

Christ Church School Newsletter 2nd December 2022



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NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Monday 5th—Friday 9th December	Whole School	Elf Auction Online
Monday 5th December	Y3	Trip to the Jewish Museum
Tuesday 6th December	Y5	Trip to Fulham Palace
Wednesday 7th December	Y2	Trip to the National Army Museum
Wednesday 7th December	Whole School	Christingle Service at Christ Church 2.30pm
Thursday 8th December	Y1&Y2	Travelling Crib Service—am
Thursday 8th December	Y5	Trip to the National Army Museum
Thursday 8th December	Y6	Trip to the National Army Museum
Friday 9th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Saturday 10th December	Whole School	CCHT Christmas Fair 12-3pm

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Reception Class:

Summer & Tyler

Year 1:

Anna & Octavia

Year 2:

Poppy & Ava

Year 3:

Xander & Hannah

Year 4:

Whole Class

Year 5:

Udval & Rasmus

Year 6:

Adam & Ella

Dates for your Diary

- D Tuesday 13th December**—YR & Y6 Pantomime 10am –1pm
E Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
C Friday 16th December—End of Term 1.30pm

TODAY! CCHT Choir carol singing 3.45pm on Pavilion Road

Nothing could be more festive than our CCHT Choir singing carols in Pavilion Road with hot chocolate, mince pies and twinkly lights all around.



Christ Church & Holy Trinity St Nicholas Fair Saturday 10th December 12pm—3pm at Christ Church

Christ Church & Holy Trinity's St. Nicholas Fair is fast approaching. We rely on our parents for the smooth running of this event and we know how much work is involved so thank you all very much.

We really need lots of help on the afternoon of Friday 9th to help setup and after the fair on Saturday 10th to help clean up. If you haven't put your name down for setup/cleanup and are available to help, please let your coordinator know. Please see the Christmas fair information on the next page for full details of class responsibilities.



OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Twitter

[@cchtfederation](https://twitter.com/cchtfederation)

Federation Instagram

[@cchtfederation](https://www.instagram.com/cchtfederation)

School Kitchen Instagram

Can You Help?

We will be needing help assembling Christingle oranges on the morning of Tuesday 6th December after drop off, in readiness for our Christingle Service the next day.

If you are free and able to come in and help us, we would be most grateful.

Please email Katie Rose krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk if you can help assemble the oranges.

Christingle—Fundraising for the Children's Society

Your children have been given a collecting envelope to raise money for the Children's Society. These have been handed out today. The money should be collected and brought to school in the envelopes on the morning of the Christingle Service. These should be **CLEARLY** marked with your child's name and given to the class teacher for safe-keeping during the day. The children will then take their envelopes to Christ Church to be given by them during the service.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Volunteers to sit with children

We will be escorting the children to the church at 2.20pm from school for a 2.30pm start. We need to have some additional adults to supervise the children during the service, especially when the Christingles are lit and would be grateful if any parent attending the service would agree to sit with them in church.

We hope to have one adult for every six children whilst the candles are alight.

If you are able to help, please email **Katie Rose** at krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk. **Please let me know by Monday morning.**

We will try and sit you with your child's class, but if not we will seat you as near as possible. If, as in previous years, the numbers of offers exceeds the helpers we need, please do not be offended if we can't accept your offer, your kindness is appreciated.



CHRISTMAS TIME, MISTELTOE AND WINE! 7th December—7pm



Calling all School members- Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer at the Prince Albert on Wednesday 7th December after 7pm.

I have taken it upon myself to reinstate our traditional Christmas Party. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible! The table is booked under the name: Jessica Webb.

Reverse Advent Calendars – Christmas 2022

This December we would like to do a different kind of advent calendar with the children. We are going to ask one child in each class to bring in an item (from the wish list below) each day from 1st December leading up to the end of term. These items will then be donated to our local charity, Glass Door for the homeless. www.glassdoor.org.uk/ Glass Door partners with churches and community centres to give shelter and support, because no one should have to sleep on the streets of London.

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| • Instant Coffee | • Tea |
| • Instant Hot Chocolate | • Biscuits |
| • Sugar | • Vegetarian Tinned Soups |
| • Tinned Pulses | • Baked Beans |
| • Dried Pasta (no Spaghetti please) | • Rice |
| • Cereals | • Jams |
| • Sauces eg Ketchup, Brown Sauce | • Small Toiletries (men women unisex) |
| • Shampoo | • Deodorant |
| • Disposable razors | • New underwear and socks |





The Elf Auction

Monday 5th December at 7pm - Friday 9th December at 7pm.

