



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 30/01/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Rain, rain... and more rain!

Monday night brought widespread flooding across Devon following **Storm Chandra**, leaving many members of staff unable to reach school via their usual routes. Despite these challenges, dedication truly shone through as staff and members of our wider community braved the conditions to ensure the school remained open and learning continued as normally as possible.

A special mention must also go to **Hayley, our School Catering Manager**, who quite literally saved the day (and the children!) from **Mrs Yeo's beans on toast** by adapting plans at very short notice. Thank you to parents for your understanding and for providing packed lunches — your support was greatly appreciated. I understand that communication was last minute, and for this I can only apologise. It was difficult to gauge which staff would be able to get in, and at what time. In future, we will do our very best to provide clearer information earlier.

Particular thanks go to **Mrs Fielder, Sarah, Mrs Tucker and Lisa**, who walked to school and quite literally *held the fort*. We are also grateful to **Suzannah Wharf, School Improvement Lead for ESW**, who spoke to parents and taught Bowden class until Ms Watts arrived. Thank you to **Mr Wharton** for manning the phones and the front door throughout the morning, and to **Jo and Anita** for coming in to support lunchtimes. Your commitment and flexibility did not go unnoticed and truly demonstrates what a special and supportive community Christow is.

On Wednesday evening, I had the privilege of joining the PTFA meeting at **The Artichoke**. Thank you to **Tamsin and Lian** for running the meeting so smoothly and for providing clear direction on the next steps for the organisation. The PTFA does a huge amount for our school community — not only organising fun events for the children, such as discos and Easter egg hunts, but also generating vital funds that help enhance your child's experience at school. Anyone interested in becoming a committee member or supporting events is warmly encouraged to get in touch. Everyone is welcome.

Have a wonderful (hopefully drier!) weekend
Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.

Attendance

Reception	90.2%
Year 1	92.8 %
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	93.1 %
Year 4	83.3 %
Year 5	87.5 %
Year 6	94.8 %

Well done Year 2!

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 30th January 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Lucy Ava Archie (Y5)



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Hope

Hedgemoor: Elodie

Kennick: Rupert

Bowden: Lily



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Willow

Hedgemoor: George

Kennick: Kit

Bowden: Bella

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th February	PTFA Friendship Disco (CHANGE OF DATE)
HALF TERM Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February	
Tuesday 23rd—Thursday 25th	Scholastics Book Fair in the Hall
Wed 4th and Thurs 5th March	Parents Evening
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
Friday 20th March	1pm Colour Run - see poster

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.

Polite Reminder



Dogs are not allowed on school/preschool grounds at any time, including before and after school. This applies even if dogs are leashed or being carried. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

No Clubs this half term

This half term, there will be no teacher-led after-school clubs running. Our teachers already give a significant amount of time and energy beyond the school day to support learning, planning, assessment, and the wider life of the school. This change allows them to focus on this vital work and continue providing high-quality learning experiences for your children. This will be reviewed at half term.

We would love to continue offering clubs and warmly welcome any parent or community volunteers who may be interested in running a club. If you have a skill, hobby, or interest you would like to share, please contact the school office.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTOW PTFA

Valentine's Friendship Disco!

11TH FEBRUARY
 KS1 - 4-4:45 PM
 Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.
 KS2 - 5-6 PM

£2 ENTRY

- FREE TATTOOS
- CAKES 50p
- PHOTO BOOTH £1 a photo
- MUSIC & DANCING
- FREE JUICE / WATER

please note cakes are all homemade and may contain ALL ALLERGENS. It is parent/carer responsibility to ensure children with allergens are supervised.
 Packets of sweets will also be available for children who cannot eat cakes.

Save the Date

COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH FROM 1PM

If you are interested in volunteering for this event then please contact Katie Hill via reception@christowprimary.org.uk

CHRISTOW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT
 9-15 MARCH

OUR SCHOOL IS COUNTING ON YOU!

GET READY TO COUNT YOUR PLASTIC WASTE

EVERYDAY PLASTIC x Plastic Clever Schools

THEBIGPLASTICCOUNT.COM

COMMUNITY FUND

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

Devon Music Education Hub | Supported using public funding by Department for Education | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Become a Governor at Christow Primary School!

Why Become a School Governor?

Being a governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference. You'll work as part of a friendly, committed team to support Christow Primary School's vision and ensure every child thrives.

As a governor, you will:

- Help improve outcomes and opportunities for children.
- Support and challenge the school's leadership.
- Contribute to the strategic direction of the school and support your local community.

Who Can Be a Governor?

Anyone! You don't need to be a parent or have experience in education. We welcome people from all backgrounds who bring enthusiasm and commitment and an interest in our school.

What's Involved?

- Attendance at governor meetings (usually evenings).
- Occasional visits to school.
- Working collaboratively as part of a governing board.
- The time commitment is manageable and flexible.

What You'll Gain

- Valuable experience and new skills
- Insight into how schools operate.
- A sense of achievement from making a difference.
- Opportunities for training and personal development

Interested?

We would love to hear from you! Please ring 01647 252542 or email reception@christowprimary.org.uk. Thank you.



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

