



# 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*

### Attendance

Reception	941.%
Year 1	93.8 %
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	87.0 %
Year 4	86.7%
Year 5	97.5 %
Year 6	95.8 %

### Well done

**School Overall Attendance  
for the year to date**

**94.2 %**

'Good' attendance is 97% or above.

### Safeguarding Officers



Mrs Yeo



Mrs Hill

If you have concerns about a child outside of school hours it is your responsibility to report it to

MASH 0345 155 1071

## 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](mailto: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**

[reception@christowprimary.org.uk](mailto:reception@christowprimary.org.uk)

01647 252542



# CHRISTOW TODDLER GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING



CHRISTOW  
SCHOOL  
HALL  
9-11AM

TEA/COFFEE & CAKE

BABIES FREE

12 MONTHS PLUS £2.50

COME FOR A FUN  
SOCIAL MORNING WITH  
ACTIVITIES, SONGS AND

STORIES FOR YOUR LITTLE ONES



**THE BIG  
PLASTIC  
COUNT  
9-15 MARCH**



# OUR SCHOOL IS COUNTING ON YOU!

GET READY TO COUNT  
YOUR PLASTIC WASTE



EVERYDAY  
PLASTIC x Plastic  
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COMMUNITY  
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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](mailto:reception@christowprimary.org.uk)

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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL





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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 16<sup>th</sup>  
Devon FA, Newton abbot

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
kingsbridge community  
college

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Paignton Academy

Discount code  
Feb20

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For more info email  
Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk



DEVON YOUTH  
**jazz**  
ORCHESTRA

CHRISTOW PTFA BRINGS  
THE FABULOUS DYJO TO THE  
**TEIGN VALLEY  
COMMUNITY HALL**

FRIDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 2026  
DOORS OPEN 19.00  
SHOW STARTS 19:30



TICKETS Adults £8, Students & Children £4  
AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR



Devon  
Music  
Education  
Hub

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ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

TEIGN VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS

A FREE

# Drama Workshop Theatre Skills

FOR AGES 10+

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> | 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 Flu Vaccinations

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

#### 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

#### 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  
Fri 26 Leavers Disco

#### 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  
Fri 17 Last day of term

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

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

