



# CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 16/01/26

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding week across the school, filled with learning, creativity and opportunities for pupils to engage with the wider world

We started the week with some very exciting news! We were recently ranked as the **4th best primary school in the country** according to *The Telegraph*. This is a significant achievement and reflects the hard work, dedication and commitment of our pupils, staff and wider school community. We are incredibly proud of this recognition and grateful for the continued support from parents and carers that helps make our school such a special place.

On Monday we watched *Newsround* together and discussed what it means to be a global citizen. Pupils talked thoughtfully about current events, fairness and responsibility, and how even small actions can have a positive impact locally and globally. It was encouraging to see such mature reflections and respectful discussion across all year groups.

### **SIGNPOSTING: Discover Devon Family Hubs – Support for Every Family**

Devon Family Hubs offer free advice and guidance for parents and carers of children aged 0–19 (or up to 25 for young people with SEND or care leavers). You can access single-session appointments in person, by phone, or online, and there's a dedicated Advice & Guidance Line available Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm on **0800 538 5458**. The hubs also host inclusive activities such as **SEND Adventurers**, a musical playgroup for children aged 0–5 with SEND/SEMH needs, and online sessions like **Connecting Moments**, which provide a friendly space for parents to share experiences and build support networks. These services are designed to help families connect, learn, and thrive in a welcoming environment. See posters below for more information.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team**

### Attendance

<b>Reception</b>	98 %
<b>Year 1</b>	92.8 %
<b>Year 2</b>	100 %
<b>Year 3</b>	92.4 %
<b>Year 4</b>	93.8 %
<b>Year 5</b>	95 %
<b>Year 6</b>	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 16th January 2026

### Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Isaac    Ruby (Y4)    Evie (Y3)

### Piece of the Week



**Haldon:** Elowen

**Hedgemoor:** Tor

**Kennick:** Robyn

**Bowden:** James



### Value of the Week:

**Haldon:** Rhuan    **Hedgemoor:** Dylan    **Kennick:** Chloe    **Bowden:** Archie



Thank you to our amazing students, staff & parents for making this possible!

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**We're Thrilled to Announce: Christow Primary School is Ranked 4th in the Country!** 

According to the Telegraph's national primary school rankings based on reading, writing and maths performance, Christow has achieved an outstanding 4th place among thousands of schools across England — a remarkable testament to the hard work of our pupils, staff and community!

## Music lessons across the school

This week has also been a **musical one** across the school.

In **Hedgemoor**, pupils have been developing their recorder skills, showing great concentration and improving confidence.



**Kennick** classes have been enjoying learning the ukulele, working on rhythm and chords. It has been challenging manipulating our fingers in to the right shapes but with perseverance and resilience we have been able to play two songs together; I went to the Animal Fayre and Happy Birthday.

Meanwhile, pupils in **Bowden** explored computer-generated sound, experimenting creatively with technology to compose and manipulate music using BandLab Education.

It has been wonderful to hear and see the variety of musical learning taking place.



## Dates for your diary

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

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)



Family Hub Advice &  
Guidance Line, 0800  
5385458  
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm

### 'Connecting Moments'- Digital SEND Support for Families

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?  
Join us for Connecting Moments – a friendly online space designed just for you.

#### What's it all about?

- Connect with other families in a small, welcoming group
- Share experiences and ideas
- Build a peer support network

Please join us on the **27th January at 12noon**, for a 1 hour session—to book a space please fill in the form using the QR code below, places are limited and the session will be run via Teams.



The Ambassador Volunteer Programme  
Supporting Families with SEND



# Adventurers

a musical playgroup for children with SEND/SEMH needs age 0-5

Join our **FREE** sessions to explore musical play together!

Our interactive sessions are designed to support your child's development in areas such as communication, language and creativity. Sessions give you and your little one the chance to explore through musical sensory play in a safe and inclusive environment as well as meeting other families.

**When**  
Weekly  
Thursdays  
10.15-11.30am  
Term-time

**Where**  
Teignbridge family hub  
Coronation Road  
Newton Abbot  
Devon  
TQ12 1TX

**TO  
BOOK**

Email [beth@evolvemusic.org.uk](mailto:beth@evolvemusic.org.uk)

**EVOLVE MUSIC**  
Adventurers

[www.evolvemusic.org.uk](http://www.evolvemusic.org.uk)



Devon  
County Council  
SUPPORTED BY  
BBC CHILDREN  
IN NEED



**FREE**  
**Family Advice**  
**& Guidance**

For Parents/Carers of children aged  
0-19 and Young People aged 13 –19  
(25 with SEND or Care Leaver)

Single Session Appointments available  
in person, via phone or online

#### CALL:

Advice & Guidance Line  
**0800 5385458**  
Mon-Fri 10am—4pm



#### SCAN



Request for Contact



## ME & MIND HUB PLAY AND THRIVE

### SESSIONS

Support group and play session for parents and children with SEND needs, aged 0-5

Starting November 21st - Book Online

Venue at  
Family  
Hub  
Coronation Road



10am  
Every  
other  
Friday

[www.meandmind.co.uk](http://www.meandmind.co.uk)

# Heat and Eat

- Are you a regular Teign Valley Larder user?
- Do you sometimes have to decide if you heat or eat?
- Do your children receive free school meals?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above statements then you could qualify to get some extra help from the Teign Valley Larder this December, January and February.

Thanks to support from The David Gibbons Foundation, Bickington Goodwill Community CIC, Cllr. Alan Connell, and Teignbridge CVS, we were able to buy two ready-to-heat meals per person per week for a limited number of households over the winter.

So, a family of four (including school-age children) would get eight meals a week. Four weeks worth of meals will be supplied to successful applicant at the beginning of each month starting in December.

Email us at [teignvalleylarder@gmail.com](mailto:teignvalleylarder@gmail.com) or call us on 07951 487315 (please leave a message).

We respect your privacy and absolute discretion is assured. So please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Facilitated in collaboration and with support from :



## LIMITED PLACES

Places are limited so we urge you to contact us as soon as possible if you would like us to help you take some of the pressure off mealtimes.

The meals are individually packed, require no refrigeration and can be simply heated in a microwave or oven.

A typical selection of the **Parsleybox** meals will include favourites like Chicken Casserole, Cottage Pie, Beef Chilli and Corned Beef Hash. Vegetarian and most other dietary requirements can also be catered for.



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**



**TEIGN VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS**

**A FREE**

# **Drama Workshop**

## **Theatre Skills**

**FOR AGES 10+**



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



**Led by Jeremy Balfour MA, BA, PGCE**

**Contact [jeremybal4@gmail.com](mailto:jeremybal4@gmail.com) / 07977 485581**

**KINDLY SUPPORTED BY CHRISTOW COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

# 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

#### June

Mon 1	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Mon 8	Year 6 SATS
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

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.*

