



# CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 14/11/25

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Council Visit to Exeter

This week our School Council travelled to Exeter to help pack **40 shoeboxes** that will be sent to Ukraine for Christmas. The children worked brilliantly as a team and showed great compassion throughout the day.

A huge thank you to **Mrs Hill** for organising the trip and to all the adults who supported—it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to make a real difference.

### PTFA AGM

On Wednesday we held our PTFA AGM and were delighted with the fantastic turnout. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Anna** and **Nicola**, who have stepped down as Chair and Treasurer. Their hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment have had a tremendous impact on our school community and have made a real difference to the experiences your children have enjoyed.

We are pleased to welcome our new PTFA Chair, **Andy Wise**, and Treasurer, **Lian Bradley**. We are excited to see the PTFA continue to grow from strength to strength in the coming year.

### Introducing the Hedge Hub

In assembly this week, Mrs Burton introduced the **Hedge Hub**, a new lunchtime provision designed to support children's **mental health and wellbeing**.

Run by **Mrs Tucker**, the Hedge Hub provides a calm and supportive space for children who may find the playground a little tricky at times. The hub offers activities, games, and, importantly, someone to talk to. We are thrilled to be able to offer this additional support to our pupils



*Wishing you a wonderful weekend*  
*Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team*

### Attendance

Reception	100 %
Year 1	95.2 %
Year 2	95.5 %
Year 3	82.6 %
Year 4	93.8 %
Year 5	91.3 %
Year 6	95.2 %

### Well done

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

**95.5 %**

'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 14th November 2025

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

Ivy Bo

Eleanor



### Piece of the Week

**Haldon:** Arney

**Hedgemoor:** Evie

**Kennick:** Elsie (Y4) & Ellie

**Bowden:** Olive



### Value of the Week:

**Haldon:** Lucy

**Hedgemoor:** Angus

**Kennick:** Rafe

**Bowden:** Joe

## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 17th November</b>	3.30pm - 6.50pm Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 19th November</b>	3.30pm - 6pm Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 2nd December</b>	2.45pm onwards Toy Swap
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	2pm Nativity - Preschool Performance
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	9.30am and 2.00pm EY/ KS1 Nativity
<b>Monday 15th December</b>	2pm KS2 Carol Service at the Church
<b>Wednesday 17th December</b>	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 18th December</b>	3.15pm PTFA Christmas Fayre

## 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.

## Super Scientists

On Thursday Hedgemoor went out on an Autumn Leaf Hunt. They collected leaves and seeds from the school grounds and worked in pairs to sort and group their leaves. We were surprised by how many different trees we have in school and loved looking at the array of autumn colours we found.





## Blythswood Shoe Box Visit

On Tuesday student leaders from each class travelled to Wonford Methodist Church in Exeter to help support the Blythswood charity volunteers with shoebox processing. We took along a generous haul of donated goods from Christow School families and were met with great thanks.

We helped pack and check around 40 boxes ready to send off to people in Ukraine ready for Christmas. Huge thanks to you all for your donations and to the parents (Jo, Anna, Rachel and Charlotte) that volunteered their time to help support our children on this trip, and of course to Murray, our minibus driver. And a big well done to our excellent, hardworking children who represented the school extremely well. We were all very proud!





## Christow School Council

need your unwanted, good  
quality

# TOYS!



Please hand donations to Mrs Fleming or Mrs Hill  
before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

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

Christow PTFA Presents

## Wreath Making Workshop

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
07773848333 to book your place



# 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](https://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](mailto: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.





## 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**

