

Christ Church School Newsletter 3rd May 2024

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NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT				
Tuesday 7th May	Y3	Trip to the British Museum		
Wednesday 8th May	KS2	CCHT Swimming Gala 9-11am, parents of participants can watch.		
Wednesday 8th May	Y1	Paper Workshop with Robert Crowther		
Friday 10th May	Whole School	Fruity Friday		
Friday 10th May	Y3	Trip to Science Museum		

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Reception Class:

Allure & Grace

Year 1:

Celine & Oscar

Year 2:

Leo

Year 3:

Whole Class

Year 4:

Florence & Lael

Year 5:

Isadora & Annie

Year 6:

Udval & Maggie

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Summer Key Dates have now been published on our website:

KEY DATES

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th—Friday 17th May—Y5 Residential Trip to

Osmington Bay

Monday 13th—Friday 17th May—SATS Week

M Tuesday 14th May—Y1 Trip to Royal Academy

Tuesday 14th May—Y4 Trip to Kensington Gardens
Thursday 16th May—Summer Concert of 10am parents welcomes

Thursday 16th May— Summer Concert, 9.10am parents welcome **Saturday 18th May**—Pre Loved Sale 10.30-12.30, Christ Church

Playground

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

FRUITY FRIDAY 10th MAY

Children can dress in brightly coloured clothes if they wish for a donation of £1. Parents can help us afford this wonderful healthy eating event for the children by donating £5 if you can on school gateway.

We are looking for volunteers to help cut up fruit on Friday morning after drop off. Please contact Katie on krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk



Date: Whole school	Authorised Absence %	Unauthorised	Attendance %
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Class	% Attendance	% Unauthorised	Number of lates
YR	97	0	3
Y1	96	0	1
Y2	97	0	0
Y3	100	0	1
Y4	97	0	1
Y5	98	0	5
Y6	99	0	0



CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL MENU HERE



Mrs Wordsmith (trying hard)

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ambitious				
committed				
dedicated				
determined				
persevere				
tenacious				

3LL's fabulous Indian POP UP Restaurant took place this week. It was a full house and the waiters and waitresses were kept on their toes delivering delicious dish after dish to their eager guests—a very special highlight of the year!







HISTORY AMBASSADORS



Christ Church History Ambassadors were

awarded their new badges today. They were interviewed by Mrs Davies and our Governor Wendy Challen about what they enjoyed most in History topics, what they would like to learn more about and resources in the school. They then helped to deliver new timelines, stamps and checked out the non fiction history books in the classrooms.



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New Wishes added to our **Amazon Wish List**



Thank you to everyone who has recently purchased items from our Wish List. We are so grateful. This week Mrs Palmer has added new wishes for Reading Schemes in Year 1. These books are very expensive to replace and add to existing schemes so we would very much appreciate help with the cost.

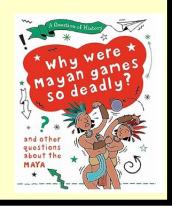
If you would like to purchase something on our behalf, please visit:

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. Thank you to everyone who has purchased something for our school from our Amazon Wish List.





Let's Talk Pre-Tests and 11+ Testing



Let's Talk Pre-Tests and 11+ Testing | Bonas MacFarlane at CCHT

This event will discuss the types of tests secondary schools use for entrance assessments, what those tests entail and when you should expect your child to be sitting them. Information on the process of applying for a scholarship or bursary will also be detailed. William Petty from Bonas MacFarlane, London's longest established and most successful private education consultancy firms, will go through the types of entrance tests in more details as well as how and when to apply for a scholarship or bursary in the independent sector followed by a Q&A open to the floor. This is a FREE talks organised by CCHT with the kind help of Bonas MacFarlane. When you sign up to the Eventbrite platform, you will be providing your email address to Bonas MacFarlane, but can unsubscribe from future communications if the content is not relevant to you.

Add it to your calendars and please book your ticket today

Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm, Christ Church Hall

We are delighted to welcome back Bonas MacFarlane Education to Christ Church or an evening to explain the various types of testing that independent senior schools use as part of their admissions process, as well as talking through some top tips to bear in mind when applying for a scholarship or bursary. The event is free of charge but you just need to book your tickets via this Eventbrite link so that we can manage numbers.

