



# CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 06/02/26

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Football Club for Years 1–4

We are pleased to announce an after-school club for children in **Years 1–4**, delivered by coaches from **Plymouth Argyle Football Club**. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their football skills, teamwork, confidence, and enjoyment of physical activity in a fun and supportive environment. This is a paid club which will run for 6 weeks after half term.



Places are limited, so please ensure you sign up using the QR code to secure your child's place. We are also excited to let you know that the Plymouth Argyle coaches will be leading a weekly PE session for Kennick next half term, taking place every Wednesday. This partnership will enrich our PE provision and give children the chance to learn from professional sports coaches during curriculum time.

### Keeping You Informed About Learning

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey. One key piece of feedback highlighted that some parents would like a clearer picture of what their children are learning in school. We already share information through **curriculum letters** at the start of each term and **knowledge organisers** on our website, and we are pleased to announce an exciting next step.

Next week we will be launching **ClassDojo**, a communication platform designed to strengthen home-school links. ClassDojo allows teachers to share class updates, photos of learning, important reminders, and celebrations of children's achievements. For parents, this means real-time insight into classroom learning, improved communication with staff, and a simple way to stay connected and engaged with your child's school life. **Login information will be sent out next week**, and we hope this platform will help you feel even more involved and informed about your child's learning journey.

### Colour Run Charity Chosen

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that the chosen charity for our upcoming Colour Run is **RSPCA Little Valley Animal Shelter**. We look forward to supporting this wonderful local charity while enjoying a fun and colourful event together.

*Have a wonderful weekend  
Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.*

## CHRISTOW STARS for the week ending 6th February 2026

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

Lowen      Lily (Y6)      Miya



### Piece of the Week

**Haldon:** Ottie

**Hedgemoor:** George

**Kennick:** Maya

**Bowden:** Belle



### Value of the Week:

**Haldon:** Whole Class!

**Hedgemoor:** Dylan

**Kennick:** Robin

**Bowden:** Eva

## Dates for your diary

<b>Wednesday 11th February</b>	PTFA Friendship Disco
<b>Wednesday 11th February</b>	First Aid Refresher - Christow Village Hall
<b>HALF TERM Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23rd—Thursday 25th</b>	Scholastics Book Fair in the Hall
<b>Wed 4th and Thurs 5th March</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
<b>Friday 20th March</b>	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.

## Reminder—Preschool Late Collection Penalty

All children attending our preschool must be collected at the end of each session. Due to insurance issues we are unable to care for any child on the premises prior to 9.00am and after 3.00pm. Should any parent/carer be late in collecting their child then we are entitled to impose a penalty of **£15 per 1/4 hour late**. This fee is to cover extra costs incurred in caring for the child. All drop off and collection times are accurately recorded as a government requirement by the staff for reference.

If you any questions please contact the Mrs Fleming in the school office via email [reception@christowprimary.org.uk](mailto:reception@christowprimary.org.uk) or 01647 252542.

# Becoming Artists in Hedgemoor

In Art, Hedgemoor have learned about the painting style of Vincent Van Gogh. They really enjoyed making a sketchbook page to describe his paintings. We are also making great steps with our sewn bookmarks



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 allergies are supervised.  
Packets of sweets will also be available for children who cannot eat cakes.

 ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

## SPRING TERM FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

LOCATION CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL  
DAY WEDNESDAYS | 6 WEEK BLOCK | FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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@pafc.co.uk](mailto:Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk)




## 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



## WRAP AROUND CARE

FOR NURSERY AGED CHILDREN  
CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

### BREAKFAST CLUB

From 7.45am every day

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

until 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday



**STARTING week beginning 26th January**

[reception@christowprimary.org.uk](mailto:reception@christowprimary.org.uk)  
01647 252542





## Acorn Community Support Wellbeing Wednesdays

Welcome to Wellbeing Wednesdays open to everyone in the Community, bring your friends along! Join us for a first aid refresher; come and hear more about living with Dementia and how to spot the symptoms, or learn more about how music can help our brain health long term. Each event will include tea and coffee to start, a short talk with qualified professionals followed by a beautiful bring and share lunch provided by volunteers.



### FIRST AID

With Joe Rice former Okehampton Firefighter and Qualified First Aid Trainer  
28th January 2026 at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall  
11th February 2026 at Christow Village Hall

### LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

With Acorn Dementia experts  
25th February 2026 at Cheriton Bishop Village Hall  
4th March 2026 at Christow Village Hall

Buy tickets online at [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)

TICKETS  
£5

*A chance to meet up and revive skills and knowledge*

Facebook: [AcornCommunitySupportDevon](https://www.facebook.com/AcornCommunitySupportDevon)  
[www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)  
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COMMUNITY FUND

**DEVON YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

**CHRISTOW PTFA BRINGS THE FABULOUS DYJO TO THE TEIGN VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL**

**FRIDAY MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> 2026**  
**DOORS OPEN 19.00**  
**SHOW STARTS 19:30**

**TICKETS Adults £8, Students & Children £4**  
**AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR OR BOOK HERE**

**TICKETS**

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

**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](mailto:reception@christowprimary.org.uk)

**CHRISTOW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# 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](mailto: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

## 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

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Tues 9 (6pm)

Music Concert

Wed 24 (1.30pm)

Preschool Sports Day

Fri 26

Leavers Disco

#### 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.*

