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All Dates for Term 1

October

W/B: 19th October – One page reports sent home

Tue 20th Oct - Open worship at ~~Christ Church~~ now at the school led by Rev. Watts. ~~Families welcome.~~ No longer space for families to join sorry! The Church roof is leaking so essential work is being carried out.

Thu 22nd Oct – Last day of school for children. Non-uniform fundraiser, enrichment activities & Hot Chocolate Headteacher Awards.

Thu 22nd Oct – Friends bake/ Tuck sale 3.10pm

Fri 23rd Oct – INSET Day – no school for children

Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct - Half term

Key Dates for Term 2

November

Mon 2nd Nov – Term 2 starts, children back to school

Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day & Colour Run at CCJ (after school)

Thurs 19th Nov – Individual/ Sibling Photos

Thurs 19th Nov – 9.00am SEN Coffee Morning

Thurs 19th Nov & **Tues 24th Nov** – Parent/ Carer evening 3.30-6.30pm

Wed 25th Nov – Flu Vaccination (nasal spray)

Thurs 26th Nov – 9.00am Parent Council

23rd-25th Nov – Y1s 'Experience Christmas' at CCD

December (more to follow)

Tues 1st Dec – Year 1 Theatre trip morning

Wed 2nd Dec – Year 2 Theatre trip morning

Class Nativities for families to watch in school hall - 9am 7th Crocodile/9am 8th Zebra/9am 9th Penguin/9am 10th Cheetah/9am 11th Giraffe

2.30 Tue 15th Dec – CCI Sounds concert for parents

Wed 16th Dec – 9am EYFS Sing-a-long for families to watch/Christmas jumper & dinner day for CCI/CCJ/Father Christmas visits at CCI

Christ Church Schools' Partnership

For the first time in many years, both CCI and CCJ will be holding their Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day on the same day, Wednesday 16th December, following requests from our Parent Council. Historically, the two schools held these events on different dates, with CCJ celebrating earlier in December before the festive calendar became too busy, and CCI holding theirs later to avoid the youngest children becoming over-excited too early in the month. We are delighted to have aligned this special occasion across both schools, making it easier for families and creating a shared festive experience for our whole school community.

Weekly update from Anna Martin

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Challenge and Support Partner to CCI to review our wider curriculum provision and explore how we support our priority pupils. The visit was extremely positive, with the quality of learning, pupil engagement and curriculum design all praised. It was particularly pleasing to hear how impressed he was with the children's ability to talk confidently about their learning and demonstrate the knowledge they had retained.






In EYFS, children were completely absorbed in their learning as they baked bread and explored the story of *The Little Red Hen*. Their high levels of engagement, curiosity and independence were wonderful to see.

In Key Stage 1, he enjoyed seeing children fully immersed in their enquiry, *"Why Would You Live There?"*, and was struck by how enthusiastically they could share facts and information they had learned. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the rich learning experiences taking place across the school and the inclusive support we provide to ensure all children can flourish.





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Collective Worship

Monday – The children had their weekly spirituality worship and learnt about the wider world and the artist Gaudi. Many Christians believe that Gaudi was God's artist.

Tuesday – Mrs Anderson practised our Harvest songs with the children.

Wednesday – Worship through Achievement, Reading Raffle and Values Awards.

Thursday – The children continued their learning about Black History Month and heard about the inspirational Mae C Jemison – the first black woman to fly to space in 1992.

Friday – The children practised their Harvest songs with Mrs Martin.

Harvest Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, both Christ Church Infants and CCJ are collecting donations for the same local cause, the North Bristol Foodbank at Resound. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of tinned food, dried goods or toiletries to help support local families in our community. Please send any contributions into school by Tuesday 20th October. On this day, the children will also be celebrating Harvest with Reverend Dan Watts, sharing the harvest songs they have been learning. If you are able to donate even a small item, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for helping us make a difference to those in need.







Living the Values

This week's school children's awards go to;

Callie in Panda Class- has taken it upon herself to show kindness to others and help them both in the classroom and outside.

Ivie in Crocodile Class – spotted when another child was upset at lunchtime and asked an adult to help. Ivie then left her own friends to sit with this child as she could see they were on their own.

Emily from Lion Class - has been a lovely friend to Ire from Lion class, helping him to play nicely & holds his hand when lining up.

The staff awards go to Miss Edwards, Mrs Fennell and Mrs Rhyddid-Norman. Miss Edwards always makes sure that they look out for each other in her class team and organise little treats for other people on their birthday - it's so kind! Mrs Fennell and Mrs Rhyddid-Norman looked after a member of the team this week who was feeling upset.

The home awards go to;

Robyn Griffiths in Penguin Class – for three things in one weekend! Robyn wanted her dad to choose the music in the car so he could stay alert, she shared her pool toys with new friends she had made and she got her Mummy a yoghurt when she was saw she was going to get one.
Ralph in Crocodiles - showed friendship to a younger child on the playground after school. When he was playing basketball one day, the younger child came over and grabbed the ball, and rather than getting cross or upset, Ralph instead asked him if he'd like a turn to shoot.
Elsie in Zebra Class - very thoughtfully and lovingly spends her evenings crafting treats for her classmates.
Yashal in Lions - Her younger sister was crying because she was hurt and Yashal immediately went to comfort her. She gave her some juice, stayed with her and tried to make her feel happy and better.
Norah in Tiger Class - plays nicely with her younger brother and shares her toys with him. She even helps her brother potty train by leading him to the toilet this week!
Leo in Tigers - his friend was coming to his house for a playdate along with his little sister and Leo took extra care to find suitable toys for the baby to play with.