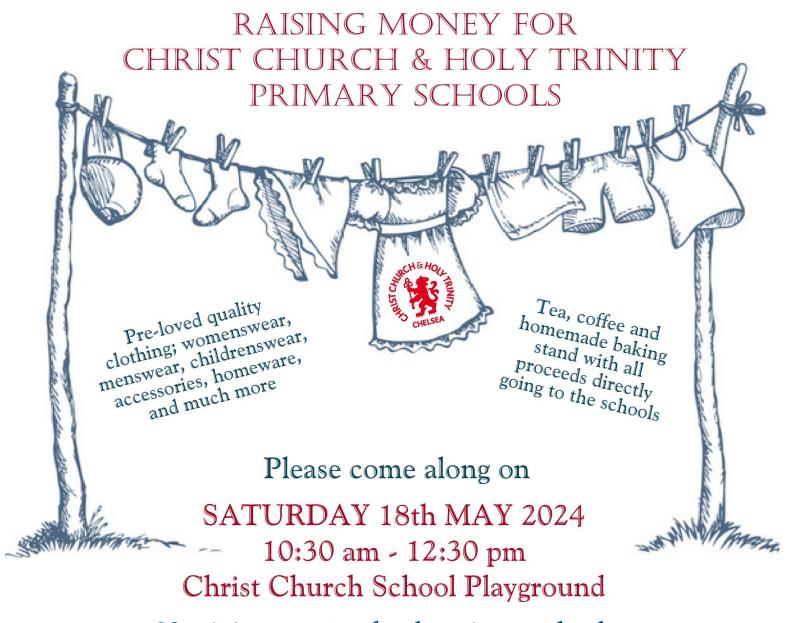
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lets-talk-pre-tests-and-11-testing-bonas-macfarlane-at-ccht-tickets-883260424707?aff=oddtdtcreator







CHELSEA PRE-LOVED SALE



£2 minimum entry fee donation on the door Cash or bank transfer on the day to purchase

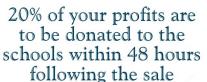
FOR SELLERS:



To secure a stand please email krose@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk by Wednesday 15th May



There is a £50 fee to secure a selling table (team up if you would like to share a table)





Each seller is responsible for their own takings and set up and set down

All items must be removed from the premises



On **Thursday 13th June** the **Sleepless Nights** will be performing an evening of Rock and Pop (think Taylor Swift, Elton John, Queen etc) in The Pen at Christ Church from 5-7pm.

All friends and families welcome and profits from the event will go to the school.

- Tickets cost £10 per adult and are now on sale via the School Gateway.
- The ticket price includes 1 complimentary drink of your choice.
- Accompanied children are welcome free of charge but please include the number of children attending in the comment box when purchasing your tickets to help us order the correct number of hot dogs.
- There will also be a cash bar, hotdog stand and raffle with lots of prizes!

The **Sleepless Nights** were formed a year ago and performed their debut gig at a street party during the King's Coronation. All members of the band are comprised of parents from Christ Church including Natasha (vocals Y3), Theo, Oli, Nigel (guitars Y3), Jules (keyboard Y3), Mike (bass Y3) and Johnny (drums Y1).

We look forward to seeing you there,

Best wishes, Sleepless Nights

$New\ Maths\ App\ ({\sf matches\ our\ Maths\ curriculum})$



Fast & fun number tasks to help young children gain confidence with maths!

1-Minute Maths is a free app that helps children build number confidence & fluency through engaging, 1-minute tasks.

Developed by White Rose Maths, award-winning providers in maths resources for the classroom and home, it delivers targeted practice in short, bite-sized chunks, perfect for learning and showing children how much fun they can have with basic number.

Who is it for?

The app is perfect for primary school pupils, individual one-minute tasks focus on adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing – and on 'subitising', the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting.

How does it work?

Each task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app includes a range of topics, with no specific starting point, so a child can begin wherever they like. By applying randomly generated questions every time, users learn the concept and not a sequence of answers. Once a task completes, questions are marked and presented on the screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. It's quick, simple to use, and most of all, FUN!

1-Minute Maths in action

Choose a topic – there are 87 available.

Answer a unique set of questions.

If needed, use the 'Hint' button – it shows the question in a different but familiar way.

When the 1-minute is up, answers appear on the screen in seconds.

Keen for another task? Then simply go again!

