



# CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 09/01/26

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

It has been a busy and positive first week back, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, smiles, and lots of exciting stories to share about their Christmas celebrations. The classrooms have been full of chatter as pupils eagerly talked about special moments, gifts, and time spent with family and friends.

On Monday, we came together for our first whole-school assembly of the year, where we focused on the theme of **Growth Mindset**. We explored what it means to show resilience, perseverance, and a "Can Do" attitude, even when learning feels challenging. The children discussed how mistakes help us learn and how effort and determination can lead to success. As a school, we have set a **whole-school New Year's resolution**: to challenge ourselves to develop a Growth Mindset in everything we do. We are excited to see the great things our pupils will achieve by believing in themselves and embracing challenges.

This term also promises to be a busy and enjoyable one, with several exciting events planned. We will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair**; giving children the opportunity to explore new books and develop their love of reading. Later in the term, we look forward to our vibrant **Colour Run**, followed by our much-loved **PTFA Easter Egg Hunt**.

We would also like to inform parents that **teacher-led after-school clubs will not be running this half term**. This decision recognises the considerable time and dedication our teachers already give to teaching, planning, assessment, and wider school life. We are keen to continue offering enrichment opportunities and warmly welcome any parents or community volunteers who may be interested in running a club. Please contact the school office if this is something you would like to support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a positive and successful term ahead, full of learning, growth, and memorable experiences for our children.

*Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team*

### Attendance

Reception	100%
Year 1	88.8%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	100%

### Well done

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

**94.2 %**

'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 9th January 2026

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

Henry

Ophelia



### Piece of the Week

Haldon: Wren

Hedgemoor: Dylan

Kennick: Robin

Bowden: Henry



### Value of the Week:

Haldon: Hope

Hedgemoor: Elodie

Kennick: Rafe

Bowden: Miya

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 15th January	Primary School Application Deadline
Monday 26th January	Wrap Around Care for Nursery Opens
Friday 13th February	PTFA Friendship Disco
<b>HALF TERM Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February</b>	
Tuesday 23rd—Thursday 25th	Scholastics Book Fair in the Hall
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.

# WRAP AROUND CARE

Book Now!

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



To register interest please contact to the school

# After School Club (ASC) Activities Guide

## Spring Term – 1st Half

Date	ASC Activities
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Lego Night
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Gymnastics
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Finger Loop Knitting / Finger Knitting
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Board Games Night
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Hama Bead Art
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Origami Night
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Puzzles Night
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Birthday Games
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Uno Night
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Art Night
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Making Paper Aeroplanes – 5-6pm DofE Student Activity
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Chocolate Night
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Chess Night
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Activity TBC – 5-6pm DofE Student Activity
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Monopoly Night
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Gymnastics
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Football – weather permitting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Movie Night – Ice Age 3



**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 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.




**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**



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## 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**