A magnificent range of festive themed lots will be on offer to the highest bidder, including:

- A day out at Sealife Central London Aquarium.
- A themed balloon number stack for a birthday party.
- A Rocio Chocolate Goodie Bag
- A Family Photoshoot
- A Pre-Party Pamper Voucher for Hari's Hairsalon
- A 2-course Dinner and a bottle of champagne at the Lighthouse Pub in Battersea
- 1:1 Piano Lessons

Please join in and get involved in what we expect to be a week of exciting online bidding to raise funds for learning and play resources for our Reception Classes in both schools. Thank you to everyone who has donated such fabulous lots particularly as it is so soon after our Promises Auction.



Friday, 9th December

On Friday next week, for a donation of **£1**, children may come to school in their **Christmas jumpers!** #

Don't worry if you haven't got a Christmas jumper—a bright coloured jumper or a jumper that you could jazz up with something sparkly will be fine!

Please pay your £1 donation to Save the Children via our School Gateway

All money raised will be donated to Save the Children. For more information go to www.christmasjumperday.org/

Children will also be given their Christmas lunch on that day!

Amazon Wish List



Thank you to everyone who has purchased something for our school from our Amazon Wish List! If you would like to purchase something on our behalf, please visit:

<https://amzn.eu./8EJTD8E>

If you find something you would like to purchase – just add it to your basket and follow the same procedures as it you were ordering something for yourself. The items will then be delivered directly to the school – please make sure you select the school address in the delivery section.

Christ Church & Holy Trinity St Nicholas Fair

Saturday 10th December 12pm—3pm at Christ Church

There will be a whole host of wonderful and jam packed Christmas games and festive fun for families throughout the afternoon. Come and meet Father Christmas in his Grotto, enjoy a Horse & Cart ride. There will be a sizzling hot dog stand, mulled wine, hot chocolate, chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, face painting, homemade cake & bake stall and the Church Christmas Raffle draw with fabulous prizes to be won.



Thank you to all our Parent Coordinators who have been busy behind the scenes rallying volunteers for the day and also to help set up and clear away after the event. We rely on our parents for the smooth running of this event and we know how much work is involved so thank you all very much.

A little reminder as to what stall each year group is in charge of and what there is to do:

YR—Santa's Grotto

- Organised by your parent coordinators we will require x2 volunteers to man the stall at different time slots and help Father Christmas deliver presents and take note of the time and organise the queue so that everyone gets a turn.

Y1 & Y2 – The Chocolate Tombola

- Thank you to everyone in KS2 who today, has brought in a lot of **Christmas Chocolate** for our tombola. Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to come and stick on raffle tickets to the chocolate closer to the event. Volunteers are also required to man the stall and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y3 - The Toy Stall

- Donations of clean, fully in tact toys can be made to school any day up until Friday 9th December. Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to come in and organise all the donations on Friday afternoon as set up for this stall may take longer than others as may require several tables. Volunteers are also required to man the stall and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y4 – The Book Stall

- Donations of clean, untorn books can be made to school any day up until Friday 9th December. Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to come in and organize all the donations on Friday afternoon as set up for this stall may also take longer . Volunteers are also required to man the stall and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y5—The Photo Booth

- Organised by your parent coordinators who will request for help to source and arrange the fancy dress and accessories box. Volunteers are also required to man the stall, keep it tidy and be in charge of collecting money on the day. We will provide you with a float.

Y6—The Cake Stall

- Coordinated by your parent coordinators, we will need a selection of homemade bakes or Christmas creations for this stall but also to be presented in a way that could be a lovely gift or an 'eat now' section. We would love donations of Christmas Cakes or Christmas puddings, boxes of homemade mince pies, cupcakes or brownies, jars of spiced nuts or granola, even jams, jellies, chutneys or pesto. Homemade boxes of fudge, truffles or even jars of old fashioned sweets or shortbreads. Infused oils, cheese biscuits, jars of olives or cheese straws – all of the above!
- Please could items be dropped off either on Friday 9th December or before the start of the fair. Please could parent coordinators arrange for volunteers to man the stall and be in charge of collecting the money on the day.