Top 10 reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

- 1. Excellent number practice and no distractions.
- 2. Enjoyable maths tasks children want to complete.
- Instils basic number concepts during early years.
- 4. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
- 5. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play!
- 6. A motivator how many correct answers can they score?
 - 7. Helpful hints for support when it's needed.
 - 8. Brilliant for building number confidence and fluency.
 - 9. Random question generator means no repetition.
 - 10. Completely FREE to download!





CCHT London to Paris Bike Ride 21st—23rd June

If you are interested in a personal challenge, a very enjoyable weekend away, bonding with fellow CCHT parents and raising significant funds for our schools, then this is the weekend for you! Join our group of parents, governors and staff for a scenic and steady ride from Christ Church to the Champs Elysees. The route we will be taking is here and your accommodation, ferry journey and return Eurostar journey home will be your only personal costs (bar the bar and evening refreshments!). You just need a bike!



If you would like to hear more the trip, please contact: Charlie Combe on 07747796124 or Tim McKean on 07917461987.



Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank

If you can contribute some staples that Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank need for their larder, these basic supplies are a lifeline:

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, please)

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)

Easter Treats

At present no clothes are required, thank you. Your gifts can be taken to Holy Trinity Church until Sunday 5th May after the Eucharist Service (12.30). As always, families needing help with food contributions should contact the K&C Foodbank.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, add HTSS in your reference so they know it comes from us.

Bank details: Kensington and Chelsea Foodbank **postal address:** 240 Lancaster Road W11 4AH

sort code: 60-83-01 **acct number:** 20442606

or via Just Giving (site includes access to gift-aid)

As always, many thanks for your help and support to our community. https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kensingtonandchelseafoodbank

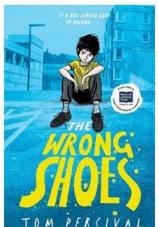




Recommended Read



The Wrong Shoes (ages 9-11 & up) Author: Tom Percival Publisher: Simon & Schuster



Will and his dad don't have much. Will's shoes are leaking and they're definitely not the cool shoes to wear. Chris Tucker and his gang frequently bully Will on the way to school.

When Will has an argument with his best friend (well, his only friend), he finds himself on a downward spiral. Too proud to ask for help from his mum, and with his dad in debt to a loan shark, Will has a choice. Make a bit of ready cash but feel guilty forever, or do the right thing?

Reflecting the current reality for a lot of kids, this book has hard-hitting issues at its heart. Tom Percival's family didn't have much money when he was growing up, and his story and accompanying beautiful art is heartfelt. Will is an artist, like Tom, finding refuge in Art classes, and the book's black and white illustrations are gritty and atmospheric at once.

Despite the storyline, this has hope too, and is suitable for upper primary readers. Moving and gritty, it is a fantastic read.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

Weekly Headlines



Individual Class Leaderboards

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Year 2 zp	Year 3 ma	Year 4 aj	Year 5 cp-b	Year 6 JD		
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Christ Church

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Reception Class Newsletter



Friday 3rd May

This week we:

- Revisited the sound /ai/ (rain) in our Alphabet Code lessons and learnt another code for the same sound; ay (play). /ai/ is usually found in the middle of words, whilst ay is usually found at the end of words.
- Explored sharing amounts into equal groups of 3 and 4 in our Maths lessons. We shared food fairly between plates. We also learnt how to share by using the pictorial method of drawing an equal amount of dots in groups. E.g. 9 shared between 3 would be represented like this:







- Read Vicky the Vet in our English lessons. We role-played being vets and set up our
 own clinic to treat pets. We then wrote a job description for a vet. We read
 sentences about the story and drew pictures to match. We labelled a clinic.
- Used directions to guide our friends through obstacle courses during our Understanding the World lesson.
- Read the Bible story of The Centurion's Servant. The Centurion (an army captain)
 had a servant who was sick. He was sad because he thought he might lose him, so he
 asked Jesus to help. Jesus was very impressed with the Centurion, because he
 believed that Jesus could heal his servant without even going to his house.
 Christians believe that Jesus can save those who are in need.
- Enjoyed a fabulous trip to the London Aquarium. We saw lots of amazing sea creatures and had a picnic by the London Eye. Well done, Reception Class!

Next week, we will:

- Use Tessa the Teacher as a focus for our writing.
- Learn how to read and write the sound/ee/ (teeth) and another code for the same sound, y as in happy.

