



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 13/02/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting and energetic week at Christow Primary School, with a wonderful showcase of musical and dancing talent across the classes. We were treated to a fantastic ukulele performance from Kennick, a vibrant and dramatic Lion King dance routine from Hedgemoor, and 22 impressive pieces of technology-created music from Bowden. The confidence, creativity and teamwork on display made us all incredibly proud.



A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising Wednesday night's fabulous **Friendship Disco**. The drum and bass could be heard throughout the village, and it was clear that a brilliant time was being had by all! The children loved the opportunity to dance, socialise and celebrate together – thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success, Special thanks to Mr Cornish and Tom for their excellent DJ-ing.

On Thursday, every class took part in an engaging **Composting and Planting Workshop** led by Alex Mack from Resources Future. The children learned all about food waste, what can and cannot be composted, and why composting is so important for reducing landfill and helping the environment. They explored how compost bins create habitats for minibeasts and discovered the important role worms and other organisms play in breaking down waste. Pupils also had the opportunity to plant and think about how compost helps plants to grow strong and healthy. It was a hands-on, informative day that supported our learning about sustainability and caring for our planet. Thank you to Mrs Hill for organising this enriching experience. **Check out your child's Class Do Jo page for photos and videos.**



Please check out the posters below for information about World Book Day and the upcoming Book Fair. Over the holidays, it's time to get creative with those Heroes and Villains costumes!

Have a happy and healthy half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.

Attendance

Reception	90.2%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	87.5%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	100%

Well done Year Y2 & 6

**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 13th February 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Haldon for writing, Hedgemoor for Dance,
Kennick for Ukelele, Bowden for Reading



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Tristan

Hedgemoor: Merryn

Kennick: Rupert

Bowden: Finley



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Lucy

Hedgemoor: Eleanor

Kennick: Whole Class

Bowden: Ariela

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February

Wednesday 24th—Thursday 25th	Scholastics Book Fair in the Hall
Wed 4th and Thurs 5th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
Friday 20th March	1pm Colour Run - see poster

Opportunity to work in our school

We are seeking to appoint a dedicated and compassionate SEND Teaching Assistant to work on a 1:1 basis with a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA). This is a rewarding opportunity for an individual who is patient, flexible and committed to meeting the needs of children with additional and complex needs. Experience is desirable but training will be provided.

For more information and to apply click the link below:

[SEND Teaching Assistant at Christow Primary School, Exeter, Devon | MyNewTerm](#)

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](#)

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!

World Book Day Book Swap with Doddiscombeleigh

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

We are inviting each child to choose a book they have particularly enjoyed at home and donate it to Doddiscombeleigh'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 Doddiscombeleigh 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! □

Book Fayre is coming to Christow

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

DOG MAN Big Jim Believes
by Dav Pilkey

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid PART YPOOPER
by Jeff Kinney

POKEPEDIA MEGA EVOLUTION HANDBOOK
by Various Authors

Capibara Kingdom
by Emma Young

The Scarecrows Wedding
by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

TOM GATES PESKY PETS PARTIES
by Liz Pichon

WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY

SCHOOL HALL

GO ALL IN. National Year of Reading 2020

Wednesday 24th February

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in **£5, £10, £15, £20 and £25**. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.





School Activity Clubs Spring 2026

When	Where	Who	What	With Whom
Monday Lunch time	Kennick	Years 1-2	Recorder Club 10 spaces max	Mrs Burton
Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Library	Years 3-6	Art Club 10 spaces max	Miss Watts
Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15pm	School	Years 1-4	Football Club 18 spaces max 6 weeks block = £33.00	Argyle Community Trust 
Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm	TVCH	Years 5-6	Football Club Volunteers required per session	Mr Farwell

To book a club please follow the link:

[Activity Clubs Booking Form Spring Term 2026 – Fill in form](#)

After School Club (ASC) Activities Guide

Spring Term – 2nd Half

Date	ASC Activities
Monday 23 rd February	Lego Night
Tuesday 24 th February	Activity TBC – 5 to 6pm DofE student activity
Thursday 26 th February	Gymnastics
Monday 2 nd March	Uno Night
Tuesday 3 rd March	Slime Making
Thursday 5 th March	Hama Bead Art
Monday 9 th March	Board Games
Tuesday 10 th March	Braiding / Finger Knitting
Thursday 12 th March	Chess Night
Tuesday 17 th March	Scooter Night Bring your scooters/skateboards/skates, knee and elbow pads
Thursday 19 th March	Puzzle Night
Monday 23 rd March	Soap Making
Tuesday 24 th March	Gymnastics
Thursday 26 th March	Monopoly Night
Monday 30 th March	Football – weather permitting
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Nest Making
Thursday 2 nd April	Movie Night – Movie TBC



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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SCHOOL IS
COUNTING
ON YOU!**

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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 OR BOOK HERE



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Save the Date

The logo for the 'COLOUR RUN' event. The words 'COLOUR' and 'RUN' are stacked vertically in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is filled with a vibrant, multi-colored gradient (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and has a thick, dark purple outline. The background is a light, textured surface with scattered, colorful paint splatters in various hues.

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH FROM 1PM

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



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