If you are unable to make the Fair but would like to make a donation we would be very grateful for homemade cakes or bakes, lucky dip prizes, bottle and chocolate donations for the tombolas. Thank you very much and we look forward to seeing you all there.





Recommended Read



Paper Boat, Paper Bird (ages 9-11 & up)

Author: David Almond **Illustrator:** Kirsti Beautyman **Publisher:** Hodder Children's Books



On a visit to Japan, Mina and her mum explore Kyoto, where they marvel at the skyscrapers, temples, sushi bars and flower sellers. Mina finds Japanese culture exhilarating and is mesmerised when she sees a woman making delicate, origami objects. The kindly stranger gives Mina the beautifully-crafted models, along with some paper to make her own. Delighted, Mina carefully folds the paper to create a boat and a bird. She writes messages of friendship on the models and releases them into the world, where they find their way to a young boy, Miyako. There are hints that both children are dealing with the loss of a parent, and the origami objects poignantly connect them, even though they don't meet in person.

The poetic language and unhurried pace of this slim novel invites readers to immerse themselves in the tale. Each page features distinctive black-and-white illustrations, punctuated with shades of red, which provide a striking visual accompaniment to the contemplative text. Mina first made an appearance in David Almond's award-winning debut novel *Skellig*, and again in its prequel, *My Name is Mina*. This enchanting story, which celebrates the wonders of travel, is perfect to introduce her to a new, younger audience.



Weekly Headlines



Most Accurate	Fastest	Most Active	Rank Amongst Local schools
Year 4 AJ	Year 2 ZP	Year 5 CH	19

Holy Trinity

Year 2 ZP	Year 3 MQ	Year 4 AJ	Year 5 CH	Year 6 TM
Alexandra	Leena	Toska	Max	Elizabeth

Christ Church

Year 2 EH	Year 3 NK	Year 4 EA	Year 5 MB	Year 6 EH
Sofia	Yaseen	Dylan	Rasmus	Marcus



Weekly Headlines



Holy Trinity

Year 1 JD	Year 2 ZP	Year 3 MQ	Year 4 AJ	Year 5 CH	Year 6 TM
Emil	Moritz	Anna			

Christ Church

Year 1 OD	Year 2 EH	Year 3 NK	Year 4 EA	Year 5 MB	Year 6 EH
Noah	Rowan	Charlie		Violet	Leoni

Guitar Lessons At Christ Church!



Would your child like to learn guitar? Mr Geffin has space for new students from January.

Sign up by contacting Mrs Caroline Ross: cross@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk

CONGRATULATIONS SUPERSTARS!!

Congratulations to these 5 from year 1 who do gymnastics together with BDR gymnastics on a Monday after school in Battersea and all received their Core Skills 1 awards this week which they were very proud of!



Message from Vicki Lant on behalf of the Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank

As Christmas approaches and many more families have experienced significant financial setbacks since early autumn, our kindness and generosity matters.

Our thoughtfulness about what we give matters too. The challenge of fuel poverty is real and heating food daily is not always an option. Please consider types of food that may be eaten without having to heat, or that may be boiled in a bag in a kettle, to be energy efficient. The larder list remains similar and as always, your generosity is appreciated beyond measure; December is an important spiritual time for most of the world's faith communities - our neighbours.

So alongside the staples, some family treats would be wonderful:

Tinned meats and fish that may be eaten cold – corned beef; chicken breast; (no pork please); tuna; mackerel

Many varieties of pasta sauce (again, not with ham)

All varieties of tinned vegetables

Cup-a-soups & tinned soup

Sunflower and Olive oil

Long-life Juices and Milks – including dairy-free

Tea Coffee Sugar

Toilet Paper and Sanitary products (pads preferred)

Personal toiletry products (deodorants; toothpaste/brushes; shampoo; shower gel; shaving materials)

Festive treats, especially for children



At present no clothes are required thank you – please don't bring in clothes as this creates a further task for the HTSS team in passing them on to charities.

Your gifts can be taken to Holy Trinity Church from

1st-3rd December Thursday to Saturday 10.00 – 17.00 and on Sunday 4th December around the Eucharist Service. Many thanks as always for your help and support to our community.

