



CHRISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Date: 09/05/2025

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing Changes

This week we shared the sad news that **Mr McClay**, will be leaving Christow Primary School at the end of this half term to pursue a career development opportunity. Mr McClay has been a valued member of our team and made a significant contribution to school life. He has shown great commitment, care, and enthusiasm, and we are incredibly grateful for all he has done to support the children and families of our school community. On behalf of everyone at Christow, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future. I want to reassure you that we are already putting plans in place to ensure a smooth transition for the class. Our priority is to maintain continuity, stability, and high-quality teaching for all pupils. Please be assured that the well-being and education of your children remain at the heart of everything we do. We are proud of the strength of our school team, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to provide a supportive and enriching learning environment.

Climate Ambassador

The Department for Education have stated that by 2025 all education settings will have nominated a sustainability lead and put in place a Climate Action Plan. **Mrs Hill** is our incredible **Climate Ambassador** who is working tirelessly with colleagues across the Trust to ensure Christow is taking steps to become a zero-carbon setting by 2030. Thank you to **Jane Baker** for lending us a composter where we will now be placing all of our raw food waste. **Fruit monitors** have been elected in each class to support with collecting classroom fruit caddies and adding it to the composter each day.

New PE Equipment

This week saw the arrival of **£1700 of new PE equipment**, including 15 new gym mats, a volleyball net, height-adjustable basket ball hoops, 30 soft balls and 16 new basketballs. Huge thank you to Mr Yeo for securing this grant funding for the school and to the children at After School Club who helped prepare this equipment ready to be used in lessons.

Have a wonderful weekend

Best Wishes, Mrs Yeo and the Christow Team

Reception	96.7%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	93%

Well done Reception

School Overall Attendance for the year to date

94.8%

'Good' attendance is 97% or above.

Safeguarding Officers



Mrs Yeo

Mr Statham

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 May 2025

Headteacher's Award for "Star of the Week"

Isaac P Florence Theo Kasia



Piece of the Week

Haldon: Thea

Hedgemoor: Josh

Kennick: Ivy T

Bowden: Olive



Value of the Week:

Haldon: Eva B

Hedgemoor: Angus

Kennick: Ophelia

Bowden: Rainn

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 21st May	9am Parent Forum
Wednesday 21st May	Haldon's Trip to Teignmouth
Monday 26th to Friday 30th May	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 3rd June	Hedgemoor's Trip to Dartmoor Zoo
Thursday 19th June	Preschool Sports Day
Friday 20th June	Sports Day at 1pm @ TVCH

IMPORTANT - Reporting Illness

Please be aware that we have a child in school who is immuno-supressed. It is even more important than usual that you advise staff if your child is unwell. We will be reinforcing good hygiene practices; washing hands, throwing away used tissues and keeping the school well ventilated.

Preloved uniform sale

Preloved uniform sale every Thursday morning in the school hall after drop off. Or contact Zippy on 07769 352630. A preloved uniform rail is also set up in preschool.

Pay what you like- all donations go to the PTFA. Good quality uniform happily received.

We currently have the following in stock-

School jumpers- ages 5-6 and 7-8	Skirts- Ages 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13
Cardigans- Ages 4, 5, 6, 9 and 12	Shirts- Ages 3, 5, 6, 10,11
Dresses- Ages 4, 5, 6, 9, 10	Trousers- Ages 3, 4, 8
Shorts- Ages 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 12	Summer dresses- Ages 4 and 5
PE t shirt- Age 5	PE shorts- Ages 3, 5 and 9

Dustbin Plea

In preparation for our KS2 summer play, we are asking for temporary donations of any old-fashioned dustbins, like the one pictured. We also need lots of dustbin lids made out of metal. If so, please could you let Mrs Fleming, Mr Wharton, or Mr Statham know.
Thank you!



Science in Kennick

Trying out different materials as insulation inside some home-made ear defenders!



Fruit Monitors

In attempt to reduce our waste within school, we have been kindly lent a composter by Jane Baker (Zach's granny). The children are now being encouraged to put their raw fruit and vegetable peelings into our new compost caddies around school and our wonderful Composter Monitors are now in charge of collecting these bins across the week and decanting them into the large composter. A huge thanks to these monitors as they have done a great job so far this week! Watch this space as we hope to have lots of lovely compost within the next few months.



