



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 07/11/25

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful half-term break. It's been lovely to see the children return refreshed, full of energy, and ready for a busy, festive term ahead.

A huge **thank you** goes to our amazing **PTFA Firework Committee** for organising such a phenomenal **Fireworks Night** on the 5th of November. What a fantastic evening it was! Families enjoyed a spectacular display, delicious food, great music, and a wonderful sense of togetherness. Events like these remind us what a special school community we have. We are also proud to share that the event raised valuable funds for both our school and Acorn- a brilliant achievement that will make a real difference.

This week we were delighted to welcome back **Alex Mack**, who returned to school to follow up on our **Waste Management Day**. Alex worked with the children to help us think more carefully about how we can all reduce, reuse, and recycle. Since then, our **School Council** has been busy designing colourful posters, leading an assembly, and helping to sort and label the new recycling bins around school. Their enthusiasm has really helped to spread the message and encourage everyone to take responsibility for looking after our environment. A big **thank you to Mrs Hill** for coordinating this important work and supporting our pupils to become more environmentally aware citizens.

The hard work of the PTFA makes an extraordinary difference to the experiences and resources we are able to provide for your child. They are seeking a new treasurer to be able to continue running. Can you help? Please contact christowptfa@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome to the PTFA AGM- Wednesday 12th November at the school hall. Let's keep the PTFA thriving — for our children, our school, and our community!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

Attendance

Reception	100 %
Year 1	93.6 %
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	98 %
Year 4	100 %
Year 5	86.7 %
Year 6	96.2 %

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 7th November 2025

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Rowan

Chloe



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Tristan

Hedgemoor: Leo

Kennick: Phoebe

Bowden: James



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Martha **Hedgemoor:** Rogue **Kennick:** Ellie **Bowden:** Eva and Olive

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th November	Blythswood Shoe Box Visit - School Leadership
Friday 14th November	Spotacular CHILDREN IN NEED—wear spots!
Monday 17th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 19th November	Parents Evening
Saturday 6th December	PTFA Christmas Ceilidh @ 6pm (see poster below)
Tuesday 9th December	Nativity 2.00pm—Preschool Performance
Wednesday 10th December	EY/ KS1 Nativity @ 9.30am and 2.00pm
Monday 15th December	KS2 Carol Service at the Church @ 2pm

Tackling Waste Management

Once again, the class representatives in our school impressed us with their commitment towards improving our school for all. This time we continued our waste management mission! After Alex Mack's ('Resources Future') recent waste audit, we all knew we had much to do to cut our school's waste. So, on Tuesday, we set about making posters and creating an assembly to educate everyone on how we can better reduce, reuse and recycle at Christow.

Our bins are now labelled around the school, and we have extra bins in the hall and on the playground to help us with recycling at lunchtime. We are now collecting soft plastics (crisp packets, bar wrappers, etc) to reduce our general waste.

If you are willing to volunteer to be on a rota to take our soft plastics to a supermarket for recycling, please let Mrs Hill know. We really need everyone's help! After all, as Albert Einstein once said, 'We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.'



Teign Valley Fireworks!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise this wonderful community event, including Oli, Tristan, Ben D, Chris R, Paul H and Lachlan and to all those who supported on the night. We are incredibly grateful for your efforts and for the funds raised, which will help us enrich our curriculum offer and create lasting memories for every child at Christow Primary School.



Friday Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

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.

After School Club (ASC) Activities Guide

Autumn Term – 2nd Half

Date	ASC Activities
Monday 3 rd Nov	Gymnastics
Tuesday 4 th Nov	Sparklers Night
Thursday 6 th Nov	Fireworks Art
Monday 10 th Nov	Lego Night
Tuesday 11 th Nov	Party Games
Thursday 13 th Nov	Monopoly Night
Monday 17 th Nov	Football – weather permitting
Tuesday 18 th Nov	Chocolate Night
Thursday 20 th Nov	Board Games
Monday 24 th Nov	Art Night
Tuesday 25 th Nov	Uno Night
Thursday 27 th Nov	Chess Night
Monday 1 st Dec	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2 nd Dec	Christmas Party Songs
Thursday 4 th Dec	Gymnastics
Monday 8 th Dec	Puzzle Night
Tuesday 9 th Dec	Making Christmas Cards
Thursday 11 th Dec	Making Christmas Decorations
Monday 15 th Dec	Braiding / Finger Knitting
Tuesday 16 th Dec	Board Games Night
Thursday 18 th Dec	Christmas Movie Night

SAVE THE DATE!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY CEILIDH NIGHT with Lady Luck and the Fortunes

Saturday 6th December at Teign Valley Community Hall 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Evening Plan

- 6:00pm: Arrivals & Bar Open
- 6:30–7:30: Yee-haw dancing with Lady Luck and the Fortunes!
- 7:30–8:00: Hotdog supper (veggie option available)
- 8:00–9:00: More toe-tapping ceilidh fun
- 9:00–10:00: Festive family disco — cowboy hats encouraged!

