



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 27/02/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone — we hope you all had a restful half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school so positively, and even better to enjoy some sunshine as we head towards spring. The brighter mornings and lighter afternoons certainly bring a lovely energy to the school day.

A big thank you to Ms Davis for organising and running the Scholastic Book Fair this week. We are also very grateful to our volunteers — Dan, Gem, Gemma and Nula — for giving their time to help make the event run so smoothly. Every book purchased helps raise money for the school to invest in new books for our classrooms and library, so your support truly makes a real difference.

This week, Kennick Class were excited to welcome Jayden from Plymouth Argyle FC, who led their PE lesson. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and effort throughout the session and really enjoyed learning new netball skills from a visiting coach.

After school, Jayden ran a lively football club for Years 1–4. It has been fantastic to see so many children developing their confidence, skills and enjoyment of sport. We were also pleased to see our Year 5 and 6 footballers training with Mr Farwell this week at TVCH as they prepare for their first football match which takes place in the next couple of weeks. The team showed excellent commitment and teamwork, and we are very proud of their positive attitude.

At this week's PTFA meeting, we were delighted to hold the election of new Co-Chairs. A huge welcome to Dan and Steve, who were unanimously voted into the role. Thank you both for stepping forward to support the school community — we are grateful for the time, energy and expertise you will bring to the committee. We look forward to the exciting events and fundraising opportunities ahead.

Looking ahead, World Book Day is next Thursday 5th March. This year's theme is Heroes and Villains, and children are very welcome to come to school in costume if they would like to. We look forward to a fun day celebrating reading across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another busy and enjoyable few weeks ahead.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.

Attendance

Reception	93.6 %
Year 1	91.3 %
Year 2	97.5 %
Year 3	92.9 %
Year 4	96.1 %
Year 5	93.2 %
Year 6	94.3 %

Well done Y3

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

94.1 %

'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 27th February 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Ernie Bella Wren



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Lucy

Hedgemoor: Moss

Kennick: Chloe

Bowden: Bella



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Willow Hedgemoor: Lowen Kennick: Joseph Bowden: Ernie

Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Mon 9th and March	Parents Evening Change of Date
Tuesday 10th March	Christow vs Dunsford Football Match
Wed 11th March	Parents Evening Change of Date
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
Wednesday 18th March	KS1 Multi Skills Event @ Teign School
Friday 20th March	1pm Colour Run - see poster
Wednesday 3rd April	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 4th April	Governors Assembly @ 9am

PLEASE HELP—Extending Wrap Around Care

We are looking at the possibility of extending our Wrap Around care to be able to offer **7.45am—6pm provision every day.**

In order to find out whether this is viable please would you mind taking **2 minutes** to complete this form.

I would encourage you to share this with the community for any parents who may be interested in accessing our Nursery or have children starting school in September 2026.

Thank you

It would be great if you can submit your response by **27th Feb 2026**. Thank you!

Wrap Around Care



[Wrap Around Care – Fill in form](#)

Arts Week



We are excited to share that our Art week this year will be based upon the illustrations of Quentin Blake. Children will be learning more about his drawing style and will be producing their own ink and watercolour drawings to form a display in our KS2 corridor.

Artist Annabel Greenfield will be visiting school on Tuesday 10th March and will be showing us some of her own paintings. She will be supporting children in creating their own illustrations.

We would like to thank our PTFA and the Helen Foundation for funding this workshop, and daisy admin@daisi.org.uk for their support in organising it.

[Home | Mysite](#) has information about The Helen Foundation Charity.



World Book Day Book Swap with Doddiscombsleigh



To celebrate World Book Day, we are delighted to be taking part in a special book swap with our friends at Doddiscombsleigh Primary School.

We are inviting each child to choose a book they have particularly enjoyed at home and donate it to Doddiscombsleigh's library. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to pass on a favourite story and share the joy of reading with others.

As part of our World Book Day activities, our pupils will also be writing thoughtful book reviews to place inside the donated books, so that the children at Doddiscombsleigh can discover why the story was loved and recommended.

This initiative not only celebrates reading and community links, but also supports our Waste Reduction plans this year by recycling and rehoming pre-loved books.

Please bring in a book to donate on Thursday 5th March. Thank you for your support in helping us make this a meaningful and sustainable celebration of books!

CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

WORLD BOOK DAY! 2026!

HEROES & VILLAINS!

THURSDAY MARCH 5TH 2026

Come to school dressed as a
HERO or **VILLAIN!**

Share Books!

Celebrate Stories!

Become an
Author or Illustrator!

SMILE BRIGHT!

Healthy Teeth for Happy Children

Why It Matters?

Tooth decay is preventable. Good daily habits protect children from pain, poor sleep, and missed school days. Did you know that good oral health in children can reduce the risk of diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease in later life?



What Causes Tooth Decay?

- Plaque bacteria
- Frequent sugary foods and drinks (not just about the quantity of sugar but how frequent sugar is consumed across the day)

Tooth-Friendly Choices at Snack Times:

- Water or plain milk (save juices and squashes for meal times only to reduce frequency of sugar exposure throughout the day)
- Fruit and vegetables (avoid snacks like raisins, fruit winders and other dried fruit which is sticky and high in sugar)
- Cheese and plain yogurt
- Dips like hummus
- Eggs, olives, rice cakes
- Keep sugary treats to mealtimes only



Brush for Strong Smiles:

- Twice a day for 2 minutes
- Adult supervision
- Under 3: smear (1000ppm fluoride)
- Age 3+: pea-sized (1450ppm fluoride). No need for specialised 'children's' toothpaste!
- Spit, don't rinse to ensure teeth are coated in fluoride!

Small daily habits make a BIG difference. Let's work together to keep every child smiling!



SPRING TERM FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

LOCATION CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAY WEDNESDAYS | 6 WEEK BLOCK | FEBRUARY 25TH - APRIL 1ST

TIME 3.15 - 4.15PM

YEAR GROUPS Y 1,2,3,4

PRICE £33

Plymouth Argyle FC in the community trust is delighted to be holding a weekly football after school club in your child's school.

The sessions focus on fun, game-based activities and small-sided matches, giving children of all abilities the chance to develop skills.

numbers are limited to 18 places so we advise booking early to secure a place.

**BOOK
NOW!**



For more info email Ben.Thompson@pafl.co.uk



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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

