



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

Reception	98 %
Year 1	92.8 %
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	92.4 %
Year 4	93.8 %
Year 5	95 %
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 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



🔔 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

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

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





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



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



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



www.evolvemusic.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1171391



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

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 Connett, 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.

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.

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.

Email us at 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:



DEVON YOUTH
jazz
ORCHESTRA

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

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH 2026
DOORS OPEN 19.00
SHOW STARTS 19:30

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



Supported using public funding by:



**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

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 / 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