Tickets

£10 per adult / £5 per child / £25 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) / On the door: £12 adults / £6 children Tickets available from school reception and online (details to follow). Hotdog supper included in the ticket price!

A Fundraiser for the Christow School PTFA!

All proceeds go towards supporting school events, equipment, and enrichment for our children. Please buy your tickets in advance for catering numbers and spread the word to friends and family!

Dress code: Cowboy hats, festive jumpers & dancing boots welcome!

Join us for a holly-jolly hoedown full of live music, laughter, and community cheer!



PTFA Treasurer Needed

Our PTFA makes amazing things happen — from the fantastic Fireworks Night on Wednesday to all the extras that make school life special for our children.

To keep it all running, we now need a new Treasurer to join the team.

You'll be fully supported by the current committee, and it's a rewarding role that can easily fit around family life.

If you're organised, like being part of school life, and want to make a real difference, please contact christowptfa@gmail.com or speak to one of the PTFA team.

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Christow School Council

need your unwanted, good quality

TOYS!



Please hand donations to Mrs Fleming or Mrs Hill before Friday 21st November.

We will then be hosting a toy swap event on Tuesday 2nd December from 2:45pm.



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



Christow PTFA Presents

Wreath

Making Workshop

Sunday 30th November 3-5pm

Christow Primary School

£30 Per Person

Includes Complimentary Glass of fizz

Don't miss out on a fun afternoon whilst supporting the school.

Please bring secateurs if you have them.

Everything else will be provided.

Spaces are limited Please contact Lisa
0777384833 to book your place



KKAG in association with Tormohun Rotary Club are collecting items to be sent to Ukraine to help with their needs.

If you can help with any of the items listed below please contact Roger Jones on 07979 237483.

BABY PRODUCTS:

Formula (in date for a few weeks), Baby Bottles, sterilising fluid, washing-up liquid, Baby Food Pouches, Tins & Jars - porridge, rice, fruit, vegetables & snacks, Nappies, nappy rash cream, baby lotions, wet wipes, nursing pads, New Teething Rings, Baby Carriers, Sings, Travel Cots (in good condition) New or used Baby & Childrens Clothes

FOOD (in date for a few weeks):

Pouched or Tinned Vegetables, Dried Pasta & Rice, Tea, salt, sugar, flour, noodles, savoury snacks, cereal bars, condensed/evaporated milk

PERSONAL HYGIENE:

Sanitary Towels, pads, tampons, soap, toothpaste adult & children, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant (roll-on), wet wipes, lip balm, talcum powder, adult pads, clothes detergent

MEDICAL SUPPLIES (all new/sealed packages):

Water purification tablets/panels, Anti-inflammatory, pain relief - adults & children (paracetamol, ibuprofen) indigestion relief, antihistamine, imodium antiseptic cream/solution/wipes, plasters, bandages, swabs, disposal gloves, first aid kits, crutches

SPECIALIST MEDICAL ITEMS:

Trauma Kits, bandages, tourniquets, surgical glue, burns kits and dressings for adults & children Wheelchairs, crutches

Torches and batteries, solar or wind-up torches

We need your help!

This Christmas, our school are supporting the charity Blythswood with their Shoe Box Appeal. More information about this can be found below:

Shoe Box Appeal | Blythswood

Our School Council members will be travelling to Exeter in November to volunteer their help with packing shoe boxes. These will be sent to countries affected by war.

Please help us by donating any of the items listed. Please hand any donations to Mrs Hill or Mrs Fleming by November 10th. Thank you!



Bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas

Blythswood CHANNEL LIAISON OFFICER AND FUNDRAISING **Shoe Box Appeal 2025** Filler Ideas

Woman

- Make-up
- Sanitary products
- Shampoo
- Nail varnish
- Small scissors
- Tape measure

Man

- Dominoes
- Pack of cards
- Tools
- Tape measure
- Tin cup
- Wind-up torch
- Shaving brush
- Pen

Elderly woman

- Hand cream
- Folding walking stick
- Slippers
- Candle
- Tin cup
- Small clock
- Tights

Teenage Girl/Boy

- Make-up
- Craft kit
- Jewellery
- Hair brush
- Nail varnish
- Hair band
- Diary
- Manicure set
- Tennis ball
- Puzzles
- Board game
- Wind-up torch
- Dominoes
- Deodorant
- Thermal vest

Girl/Boy age 3 - 12
(Please choose items appropriate to the age of child you have chosen)

- Sewing/craft kit
- Chalk
- Paint by numbers
- Paints
- Colouring/sticker book
- Crayons/Stationery
- Jewellery/Beads
- Socks
- T-shirt
- Pyjamas
- Toy car/truck
- Skipping ropes
- Lego
- Board game
- Small ball
- Playing cards

Blythswood request that each shoebox contains a toothbrush and toothpaste, underwear, soap, sweets, toy/gift, scarf, gloves and hat

Please see some other shoebox filler ideas above
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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.

