



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 05/06/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the start of a new term. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and positivity, and there is already a real sense of excitement about the weeks ahead. We are looking forward to a busy and successful term with lots of learning opportunities and memorable experiences planned.

We are delighted to welcome **Mr de Klein** to Bowden. He has made a fantastic start and has already become a valued member of our school community. We know that both pupils and parents will join us in making him feel very welcome.

A huge congratulations must go to our Year 6 pupils, who successfully completed their **Bikeability** training this week. Despite some rather wet and challenging weather conditions, the children demonstrated resilience, determination and excellent road safety awareness throughout the programme. We are incredibly proud of their efforts.

This week preparations for **Pantastic** got underway, and it has been wonderful to hear singing and rehearsals taking place around school. The children are working hard to learn the songs and their lines. Song links are available on Class Dojo, and we would be very grateful if parents could support rehearsals at home by encouraging children to practise regularly and learn their lines. Your support makes a huge difference to their confidence and performance.

As we begin the term, we would also like to remind families about the importance of regular school attendance. Holidays should not be taken during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school, it is essential that parents provide accurate information about their whereabouts. This is not only important for attendance records but is also a key part of our safeguarding responsibilities. We greatly appreciate your honesty and cooperation in helping us fulfil this responsibility.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing many more successes and celebrations with you throughout the term.

*Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.*

Attendance

Reception	98.1%
Year 1	80.8%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	87.8%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	99%

Well done

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

93.5%

'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 5th June 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the week"

Ruby (Y4) James Ophelia



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Martha

Hedgemoor: Zach

Kennick: Phoebe

Bowden: Joe



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Arney Hedgemoor: Georgia Kennick: Kit & Evie Bowden: Henry

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9th June

Hedgemoor's Trip to Coldharbour Mill

Tuesday 9th June

6pm School Music Concert

Wednesday 17th June

3.15pm Forest School Fun

Wednesday 17th June

7.30pm PTFA Meeting at The Artichoke Inn

Saturday 20th June

1pm Cathedral Singing Event

Wednesday 24th June

1.30pm Preschool Sports Day

Thursday 25th June

KS2 Theatre Trip

Friday 26th June (NEW DATE)

1pm Sports Day at TVCH

Monday 3rd July

Leavers' Disco

Nut Free School

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

Head Lice

There have been reports of head lice in the school community.

Please ensure hair is checked regularly and to start treating immediately. We recommend a head lice comb on wet hair with plenty of conditioner and to repeat this treatment regularly.

Pharmacists can give advice on the best treatment for your child if the above is not effective.

Please ensure that hair length at the shoulders or longer must be tied back.

Year 6 Bikeability

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who successfully completed their Bikeability training this week. Despite the wet weather, they showed excellent resilience, determination and enthusiasm throughout the programme. The children developed important cycling skills, including road awareness, signalling and safe decision-making. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and responsibility they demonstrated during the course.

Thank you to Shaun for guiding our Year 6s through this week.



FORTNITE

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Fortnite is one of the most popular games in the world. It's free to play and available on many devices including PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, PC, Mac, iOS and Android.



AGE RATING



PEGI 12

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 which means it is not suitable for children under 12.

This rating is due to:

- Violence (cartoon style)
- In-game purchases
- Online interaction

WHAT IS FORTNITE?

Fortnite is an online multiplayer game where players compete to be the last person or team standing. It includes different game modes, the most popular being 'Battle Royale'.



THINK BEFORE THEY PLAY

It's important to talk to your child about the games they play and who they play with.

WHY FORTNITE MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



ONLINE CHAT

Fortnite includes in-game chat and voice chat. Children can talk to others, including strangers, unless chat settings are restricted. There is a risk of exposure to inappropriate language or contact from people they don't know.



CONTENT

Although the violence is cartoon-style, the game involves shooting, weapons and eliminating opponents. This may not be suitable for younger children and could be upsetting or concerning for some.



IN-GAME PURCHASES

Fortnite is free to play, but players can purchase V-Bucks (in-game currency) to buy skins, emotes and items. These purchases can be expensive and may happen accidentally without parental consent.

