



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 03/10/25

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of exciting projects and opportunities for our pupils to grow as thoughtful, responsible members of both our school and wider community.

On **Tuesday**, our School Council and Rights Respecting Ambassadors took part in a very important project: a **whole-school Waste Audit**, led by Alex Mack from Resource Future. This work is the start of our journey to improving the way we manage waste as part of our Climate Action Plan—something now required of all schools, and something we are proud to be tackling.

The team collected, weighed, and sorted through a day's worth of rubbish from across the school. In the general waste, there were whole unopened packets of crisps and chocolate bars, as well as many items that could have been recycled. In the recycling, we found lots of non-recyclables, including over **2kg of paper towels!** Perhaps most worrying, we learned that if just one bag is wrongly sorted, the whole bag may be burned—destroying precious natural resources. This was a real eye-opener for everyone.

Our aim now is clear: to reduce, reuse, and recycle wherever possible. When Alex returns in November, we'll be creating labels and posters to help raise awareness and remind everyone of the importance of correct waste disposal. This is just the beginning—please look out for ways you can support us at home, too.

On **Thursday 2nd October**, Haldon and Hedgemoor classes enjoyed a special **PSHE Day** with the theme “Together at the Table.” Children took part in activities exploring how eating together helps us build kindness, respect, and friendships. Hedgemoor made posters which will be shared in the dining hall to remind others about good table manners and ways to ensure meal times are a happy place for everyone.

A reminder that **next Friday** we would love to invite you to join us for a fun **Scarecrow-Making Afternoon!** If you have spare clothes, a bag of straw, or other scarecrow supplies, please bring them along—more details to follow. We are also looking forward to our **Whippletree farm trips next week**, which will give pupils further opportunities to learn about nature and sustainability. Finally, a big shout out to our **Y5/6 Football Team** who are playing their first match of the year against Rydon Primary School after school today. Go Christow!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

Attendance

Reception	96.6%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	96.6%

Well done

School Overall Attendance for the year to date

95.4%

‘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 3rd October 2025

Headteacher's Award for “Star of the Week”

Lily Jessie Iris Marley



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Rhuan

Hedgemoor: Angus

Kennick: River

Bowden: Belle



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Wren **Hedgemoor:** Merryn

Kennick: Rupert **Bowden:** Jessie

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th October	Reception Whipple Tree Farm Visit
Tuesday 7th October	Year 2 Whipple Tree Farm Visit
Wednesday 8th October	Year 4 Whipple Tree Farm Visit
Thursday 9th October	Reception Class Vision Screening
Friday 10th October	Scarecrow Making Afternoon
Monday 13th October	Year 6 Whipple Tree Farm Visit
Wednesday 15th October	3.15-4.30pm Bowden Franken-Teddy Workshop
Friday 17th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 17th October	Halloween Disco
Wednesday 22nd October	3.15-4.30pm Kennick Franken-Teddy Workshop

CAN YOU HELP US? - volunteers needed

Teachers work incredibly hard and it can be difficult to facilitate activities after school. We would like to enhance the clubs available to our children.

Do you, or someone you know, have hobby, talent or profession which may allow you offer extra curricular opportunities to our children? This could be weekly after school, a lunch time club or a one off event.

Yoga Sewing Craft Sport Dance
Lego Gardening Drama Cooking

If you think you may be able to help please speak to Mrs Fleming in the school office for more information 01647 252542

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale—Every Friday!!

Browse our **Preloved Uniform Sale** every **Friday at pick-up time** in the **gazebo**.

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.



School Waste Audit



The School Council and Rights Respecting Ambassadors got involved in a really important project on Tuesday. Led by Alex Mack from 'Resource Future', we started our journey to becoming better at managing our school's waste. This is a crucial aspect of our school's Climate Action Plan; now a legal requirement of all schools as of this September, and quite rightly so!

As a team we weighed and sorted through rubbish from one day's worth of bins. Lucia helped to label all bin bags from around the school, and we were shocked by some of the contents! In our general waste, the team found whole, unopened packs of crisps and chocolate bars along with many items that could have been recycled. Likewise, in our recycling bins, we found many items that couldn't be recycled, including over 2kg worth of paper towels! I was surprised to hear that paper towels couldn't be recycled. We were all shocked to hear that whole bags of rubbish, if incorrectly sorted, would go straight to the furnace for burning. To contextualise, Alex said, 'That's parts of our natural world; trees, rocks and other natural materials, all being burnt.'

As a school, we want to do our best to reduce, reuse and recycle as much waste as possible. This project will kickstart our efforts towards this and when Alex returns in early November, we will be going label and poster mad in attempt to educate and raise the profile of correct waste disposal across the school! Watch this space and learn how you can help us outside of school too!



Haldon Autumn Walk

As part of their Science learning, Haldon went for an Autumn Walk around the village. They found lots of signs of the changing seasons.

Thank you to the parents who supported us on this trip.



Franken-Teddy Halloween Craft Workshop

We are excited to offer this unique, one-off opportunity to Kennick and Bowden pupils; a Franken-Teddy Workshop (see poster below for details)!

A little more about this to explain... During a recent School Council meeting, year 6 rep, Ernie, expressed his discontent with the toy industry and its approach towards mass production and inefficient recycling. We decided that we would like to do our bit to help. Starting with this workshop where children will be given the chance to give old and unwanted teddies a new lease of life by upcycling and redesigning. The hope is that this will inspire pupils to recycle toys where possible.

Later on in the term the School Council will also be holding a toy swap in preparation for the Christmas gifting season ahead. Please start saving any unwanted toys now ready for swapping.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Hill and the School Council team

Franken-Teddy Halloween Craft Workshop

Create your own unique mash-up teddy!

Bowden : 15th October 3.15 - 4.30pm

Kennick : 22nd October 3.15 - 4.30pm

To join the fun, email

reception@christowprimary.org.uk



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
CHRISTOW PTFA

HALLOWEEN DISCO!

OCTOBER

Friday

17

School hall

Preschool & KS1 - 4-4:45pm

KS2 - 5-6pm

£2 entry



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



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)
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School Hall, 9am

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

