



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 12/12/25

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been! We are still glowing with pride after the fantastic Early Years and Key Stage 1 Nativity performance, *Born in a Barn*. The children were absolutely brilliant—full of confidence, joy, and festive spirit. It was a real treat to see their hard work come to life on stage.

A huge **thank you to our amazing staff** for their dedication and creativity in preparing the children for such a memorable performance. From rehearsals to set design, every detail was carefully thought through, and it truly showed.

We are also incredibly grateful to all parents for providing costumes and supporting the children throughout the process. Your efforts helped make the performance extra special. A special mention goes to **Jacob and Alex**, who kindly gave their time to help dismantle the stage and return everything to the TVCH—thank you for going the extra mile!

Looking ahead, next week promises even more festive fun. We are excited for our **Carol Service in the Church**, on Monday at 2pm.

Please also remember:

- **Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch**— Wednesday
- **Christmas Fair** – Thursday at 3.15pm

The fair will be packed with activities, including *Snowball a Teacher*, *Santa's Grotto*, crafts, and much more! Don't forget to **buy your raffle tickets** for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. We are still gratefully accepting **donations of tombola prizes**, so please send any contributions into school. Please note: some stalls will be **cash only**.

EXCITING NEWS—Wrap Around care for Nursery (3 years+) coming soon!
See poster below for more information.

Thank you once again for your continued support in making this festive season so special for our children.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend
Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

Attendance

Reception	84.4 %
Year 1	80.4 %
Year 2	87.5 %
Year 3	95.4 %
Year 4	94.8 %
Year 5	97.5 %
Year 6	97.9 %

Well done Y6

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

94.5 %

'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 12th December 2025

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Everyone in Haldon and Hedgemoor
For their amazing Nativity



Piece of the Week

Haldon: All of Haldon

Hedgemoor: Tabi

Kennick: Ruby (Y3)

Bowden: Bella



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Felix

Hedgemoor: Moss

Kennick: Phoebe

Bowden: Ernie



Dates for your diary

Monday 15th December	2pm KS2 Carol Service at the Church
Tuesday 16th December	Bowden watching Teign School's Beauty and the Beast Performance
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation or a bottle for the bottle tombola
Thursday 18th December	3.15pm PTFA Christmas Fayre
Friday 19th December	End of term - 9am Governors Assembly
Monday 5th January	First day of the Spring term
Thursday 15th January	Primary School Application Deadline

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.

After School Activity Clubs & Wraparound Care

After School Activity Clubs

After school activity clubs will **not** run during the last week of term and the first week back in January. A new clubs list will be sent out in January.

Breakfast Club & ASC

Breakfast Club and ASC **will** continue running as normal next week and the first week back in January.



Born in a Barn— Christow Nativity





Hedgemoor the Historians



On Friday, Hedgemoor visited St James' Church in Christow as part of their History topic about the local area. Reverend Ruth shared interesting facts about different parts of the church, including information about the underground crypt which was built in the 1800s and that the first Vicar for the church was in 1256. We looked in the font and learned that it is older than the church building, having been moved from the old site.

The children had to find features in the church including memorials, decorative wood work and even try to spot two faces on the roof panels. They looked at dates on head stones and plaques to add to our history timeline.

Thank you to the parents who joined us on this trip and to Reverend Ruth for helping us become keen historians!



WRAP AROUND CARE

FOR NURSERY AGED CHILDREN
CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7.45am every day

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

until 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



COMING SOON - January 2026

reception@christowprimary.org.uk

01647 252542



To register interest please contact to the school

Historic Antarctica Assembly

Last week, the whole school attended the first ever live assembly from Union Glacier, Antarctica, where an expedition is taking place to spread the word around the world to save the Antarctica taking students on a fascinating journey to the coldest, windiest, and most extraordinary continent on Earth. We learned about Antarctic wildlife, explored the history of exploration, and discovered why this unique environment is so important to protect.



Thank you for becoming
a Champion of Antarctica
and helping to protect
the last great wilderness
on Earth.



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Congratulations on making a piece of Antarctic history!

This certificate is proudly presented to

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**Thank you for attending the first ever live assembly
from Union Glacier, Antarctica on 5th December 2025.**

Hosted by Picture News, 2041 School, and special guest Robert Swan OBE,
this historic event brought together children from around the world to learn why
Antarctica is special and why we all need to help protect it.

Joining the assembly was Teddy, the first teddy in history to visit both the North Pole
and the South Pole in Rob's pocket, inspiring us all with his spirit of exploration.



"Congratulations on joining the first ever
live assembly from Union Glacier, Antarctica.
By becoming Champions of Antarctica,
you are helping to protect one of the most
magical and fragile places on Earth.
Your commitment truly matters."

**Dame Joanna Lumley DBE FRGS –
The Voice of Antarctica**

"Thank you all for making a part of history and
promising to protect Antarctica, a place very close
to my heart. I am so proud of you all for becoming
Champions of Antarctica.
Your enthusiasm, curiosity
and commitment give me great
hope for the future. Together, we
can continue to protect this
extraordinary continent for
generations to come."


Robert Swan OBE, FRGS



Hosted by:



To view our award-winning
films on Antarctica, please visit:
www.2041School.com

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 :





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



Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions
Team, even if you've already given details
to a school. Applications made directly to
schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



A Christow Community Primary
School PTFA Fundraiser
Registered charity number: 101039

The Christow Christmas Jumper Chase

Elf Jumpers have blown across Christow! Grab your map from the Christow Community Shop, follow the clues, and help the elves find Jingle Jim's BIG red Christmas jumper before Christmas Eve!

Cash Donations Welcome - Support the PTFA and make a difference!



**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



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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

