carry meaning and that some Christians believe that God can give people messages in dreams.

Living the Values



This week the **children's award** for showing respect in school goes to Isobel in Penguin Class, who has impeccable manners and always uses them quietly to show appreciation, rather than to show off.

The **staff award** goes to **Mrs Fussell**. Mrs Fussell is our lead lunchbreak Supervisor and gave up her Friday evening to help cook food and then tidy the kitchen during the Summer Social on Friday. The reason we'd like her to have the respect award is because she just cracks on without everyone needing to know she is here helping.

The **children's home awards** go to:

Cassius in Crocodiles - for being really respectful and supportive of Robyn at the Rocksteady concert. He was cheering her on and made her feel so confident, and made a point to praise her up after the performance. It was great to see all the children supporting each other, but Cassius particularly impacted Robyn (from Robyn's Mummy)

Robyn Griffiths in Cheetahs - for being super respectful at home. She is consistently polite with the way she speaks and acts at home, listens well to parents and grandparents, and makes a point to thank us for all the little things we do at home.

Goodbye to staff

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we also say farewell to three valued members of staff who have each made a lasting contribution to our school community.

Miss Smith will be leaving us for a one-year secondment at Elm Park Primary School. Whilst we are very much hoping that this is simply a "see you later" rather than a goodbye, we would like to thank her for everything she has contributed during her nine years at CCI. During her time here, Miss Smith has taught across all year groups and has led both Maths and our Teaching Assistant team with skill, dedication and enthusiasm. Her commitment to our children and colleagues has been greatly appreciated and we wish her every success as she embarks on this exciting new opportunity. We look forward to hopefully welcoming her back next September.

Miss Chevassut has been a valued member of our team for the past six years, teaching in both Year 1 and Year 2, whilst also leading Humanities and our Eco Team. What has always shone through is her determination to ensure that every child reaches their full potential. Her high expectations and unwavering belief in her pupils have enabled so many children to make exceptional progress and leave her class full of confidence and pride in their achievements. She will be hugely missed by staff, children and families alike. Whilst she has not yet decided exactly what her next chapter will bring, she is currently applying to become a firefighter – an exciting prospect that feels perfectly suited to her determination, courage and commitment to helping others. We wish her every success for the future.

Miss Rudd's journey with CCI has been particularly special. Having first attended the school as a pupil, she later returned to complete her Teaching Assistant apprenticeship before becoming a highly valued SEN Teaching Assistant. Throughout her time with us, she has provided care, stability and unwavering support for some of our most vulnerable pupils. Her kindness, patience and dedication have made a profound difference to the children and families she has worked with and she will leave a very big hole in our staff team. We are delighted that she will be continuing her work supporting children with SEND as she moves on to Two Bridges Academy in Thornbury, and we wish her every happiness and success in her new role.

Goodbye to our Year 2 children!



Out of School Achievements



Isaac came 1st place in the solo's for the second year and his dance team came 1st place in the group dances at the regional dance championships in front of 1000+ people!



Faye and Ellie after their summer dance show with Red X Dance- they both worked incredibly hard in preparing and made both sets of parents very proud!



South Gloucestershire Community Learning

Open Day

Join us to enrol for FREE Adult Courses* Starting in September 2026

Course	Date	Time
Reading Skills Library	Mon 29 August	9 - 11.30am
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 1 September	10am - 12pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Fri 6 September	2.30 - 5pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 27 August	10am - 12pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Mon 24 August	10am - 12pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Thurs 2 September	10am - 12pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 1 September	2 - 5pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 24 August	10.30am - 12pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 2 September	6.30 - 7.30pm
Cardiff Youth Library	Tues 1 September	10.30am - 12pm

You need to bring a letter for a checklist of what to bring and contact details for your local Development Worker.

The adults aged 18+ will free or no qualifications, or experiencing other barriers to work. We will also need to see evidence of identity and eligibility for this course. Please contact us for further details.

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ROCK STEADY

ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS

IGNITE THEIR INNER SPARK.

Don't want to play an instrument? Don't worry, we've got you covered. We have a Rock and Pop Band Lessons programme for you. Follow their musical journey to your favourite band. Experience the joy of playing in a band. Instruments provided and no experience necessary.

BOOK TO START LESSONS IN SEPTEMBER!

This week we Learned How to Help in an Emergency!

We learned what to do if someone has collapsed and won't wake up:

- Is it safe to go near them?
- Call their name and gently tap or shake their shoulder.

Get an adult to help.

- If you know how, call 999 and put the phone on loudspeaker. The call handler will tell you what to do next.

If they are not breathing normally, just their head and feet to the middle of their chest until help arrives.

Remember, children under 16 are not ready to be alone in the pharmacy, but learning how will improve their memory for when they are old enough.

Please ask your parent to look at:

- Show you how to make an emergency call on their phone.
- Show you how to put the phone on loudspeaker.
- Help you learn your home address if you don't already know it (most schools already know it).
- Ask you to learn them (CHECK - CALL - COMPRESS).

Remember, children can help save lives by staying calm, getting help quickly, and calling out to us.

CHECK • CALL • COMPRESS

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.

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 martialartsclub.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			

Friends of CCI End-of-Year Summary

The Friends of CCI have organised a fantastic variety of events this year to raise money for the school. These have included our Santa visit, Christmas sale, cake sales, ice lolly sales, school discos, and our biggest fundraising event of the year – the Summer Social.

The funds raised through these events enable us to support the school in providing enriching experiences for the children. This year, your generosity has helped fund theatre trips, activities during Wonder Week, and additional resources to enhance learning across the school.

A huge thank you to all our parents, families, volunteers, and staff for your continued support throughout the year. Every donation, purchase, and helping hand has made a real difference.

We would also like to wish all of our Year 2 children the very best as they begin their exciting new adventure at CCJ in September. We know they will achieve wonderful things.

If you are interested in joining the Friends of CCI team and helping to organise future events, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch at friendsocci@gmail.com.

We wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing, and well-deserved summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new school year!



The Friends of CCI

★ Activities we have done this year ★

Lego
keyrings

Cake
sales

Easter
Bingo
event

School
Discos

School
lottery

Santa
visit

Other special
occasion
fundraisers

≡ What we have funded ≡

Theatre
trips

A trip to
Little City

Science
Week

Junk
percussion
workshop

Jungle
Jonathan
visit

Birds of
prey visit

SEN toys and
equipment

Reading
schemes

Classroom
resources

Playground
equipment

★ If you would like to get involved and volunteer feel free
to chat with us for more information and add your details
to the sign up sheet, alternatively you can email:
friendsocci@gmail.com