Have a fantastic weekend @



Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

Friday 3rd May 2024

In English, used different punctuation marks at the ends of sentences. We thought about how when we want to find something out and are asking a question, we need to use a question mark. We also looked at exclamation marks and how these are used to express strong emotion or when something surprising happens. In groups, we used role play to act out the story of 'Alan's Big, Scary Teeth'.

In Maths this week, we continued looking at mass and volume ad complete an assessment to test or knowledge. Next week we will be starting our unit on multiplication and division.

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

In PSHE, we have been thinking about who can help us when we are in different places and situations. We recapped the importance of safe strangers, such as: police, nurses or doctors, traffic wardens and so on. We then thought of 8 different people that can help us.

In Art, we began researching about Barbara Hepworth, we then compared her art work to other artists we have looked at this year, looking at the similarities and differences between the two.

In Geography, we started our around the world topic, we looked at a map of the world and labelled the different continents and oceans!



A great week in Year 1!



Learning in Year 2 at Christ Church

Friday 3rd May 2024

This week in English; Year 2 wrote, edited and published a Captain's Log book — writing up all the adventures Finn took on his journey to where Ocean meets Sky. They had to use prepositions in their writing, expanded noun phrases and time conjunctions. They are continuing to write with flair and have become excellent writers! I love reading their work.

In Maths, we have been finding halves, quarters and thirds of amounts and numbers. As well as using visuals, and play dough pizzas, Year 2 have also been taught that to find a fraction of an amount you need to divide by the denominator (bottom number of a fraction). This is why it's so important that they're practising division facts, alongside times tables, at home.

Please note that new spelling lists are in homework books; this week please support your child practising **Week 3** words. I have also stuck in our class spelling focus for them to practise as well which is the /ch/ sound made with -tch. Last week in SPAG, we thought about the vowels **a/e/i/o/u** (and sometimes **y**), and how every syllable in a word has at least one vowel attached to it. Please use this trick to help your children with their writing at home. Sometimes we can't hear the vowels so we need to use our knowledge of alphabet code! Hope this is helpful. For example:

wa – ter fact <u>Ni-co-la</u> Je-lly-fish

Happy weekend, Miss Kennedy



Learning in Year 3 at Christ Church

A huge congratulations to year 3 for completing their pop-up restaurant Wednesday night. It was such a successful evening, full of great energy and even better food! Year 3 were polite and attentive staff who had wonderful



manners. The food was incredible and had all been cooked from scratch! Their hard work and organisation in every part of this process was very impressive.

A big thank you to chef Katie, Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Palmer for making this night happen. And an even bigger thank you to all the adults who came to

support us! We are very grateful for such a wonderful school community.

This week in English we finished and edited our short stories based upon Arthur and the Golden Rope. We then started to revisit persuasive letters and how we could persuade the author of Arthur and the Golden Rope to make us the next hero in his next book. We spoke about what qualities we have that make us heroes. Next week we will write our persuasive letters.

In RE we continue our unit on Buddhism. We learnt about the symbol of the lotus and made lotus' out of paper. We spoke about how Buddha shared his teachings and what he had learnt from enlightenment.

In Spanish this week have been looking at the topic of restaurants. We learn about foods, objects, services and more in Spanish.

Have a wonderful and restful long weekend!



Learning in Year 4 at Christ Church

Friday 2rd May

In Maths, we have been subtracting two fractions with the same denominator from proper and improper fractions. We also practised subtracting a whole or a fraction from a mixed number using bar models and number lines. Once we were confident subtracting from mixed numbers, we completed subtractions that cross a whole number.

In English, we began a new unit based on a short film called 'The Girl and the Robot'. We made predictions about the film based on its title and then watched the first part of the animation. We generated questions to find out more about the main characters. We predicted that the girl might be an engineer who feels lonely and so designs and builds her a robot to be her friend.

In Computing this week, we continued our Creating Media Unit on Photo editing. We used the Paint net program to explore editing a photo of a forest. We experimented with different tools to change the colour, saturation and brightness of the forest. We then analysed the impact that our editing choices had on the viewer.

In RE, we thought about what it means to be born into a Hindu family. We described what happens when a baby is born into a Hindu family and then moved on to learn about the Upanayana (sacred thread) ceremony and its significance in moving towards adulthood. We also compared these rites of passage with similar life events in the Christian faith.

