



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 24/10/25

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we've had to round off the half term!

Last Friday, we celebrated our **Harvest Festival** at the church, and we couldn't be prouder of the children. Each class performed songs they had **composed themselves**, filling the church with joy and creativity. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and for the generous **food donations**—your kindness will make a real difference to local families. The children's dedication and imagination truly shone through in their performances.

Our **PTFA Halloween Disco** was another fantastic success! The costumes were awesome, and the energy was infectious. A special thank you to **Mr Cornish and Mr Farwell** for embracing the hilarious apple-bobbing and mummification competitions, and to **Mrs Hill** for leading the limbo contest. We're so grateful to all the organisers who transformed the hall with spooky decorations, baked delicious cakes, ran the photobooth, and stayed to tidy up—thank you for your hard work!

This week has been just as exciting. On **Tuesday**, Hedgemoor welcomed the **Dental Team**, who taught the children about keeping their teeth clean and even gave everyone a new toothbrush to take home.

On **Wednesday**, Ernie ran the second **Franken Teddy Workshop** encouraging creative recycling by giving old toys a new lease of life!

On **Thursday**, Kennick Class became **Eco Warriors**, joining the **National Education Nature Parks**—a government-funded project led by the Natural History Museum, the Royal Horticultural Society, and the University of Reading. They began their 'baseline survey' to discover the wonderful nature around us. A huge thank you to **Mrs Hill** for coordinating this inspiring initiative which helps towards our Climate action plan.

We wish all our families a **well-deserved and restful half-term break**. See you on **Monday 3rd November**.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

Attendance

Reception	95.2%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	93.2%

Well done Y2

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 24th October 2025

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Bowden for their amazing songs!



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Alfie and Felix

Hedgemoor: Georgia and Lowen

Kennick: Thea

Bowden: Isaac



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Hope **Hedgemoor:** Thea **Kennick:** Ruby (Y4) **Bowden:** James, Theo and Finley

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th - Friday 31st October	Half Term
Friday 31st October	Secondary School Application Deadline
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

Nut Free School

Please be aware that Christow Community Primary School and Preschool are nut free. Please ensure that any food items that come into school do not contain nuts.

School Photos Reminder

Reminder to order school photos by this weekend to receive a free delivery to school. Please follow the ordering information on the photo sheet.

Franken Teddy Workshop

It was Kennick's turn this week to take part in another Franken-Teddy Workshop. Thank you to Mrs Hill and Ernie for organising this wonderful event and to the adults that helped on the day. Children were really excited to show off their new toys, sharing their names they had created.



Harvest Festival



Hedgemoor Dental Visit

On Tuesday afternoon, Hedgemoor had a visit from Marsha, a dental nurse. She reminded us all about good tooth brushing habits and keeping our teeth healthy. We watched a fun video about Geoffrey the Giant who forgot to brush his teeth. His friends helped him to learn about healthy teeth habits.



Kennick Nature Audit

On Thursday morning, dodging the showers, Kennick became Citizen Scientists for the afternoon as part of the National Education Nature Parks project set up by the Natural History Museum in London. The children identified the different habitats on our site and then entered the data onto the NENP site, so it can be added to our understanding of how school sites can support spaces for nature.

England is, 'one of the most nature depleted countries in the world', so it's really important we try to make as many spaces for nature as we can - schools are the future and are playing a big part in this.

Children then made suggestions as to how they would like to develop the school site to make it even more nature friendly, building their futures as guardians for wildlife.

If you would like to know more, check out: <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/>

A huge thank you to Lottie, Lucy and Angela for volunteering their time to help us with this project.



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

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

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



TEIGN VALLEY FIREWORKS

GATES OPEN AT 6:30PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE ONLY
ON TICKET TAILOR

FOOD, DRINK AND MORE!

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH
@ TEIGN VALLEY PLAYING FIELDS!**



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!



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale—Every Friday!!

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.

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

February

Fri 13

PTFA Friendship Disco

Mon 16 - Fri 20

Half Term

March

Wed 4

Parents Evening

Thu 5

Parents Evening

World Book Day

April

Wed 1

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs 2 (9am)

Governors Assembly

Last day of term

Summer Term 2026

April

Mon 20

First day of term

May

Mon 11 - Thu 14

Year 6 SATS

Mon 8

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

Last day of term

Baby & Toddler Every WEDNESDAY (all year)
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School Hall, 9am

We will endeavour to keep all dates for 2025/26 as scheduled, but if changes are needed parents will be informed.

