



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 23/01/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, it is a good opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved. This week has brought a few challenges, with rainy weather and illness affecting both pupils and staff. Despite this, our children have continued to show resilience, kindness, and a positive attitude to learning. It has been wonderful to see them supporting one another, staying engaged in their lessons, and making the most of every school day, whatever the weather.

I would like to give a huge thank you to our **fantastic staff team** for the way they have worked together this week. Staff have shown great flexibility and commitment to ensure that learning has continued smoothly and that the children have felt safe, supported, and cared for at all times. Their dedication has meant that we have been able to continue providing an excellent education for all our pupils, even when faced with unexpected challenges. The children's routines, learning, and wellbeing have remained our top priority throughout.

We would also like to highlight an exciting opportunity to become more involved in our school community by **becoming a School Governor**. Governors play an important role in helping to shape the direction of the school and ensure the best possible outcomes for our children. We meet as a Local Governing Board on a Tuesday evenings 5.30pm—7pm once a half term. These are hybrid meetings and can be attended in person or virtually. If this is something you may be interested in, please see the information below.

This week, we are pleased to introduce **Ms Watts**, who will be joining us to complete her Teacher Training. Ms Watts will be based in Bowden, working alongside our experienced staff and learning from the children as she develops her teaching skills. We are proud to support the training and development of future teachers, helping to mould and inspire the educators of tomorrow for the benefit of children both now and in the future.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

CHRISTOW STARS for the week ending 23rd January 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Jessie Albie Arney

Piece of the Week



Haldon: Felix

Hedgemoor: Isabella

Kennick: Barnaby

Bowden: Ivy T

Value of the Week:

Haldon: Wren

Hedgemoor: Evie

Kennick: Ruby (Y4)

Bowden: Lily



Become a Governor at Christow Primary School!

Why Become a School Governor?

Being a governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference. You'll work as part of a friendly, committed team to support Christow Primary School's vision and ensure every child thrives.

As a governor, you will:

- Help improve outcomes and opportunities for children.
- Support and challenge the school's leadership.
- Contribute to the strategic direction of the school and support your local community.

Who Can Be a Governor?

Anyone! You don't need to be a parent or have experience in education. We welcome people from all backgrounds who bring enthusiasm and commitment and an interest in our school.

What's Involved?

- Attendance at governor meetings (usually evenings).
- Occasional visits to school.
- Working collaboratively as part of a governing board.
- The time commitment is manageable and flexible.

What You'll Gain

- Valuable experience and new skills
- Insight into how schools operate.
- A sense of achievement from making a difference.
- Opportunities for training and personal development

Interested?

We would love to hear from you! Please ring 01647 252542 or email reception@christowprimary.org.uk. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

Monday 26th January	Wrap Around Care for Nursery Opens
Wednesday 11th February	PTFA Friendship Disco (CHANGE OF DATE)
HALF TERM Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February	
Tuesday 23rd—Thursday 25th	Scholastics Book Fair in the Hall
Wed 4th and Thurs 5th March	Parents Evening
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
Friday 20th March	1pm Colour Run - see poster

Friday Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Browse our **Preloved Uniform Sale** which runs every **Friday at pick-up time** in the **gazebo**. The sale is weather dependant, so the sale will not run when the weather is unsettled.

Suggested Donations:

- £2 per Christow School jumper
- £1 for other items

We accept **cash or card** – all proceeds to go the PTFA.

Grab a bargain & reduce waste.

Polite Reminder



Dogs are not allowed on school/preschool grounds at any time, including before and after school. This applies even if dogs are leashed or being carried. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

No Clubs this half term

This half term, there will be no teacher-led after-school clubs running. Our teachers already give a significant amount of time and energy beyond the school day to support learning, planning, assessment, and the wider life of the school. This change allows them to focus on this vital work and continue providing high-quality learning experiences for your children. This will be reviewed at half term.

We would love to continue offering clubs and warmly welcome any parent or community volunteers who may be interested in running a club. If you have a skill, hobby, or interest you would like to share, please contact the school office.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Book Now!

FOR NURSERY AGED CHILDREN
CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7.45am every day

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

until 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



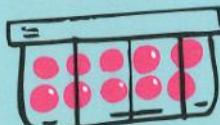
STARTING week beginning 26th January

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Save the Date

COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH FROM 1PM

If you are interested in volunteering
for this event then please contact
Katie Hill via reception@christowprimary.org.uk





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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £20 per day



Monday 16th

Devon FA, Newton abbot

Tuesday 17th

Kingsbridge community
college

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Paignton Academy

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Feb20



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Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk



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DOORS OPEN 19.00
SHOW STARTS 19:30



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Saturday February 7th | 2pm - 4pm | Dunsford Village Hall



Led by Jeremy Balfour MA, BA, PGCE

Contact jeremybal4@gmail.com / 07977 485581

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Autumn Term 2025

September

Thu 4	First day of term
Wed 16	Bowden PE Impact Day
Fri 19	School Photos
Wed 24 - Fri 26	Bowden Residential

Tue 30

October

Fri 10 (1pm)	Scarecrow making afternoon
Fri 17 (2pm)	Harvest Festival at the church
Fri 17	PTFA Autumn Disco
Mon 27 - Fri 31	Half Term

November

Wed 5	Teign Valley Fireworks (TVCH)
Mon 17	Parents Evening
Wed 19	Parents Evening

December

Wed 10 (9.30am)	EY/KS1 Nativity (school hall)
Wed 10 (2pm)	KS2 Carol Service at the church
Mon 15 (2pm)	Christmas Dinner
Wed 17	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Thu 18 (3.15pm)	Governors Assembly
Fri 19 (9am)	Last day of term

Parent Forums will be held every half term (dates to be confirmed).

Our SENCO, Emily Risby, will be in school every other Monday.

Calendar Dates 2025/26

Christow Community Primary School

Spring Term 2026

January

Mon 5	First day of term
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February

Fri 13	PTFA Friendship Disco
Mon 16 - Fri 20	Half Term

March

Wed 4	Parents Evening
Thu 5	Parents Evening
Thu 5	World Book Day

April

Wed 1	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Thurs 2 (9am)	Governors Assembly
Thurs 2	Last day of term

Summer Term 2026

April

Mon 20	First day of term
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May

Mon 11 - Thu 14	Year 6 SATS
Mon 25 - Fri 29	Half Term

June

Mon 1	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Mon 8	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tues 9 (6pm)	Music Concert
Wed 24 (1.30pm)	Preschool Sports Day

July

Fri 3 (1pm)	Sports Day (TVCH)
Fri 10	PTFA Summer Fayre
Wed 15	KS2 Production (TVCH)
Fri 17 (9am)	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Fri 17 (2pm)	Governors' Assembly

Last day of term

Baby & Toddler Every WEDNESDAY (all year)
Every School Hall, 9am

We will endeavour to keep all dates for 2025/26 as scheduled, but if changes are needed parents will be informed.