In Art, we have started our unit on Surrealism. We learnt about the life and artwork of Surrealist artist Leonora Carrington. Although she was born in Britain in 1917, she spent most of her adult life living in Mexico City. We learnt that she created paintings and drawings based on her dreams, memories and imagination. Surrealists often put strange, unlikely objects or animals together to create weird made-up characters.

Good questions to ask your child this week:

- What is a key feature of any Surrealist artwork?
- How would you edit a photo if you wanted to make it look mysterious?
- Why is the Upanayana ceremony so important to Hindus?

Reminders:

- Homework is sent home on Thursdays.
- Please bring Reading Records and Homework books in on Tuesdays.
- Homework club takes place on Thursdays.
- P.E. is on Monday and <u>swimming is starting on Wednesdays</u>. Please send your child in wearing their P.E. uniform and trainers.

Word of the week: determined - drive or single-minded; working extra hard to get what you want



Learning in Year 5 at Christ Church Friday, 3rd May 2024

Another learning filled week at Christ Church has come to an end.

In English, Year 5 finished planning their non-chronological report about the story of Lego. Children came up with rhetorical questions for their introduction to hook their reader. Children considered how to use facts and technical language in their report to write formally. Children carried out some research to find out more about the Lego brand today and ended their conclusions with a reminder of Lego's main goal: allowing children to use their imagination. Once their planning was done, children wrote their reports in neat.

In Maths, Year 5 learned about polygons and irregular polygons. Children learned that a polygon is a closed shape with straight lines and in order for a polygon to be regular, all its sides and inner angles need to be equal. Children learned about 3D shapes, their names and the difference between a face, an edge and a vertex. Finally, children learned how to read coordinates on a grid.

In History, children learned about the Minoan civilisation. The Minoan civilisation came just before the Ancient Greeks, and their legacy is one of the reasons Ancient Greece was able to become such a powerful and successful civilisation. Children were given a series of facts about the Minoans and had to read historical articles to work out if these statements were true or false.

In RE, children learned about Guru Har Rai. This Guru was known to be a kind and compassionate person who cared deeply about nature and animal and human welfare. Children learned about some of the things he did to help others and the planet and discusses ways in which they could show compassion.

In Computing, children learned how to draw images using only certain shapes such as circles or squares.

In Art, children learned about the Mayan civilisation. Children learned that Mayans used to wear masks for special occasions such as hunting or religious ceremonies. Children used existing masks as inspiration to create their own masks.



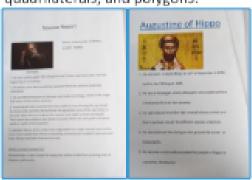
Learning in Year 6 at Christ Church Friday 3rd May 2024

English: In English this week, Year Six English have started our new learning area of Biography. A biography of someone is an account of their life, written by someone else. During our lessons, this week the students have learnt about the difference between biographies and autobiographies and some of the features which they both have in common. Included in the learning this week, students learnt about Marcus Rashford, who is famous footballer from Manchester United Football Club, and during the 2020 Lockdown he petitioned the UK Government financial and food support for families over the summer. He has helped raise money which has provided food for over 21 million children and families.



Maths: This week in Maths, the class started our next unit of Maths: Angles and Shapes. This week the class has explored the world of angles. The class used and practiced using protractors to accurately measure angles inside and outside of shapes. The class has also learnt about complementary, supplementary, and vertically opposite angles and used this knowledge of angles to calculate and determine unknown unknowns in shapes such as triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons.

Science: This week in science, we have continued to investigate inheritance and evolution. In this week's lesson, the class went into the computer lab to research famous people and scientist from the past who helped Charles Darwin come to his conclusion of Natural Selection. It was a great lesson as it allows students to research a person of interest and develop their fact-finding and their internet navigational skills.



Kayaking: Last Friday, Group 1 of Year 6 were blessed again with great weather, and we all attended their second Kayaking sessions. Everyone had a lot of fun. This week, the group was more confident with their ability to steer and control the kayaks and we practiced how to go backwards and how to stop suddenly. Majority of the students even attempted to swap kayaks which involved rafting together all kayaks and supporting each kayak while a student stood up and walked across the kayaks. To finish off the lesson, students decided to jump into the Thames to cool off after a hard session of paddling.



Have a wonderful weekend.