Forest School—Early Years

At Forest School we learnt about some of the different plants that are edible and growing at the moment. We don't have many wild edible plants on our school grounds at the moment but we did find daisies and dandelions (we didn't taste these today) and lemon sorrel growing at school, and we looked at some wild garlic, chickweed and hawthorn found growing locally. We chatted about how you should never pick a plant and eat it unless a grown up has said it's ok to. We made wild garlic pesto and tried it over pasta. Some children loved it and went back for seconds and others did not like it!

We also explored making different shades of green to paint our clay Green Man from last week. Watch out for our Green Man when it's hung on the outdoor classroom!





School Activity Clubs Summer 2025

When	Where	Who	What	With Whom
Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Library	Years 3-6	CLUB FULLY BOOKED Craft Club 8 spaces max	Miss Bates
Tuesday Lunchtime 12.15-12.45pm	Hedgemoor	Years 1-2	Construction Club 8 spaces max	Miss Neal
Thursday Lunchtime 12.15-12.45pm	Hedgemoor	All Years	Hobbies Club (Pokémon Cards / Football Cards / Lego)	Ms Yeo
Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm No club on the following dates: 22nd May 19th June	TVCH	Years 2-6	CLUB FULLY BOOKED Football Club 2 volunteers required per session	Mr Statham Mr McClay
Thursday Gardening Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Club running on the following dates: May = 1st, 15th June = 5th, 19th July = 3rd	School	Years 1-6	CLUB FULLY BOOKED Gardening Club 12 spaces max	Lucy Henderson Ms Chaites Mary Roe

To book a club please follow the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/m5UCaLAe04>



Teign School

OPEN DAYS

Summer 2025

Tuesday 24th June

Tuesday 1st July

Thursday 3rd July

Wednesday 9th July

9.30am to 11am

[Book your place here](#)



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Autumn Term 2024

September

Thu 5 First day of term
 Wed 11 - Fri 13 Bowden Residential
 Wed 18 School Photo

October

Wed 9 (9am) Parent Forum
 Fri 11 (1pm) Scarecrow making afternoon
 Fri 18 (2pm) Harvest Festival at the church
 Tue 22 PE Impact Day
 Wed 23 PTFA Autumn Disco
 Mon 28 - Fri 1 Nov Half Term

November

Tue 5 Teign Valley Fireworks
 Tue 19 Parents Evening
 Wed 20 (9am) Parent Forum
 Wed 20 Parents Evening

December

Tue 3 PE Impact Day
 Wed 11 (9.30am) EY/ KS1 Nativity
 Wed 11 (2pm) EY/ KS1 Nativity
 Mon 16 (2pm) KS2 Carol Service at the church
 Wed 18 Christmas Dinner
 Thu 19 PTFA Christmas Fayre
 Fri 20 (9am) Governors Assembly
 Fri 20 Last day of term

We will endeavour to keep all dates for 2024/25 as scheduled, but if changes are needed parents will be informed as early as possible.

Calendar Dates 2024/25

Christow Community Primary School

Spring Term 2025

January

Mon 6 First day of term
 Wed 22 (9am) Parent Forum

February

Thu 13 PTFA Friendship Disco
 Mon 17 - Fri 22 Half Term

March

Tue 4 Parents Evening
 Wed 5 Parents Evening
 Thu 6 World Book Day
 Tue 11 PE Impact Day
 Wed 19 (9am) Parent Forum

April

Wed 2 PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Baby & Toddler
Every THURSDAY (all year)
School Hall, 8.40am—11.00am

Summer Term 2025

April

Tue 22 First day of term

May

Mon 12 - Thu 15 Year 6 SATS
 Wed 21 (9am) Parent Forum
 Mon 26 - Fri 30 Half Term

June

Mon 2 Year 4 Multiplication Check
 Mon 9 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
 Thu 19 (1pm) Pre-School Sports Day
 Fri 20 (1pm) Sports Day

July

Wed 2 (9am) Parent Forum
 Fri 11 PTFA Summer Fayre
 Wed 16 KS2 Production
 Fri 18 (9am) Year 6 Leavers Assembly
 Fri 18 (2.15pm) Governors Assembly
 Fri 18 Last day of term



Teign Valley Players Presents

MURDERED TO DEATH

An hilarious take on Agatha Christie's
 Miss Marple murder mysteries

by Peter Gordon

Teign Valley Community Hall

22 - 24 May 2025

7:30pm

Tickets
 £8

Tickets: www.teignvalleyplayers.uk
 Tel/in person: The Teign House Inn 01647 252286