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CCI & CCJ School Tours

CCI dates

Thursday 12th November 2026 – 9am
Morning Tour and Presentation with Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher & EYFS Lead.

Thursday 12th November 2026 – 3.45-4.30pm

EYFS 2027 Stay & Play in EYFS classrooms

Tuesday 15th December 2026 – 9am
Morning Tour and Presentation with Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher & EYFS Lead.

Thursday 7th January 2027 – 3.45-4.30pm

EYFS 2027 Stay & Play in EYFS classrooms

CCJ dates

Wednesday 18th November 2026 – 9.30am

Presentation & Tour with Headteacher



Out of School Achievements



Hunter officially became a beaver on Wednesday!



Well done James, great achievement!



Carys received her second Blue Peter badge this week. It's the book one, which she got for doing a book review of one of the Famous Five stories

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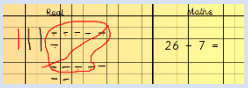
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EYFS	Y1	Y2
Being an author: This week our Drawing Club book has been the little Red Hen. We have all had a go at drawing the hen and labelling our picture with the initial sounds. In addition, we like the Little Red, have all made bread and then shared it with our friends.	**Being an author**: This week has been our first week on a new non-fiction text, 'How to help a hedgehog and protect a polar bear.' We have been learning facts about polar bears and revisiting capital letters in our writing. The children have been writing their own interesting facts about polar bears as simple sentences.	**Being an author**: This week we have started a brand-new non-fiction text! We started the week by being 'fact finders' and we had to scan a page from this book and find out as many facts as we could. Then we moved onto learning all about the features of a non-fiction page, and we had a go at writing our own questions to match the information found in the books. We have learnt lots about polar bears this week - as us at home! 
Extension challenge: Can you make draw a picture of what you would out on your sandwich and describe it?	**Extension challenge:** We have encouraged children to remember that the name of a place is a proper noun which also needs a capital letter. Children have applied this as they refer to the Arctic Circle.	**Extension challenge:** Our challenge this week was to read and correct mistakes in questions. We have also been trying to use a wide range of question words in our sentences.
Being a mathematician: In Maths this week we have been ordering numbers from 1-5 and then match the correct amount of objects to each numeral. In addition to this we been learning to write our numerals using rhymes to help us.	**Being a mathematician:** We have been subtracting this week and applying the skills of counting back on a number line to find the answer.	**Being a mathematician:** This week we have been continuing to learn how to add and subtract two-digit numbers, but we have been crossing ten this week when adding. This means we have had to learn a method to identify when we have to change 10 or more ones into a group of 10. This was tricky at the start but we have finally got it! 
Extension challenge: Can you accurately write your number 0-5?	**Extension challenge:** The children challenged themselves with missing number problems.	**Extension challenge:** Our challenge this week was to try and solve some addition word problems by drawing out our answers.
Enquiry: Who are we? This week in our enquiry we have been Geographers. We have made large scale creations of their homes, school, and familiar shops together with building the roads that connect these places.	**Enquiry:** As Geographers we have learnt what a physical feature and human feature is by sorting pictures. In Science we have been looking at food chains and painting our own simple food chains with woodlice and caterpillars.	**Enquiry:** This week we have been completing lots of very interesting things! We started by learning all about human and physical features, then we moved onto learning about what caterpillars need to survive and then finally we evaluated our moving pictures.
Extension challenge: Can you draw a detailed picture of your house?	**Extension challenge:** We have extended the children in their conversations about food chains, encouraging the language of producer, consumer/ prey, and predator.	**Extension challenge:** We had to think about things we would change to our moving picture, if we were to do it again!

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Assistance Dogs on School Grounds

We are committed to keeping our school community safe, accessible and welcoming for every child, parent and visitor. If you or a family member plan to bring a trained assistance dog onto the school site, whether for drop-off, pick-up, or school events, here is what you need to know and the steps required beforehand.

Key Requirements Before Your Visit

To ensure the safety, health and well-being of all pupils and staff, **all assistance dogs must be approved by school leadership before entering the grounds.**

1. **Notify Us in Advance** Contact the school office at least **one week prior** to your visit (or as early as possible for daily routines) so we can review access routes and notify relevant staff.
2. **Provide Documentation** Please share proof of the dog's formal training credentials (e.g., Assistance Dogs UK accreditation or equivalent), along with confirmation of up-to-date vaccinations and pest treatments.
3. **Complete Access & Risk Planning** We will briefly confirm practical details with you, including entry routes, managing peak times, and accommodating any severe pupil or staff allergies or phobias.
4. **On-Site Rules** Dogs must remain on a short lead or working harness and under full control of their handler at all times while on school premises.

Guiding Our Pupils

We will remind children during assembly or class time that working assistance dogs are on duty and should not be petted, fed, or distracted while in uniform.

Thank you for helping us keep our school site safe and inclusive. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or wish to arrange access.

New Email Addresses

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