You may prefer to make a financial donation when you can't help to fill the larder for K&CFB

Bank details: Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank

postal address: 240 Lancaster Road W11 4AH

sort code: 60-83-01

account number: 20442606 , or

Just Giving Web Link <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kensingtonandchelseafoodbank> (site includes access to gift-aid)



Friday 2nd December

Reception Class Newsletter

This week we:

- Learnt how to read and write the sounds /v/, /w/ and /x/ in our Alphabet Code lessons.
- Recapped numbers to 10 in our Maths Meetings, including saying one more and less than by rote.
- Used the Christian festival of Christmas as a focus for our writing. We wrote Christmas cards and Christmas themed CVC words. Some of us then put these words into sentences. We wrote a description of the toys that we could see in Father Christmas's grotto and a description of Father Christmas himself. Most excitingly of all, we saw a video that showed us some cheeky overnight visitors to our classroom... three dancing reindeers! We wrote a recap to explain to Mrs. Hawkins what had happened.
- Have been very busy with our child led learning. We wrapped up recycled boxes in lovely Christmas wrapping paper and wrote gift tags. We also made our own wrapping paper using Christmas stamps. We decorated baubles with marker pens and glitter, then hung them up on our tree. We wrote lists of unusual items that we could see in the water tray and enjoyed playing some musical instruments. We also had to guess what was inside the mystery present. We wrote down or drew our ideas.
- Read the Nativity story in our R.E. lesson. We wrote a card to announce and celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.
- Focused on aiming, throwing and catching during our P.E. lessons. We incorporated lots of movements and finding space.

Next week we will:

- Learn how to read and write the sounds /y/, /z/ and /zz/ (zz).
 - Be assessed in reading, writing and maths

Have a lovely weekend ☺



Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

Friday 2nd December 2022



In English, we sequenced the events of the story 'Owl Babies' and created some wonderful story maps using pictures and quotes we had remembered from the book. We then thought about the different things we could put in owl babies' nests. We then began creating our very own owl nests!

In Maths, we have been looking at Number to 20. We have also looked at addition and subtraction word problems and tried our best to solve them and write them in numerals. We also thought about one more and one less than a specific number within 20 and used our place value knowledge to sort the tens and ones. Using our place value tables/charts.

tens	ones

For Alphabet Code this week we have been looking at the /e/ code and writing sentences using this code. Next week, we will start the /u/ code.

In RE, we thought about the important roles Mary and Joseph play in the Nativity story. We then created a 'wanted' poster for Jesus' parents and thought about all the good qualities Mary and Joseph had to make them fit to be Jesus parents.

In Science this week we investigated where our food comes from. We identified many different plants and the food these plants produce.

Next week, in English, we will be making our pompom owl babies!

A brilliant week in Year 1!
Have a great weekend!



Learning in Year 2 at Christ Church 2nd December 2022

This week, Year 2 have been working hard to apply themselves across an array of subjects as usual this week and are looking forward to our trips and special Christmas activities next week!

In English this week, we have been using our research to write non-chronological reports about sea creatures. It has been amazing for the children to be sharing their knowledge with one another and with the adults in the class as many of them had chosen wisely and wrote about very unique creatures! We were focused this week particularly on the features which give us clues about the fact that a piece of writing is a non-chronological report such as subtitles, diagrams and pictures with captions.

In Maths, we've been continuing our investigations into multiplication and division, understanding the relationship between these two operations and showing equations in different ways, including as arrays which you'll be seeing for homework! These arrangements help us to see and show the equal groups which are crucial for multiplication and division. Next week, we will be looking at division more closely and understanding different ways to group and share to show division.



Thank you to all those who have already made very generous contributions to our reverse advent calendar - the children have been so excited to bring in their gifts and it is great to be sharing with others and showing kindness even to people we don't know. We have also really enjoyed decorating the classroom for Christmas with lots of handmade decorations - practising our dexterity in drawing and cutting in many ways!

Next week

Wednesday - trip to National Army Museum, Christingle service in school

Thursday - trip to Wintershall nativity experience at Lambeth Palace

Friday - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

I hope you have a lovely weekend!



Learning in Year 3 at Christ Church

Friday 2nd December 2022

Year 3 have been writing bedtime stories this week and have worked towards their individual writing targets. Please ask them about their target and find out how they plan to achieve them! We will be having the same conversations in class. They've been writing about a dragon that gets taken home from school show and tell, with hopes of returning the dragon back to its family in the sky. Well done, Year 3, for working very hard the past few weeks to prepare for this story write.