ONLINE SAFETY RISKS

- Contact with strangers
- Potential for bullying or unkind behaviour
- Inappropriate language
- Scams and phishing links in chat
- Pressure to play or spend money



TIPS FOR PARENTS

- ☒ Know what games your child is playing and why.
- ☒ Check the age rating and do your research.
- ☒ Use parental controls – restrict chat, in-game purchases and play time.
- ☒ Talk to your child about staying safe online.
- ☒ Encourage regular breaks and a healthy balance of activities.
- ☒ Keep communication open – ask, listen and support.



SCREEN TIME: WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?



The NHS recommends that children aged 5–11 should have **no more than 1–2 hours of recreational screen time per day.**



Excessive screen time has been linked to poor sleep, reduced concentration, lower physical activity and increased risk of anxiety and depression.



Research shows that a balance of screen time, physical activity, sleep and face-to-face time is important for children's wellbeing and development.



WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Staying informed, involved and having open conversations can help children enjoy games safely and responsibly.

BE AWARE. BE INVOLVED. BE SUPPORTIVE.

For more advice and support, visit:

internet
matters.org

NSPCC

nspcc.org.uk

After School Club (ASC) Activities Guide

Summer Term – 2nd Half

Date	ASC Activities
Monday 1 st June	Gymnastics
Tuesday 2 nd June	Friendship Bracelets / Finger Knitting
Thursday 4 th June	Art Night
Monday 8 th June	Making Oobleck
Tuesday 9 th June	Board Games
Thursday 11 th June	Puzzle night
Monday 15 th June	Party Games
Tuesday 16 th June	Making Oobleck
Thursday 18 th June	Forest School
Monday 22 nd June	Lego Night
Tuesday 23 rd June	Uno Night
Thursday 25 th June	Football
Monday 29 th June	Chess Night
Tuesday 30 th June	Scooter Night Bring your scooters/skateboards/skates, knee and elbow pads
Thursday 2 nd July	Making Oobleck
Monday 6 th July	Hama Bead Art
Tuesday 7 th July	Forest School
Thursday 9 th July	Gymnastics
Monday 13 July	Art Night
Tuesday 14 th July	Water Fight (weather permitting) - bring goggles, water guns, old clothes, towel and spare dry clothes
Thursday 16 th July	Movie Night – Movie TBC

Please see below for wraparound clubs information

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs Monday - Friday from 7:45am. The club includes a delicious breakfast and fun activities for the children to enjoy.

Session Times	Price	Booking Information
From 7.45am	£3.50 per session per child	Booking required for all sessions. Please book by calling or emailing the office 24 hours before the required session.

After School Club (ASC)

ASC runs Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The club includes an health snack and a timetable of exciting activities.

Session Times	Price	Booking Information
<u>SESSION 1</u> 3:15-4:30pm	£5 per session per child	Booking required for all sessions. Please book by calling or emailing the office before 1pm on the required day , stating which session is required.
<u>SESSION 2</u> 3:15-6pm	£9 per session per child (reduced rate of £8 per additional sibling when attending 3:10-6pm session).	



PTFA UPDATE

This term your PTFA has helped with the following:

- Funded pre-school furniture and wooden toys
- Paid for the school hall piano to be tuned
- Partially funded Art Week
- Bought new books for the library
- Subsidised the Eden Project trip for year 3 and 4
- Bought STEM toys for Hedgemoor and outdoor toys for the decking
- Provided refreshments at the Colour Run
- Organised the Easter Egg hunt
- Supported DYJO on the door and with a raffle
- Provided volunteers for the Valley Bash

If you are interested in finding out more about the PTFA then you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on: **Wednesday 17 June at 19.30 at The Artichoke Inn**



Forest School = Fun =

Come and help us celebrate
the opening of our
wonderful new decking!

POSTPONED UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 17TH JUNE



Wednesday 3rd June
3:15–4:30pm

Fire, craft and food for all!



**Fire Pit
S'mores
£2.50**



**Cakes
and Bakes
£1**

Cash or card accepted

Explore

Learn

Grow
♥



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OPEN DAYS

Summer 2026

Tuesday 23rd June

Thursday 25th June

Monday 29th June

Wednesday 8th July

9.30am to 11am

Book your place here



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