



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 06/03/26

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week at school, with lots of enthusiasm and fantastic learning taking place across all year groups.

A particular highlight was our celebration of **World Book Day**. The children looked amazing in their creative costumes and clearly enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with each other. Throughout the day pupils took part in a range of fun activities including a **book hunt**, a **book quiz written by our brilliant librarians**, and our very popular **Masked Reader competition**, where children tried to guess which member of staff was reading aloud behind a disguised voice. To add to the fun, staff arrived dressed as superheroes, which caused plenty of excitement around the school. Thank you to everyone at home for helping make the day such a success.

Looking ahead, we are getting ready for our upcoming **Colour Run**. Children are encouraged to collect sponsorship from friends and family. To help everyone prepare, there will also be **practice runs on 10th and 17th March after school with Mrs Hill at the TVCH**. These sessions are a great opportunity for children to build their confidence and stamina ahead of the event. Parents will need to accompany their child for the practice.

Next week we will be taking part in the **Big Plastic Count** as part of our school's **Climate Change Action Plan**, led by the School Council and Mrs Hill. We would love families to get involved at home. Please help your child to keep a simple record of how much plastic is thrown away in your household over the course of one week. The information collected will help children understand the scale of plastic waste and think about ways we can all reduce it.

Finally, a reminder about the importance of completing **weekly homework**. Regular practice with **Sparx Maths, daily reading, and spelling** makes a real difference to children's progress and confidence in the classroom. Research from the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that effective homework can add **around five months of additional progress** over the course of a year. [Homework | EEF](#) Thank you for continuing to support your child by helping them build these routines each week.

We look forward to another exciting week ahead. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team.

Attendance

Reception	94.9 %
Year 1	89.5 %
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	87 %
Year 4	96.9 %
Year 5	83.8 %
Year 6	90.6 %

Well done Y2

**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 6th March 2026

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Ophelia Henry Charlie



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Wren Hedgemoor: Archie Kennick: Leo Bowden: Finley

Piece of the Week

Haldon: Lois

Hedgemoor: Marley

Kennick: Robyn

Bowden: Lily



Dates for your diary

Mon 9th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th March	Christow vs Dunsford Football Match
Wed 11th March	Parents Evening
Monday 16th March	INSET DAY - School and Preschool Closed
Wednesday 18th March	KS1 Multi Skills Event @ Teign School
Friday 20th March	1pm Colour Run - see poster
Wednesday 25th March	Reception visit to Whipple Tree Farm
Wednesday 25th March	Year 2 visit to Whipple Tree Farm
Thursday 26th March	Year 4 visit to Whipple Tree Farm
Thursday 26th March	Year 6 visit to Whipple Tree Farm
Wednesday 3rd April	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 4th April	Governors Assembly @ 9am

Arts Week

We are excited to share that our Art week this year will be based upon the illustrations of Quentin Blake. Children will be learning more about his drawing style and will be producing their own ink and watercolour drawings to form a display in our KS2 corridor.

Artist Annabel Greenfield will be visiting school on Tuesday 10th March and will be showing us some of her own paintings. She will be supporting children in creating their own illustrations.

We would like to thank our PTFA and the Helen Foundation for funding this workshop, and daisi admin@daisi.org.uk for their support in organising it.

[Home](#) | [Mysite](#) has information about The Helen Foundation Charity.

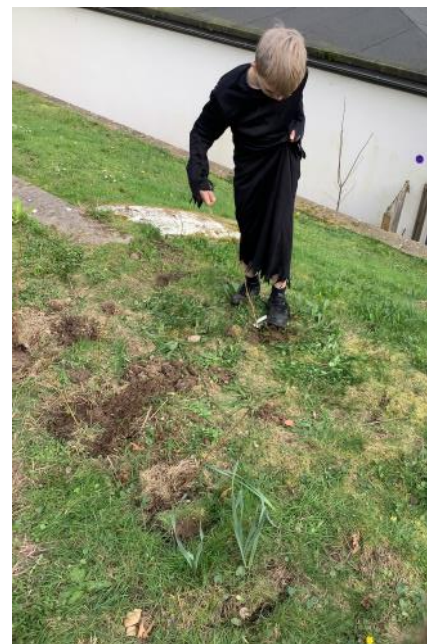




Tree Planting

Back in the Autumn term, Mrs Hill applied for a free native hedgerow pack from the Woodland Trust. As part of our school's Climate Action Plan, we are trying to find ways to increase biodiversity on our school grounds and native UK hedgerows are vital and biodiversity rich habitats for all sorts of wildlife. This week, over 25 whips arrived ready to be planted, including hawthorn and hazel.

A huge thank you to **Jane Baker** (Zach and Dylan's granny) and **Tim Dickens** (Theo's dad) who gave up their afternoon to help plant the majority of these trees and a big thank you to members of our School Council team who gave up part of their World Book Day afternoon to plant the remaining whips, in their costumes! We look forward to watching these grow.



**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 OR BOOK HERE

TICKETS



Devon Music Education Hub

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

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**



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