Their english homework this week is to create their own colour association poem as we have also been learning a poem by Christina Rossetti off by heart – ready to recite at our next special mentions assembly.

In maths, we have been learning how to multiply using the partitioning method – sometimes known as the grid method! They have also been introduced to the short written method and will practise this next week for homework. It's important to teach different ways of doing things and then the children can choose which way works best for them in the future.

Partitioning method example to work out $22 \times 7 = 154$

×	20	2
7	140	14

1. Partition 22 into 20 and 2
2. Multiply 2×7 (or 7×2) = 14
3. Multiply $20 \times 7 = 140$ (cover up the zero and then add it back!)
4. Add the numbers added to the grid ($140 + 14 = 154$)

As well as completing english and maths, Year 3 have been enjoying drama lessons with Mr Tolley, singing together in Music and learning about Stone-Age paintings in history! They have even drawn/painted their very own cave paintings – thinking carefully about what they are trying to express about the day in the life of stone age person.

I have promised those who wish to re-take their times table test for Bronze, Silver or Gold badge, that I will take them out on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th December!

Happy weekend!
Miss Kennedy



Learning at Christ Church

Friday 2nd December 2022

Another learning filled week at Christ Church has come to an end. Year 5 will be performing as angels in the school's Christmas assembly on Wednesday, 14th December at 2:30pm. It would be very helpful if carers could get children angels costumes or white clothes for the occasion.

In English, Year 5 is planning, drafting and writing a recount of the tale *How Brazilian Beetles Got their Gorgeous Coats* in the role of the rat or of the beetle. Children are thinking carefully about ambitious vocabulary they can use in their writing, and they are also inserting dialogue in their recounts.

In Maths, we are finishing up our unit on whole numbers, multiplication and division. Children are revisiting concepts we have learned about in the past few weeks such as strategies to multiply by tens, long multiplication and division. They are also practicing their reasoning skills by solving problems around these topics. Next week, we will be moving onto a new topic: fractions.

In Science, Year 5 learned about gravity and how it changes from one planet to the other. As a result, the weight of objects also changes from one planet to the other, but not their masses. Children also found out about what would happen if we dropped a feather and a bowling ball from the same height in a room where all the air had been removed.

In History, children are learning about our local area, Chelsea, and how it might have changed and stayed the same since the Victorian Era. Children are learning that many of the buildings in Chelsea already existed during the Victorian Era, but they used to serve very different purposes.

In RE, children are learning about Christmas Carols and how they reflect Christian beliefs around the birth of Jesus Christ. Children are analysing Carols and the meaning of certain verses in some famous Christmas carols.

In Art, children are designing their shadow boxes. Children are thinking critically about their work so far and considering what they have been successful in when creating their shadow boxes and ways in which they can improve their final piece of art.

In Computing, children are working in groups of 3 or 4 and they are designing a storyboard for their future film. Their films are going to be linked to our Science topic (forces) and children will start filming them next week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



Learning at Christ Church

Friday 2nd December 2022

This week in Maths, we have been continuing to look at missing number problems. We have solved mixed addition and subtraction questions as well as looked at shape algebra. We then did a mini-assessment to consolidate our learning which we marked as a class. Next, we moved onto looking at multiplication. We solved questions by using our times tables as well as using short division to solve more complex problems. We then continued onto looking at multiplying 2-digit numbers together when one of them is a multiple of 10.

In English, we have started our new unit on balanced arguments. We have looked at a model one and picked out the features. Then we considered the difference between formal and informal language and the children focused on creating formal sentences. We learnt about the passive voice and how we can use this to increase the formality of our writing. Finally, we looked at P.E.E. (Point, Evidence and Explain) as a way to expand our arguments and give them more weight.

In History, we looked at how different sources can give us information about the past. We also discussed how reliable the source is and whether there could have been any bias in the message. In Reading, we have been continuing Wolf Brother. In Art, we have been exploring and creating work inspired by Yayoi Kusama. In Drama, we have been practising their parts for the Immersive Drama performance. In Music, we have been rehearsing the song that we will be playing at the Christmas assembly using a variety of instruments such as drums and xylophones!

Upcoming events:

8th December 1.30pm - Trip to Royal Army Museum

10th December - Christmas Fair

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!