



**CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD**  
*"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"*



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Newsletter 2 - Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are settling back into the new academic year well and there a number of forthcoming events and dates for your diary. Take a few minutes to read the newsletter and make a note of events taking place in the next two weeks of school.

### Reception Class Blessing

We would like to invite you to our 'Blessing of Reception Class Service', which is to be held in Christ Church on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2:30pm. The service will be conducted by Rev David Hall and will last approximately 20 minutes. The service is a special way of welcoming your child/children into Christ Church School and we hope you can attend.

### Parent/Carer Information Evening Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Parent/Carer Information sessions on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please access the school through the main entrance. The sessions are being held in the classrooms. As a reminder, the sessions are for adults only, we cannot accommodate children.

The session times are as follows:

6pm: Nursery Class

6.15pm: Reception and Year 1

6.45pm: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4

7.15pm: Year 5 and Year 6

There will not be an opportunity for you to talk individually to the class teacher about your child concerning specific areas, as the sessions need to keep to a 30 minute deadline. The Parent Consultations running later in the academic year will be the most appropriate time for this.

**School is closed for our staff training day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September all day.**

### Year 4 Harvest Service – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 would like to invite their families to watch them deliver their Harvest Service in Church from 2:15pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### Reception Class Parents Phonics Information Workshop/ Mastering Number Workshop

Reception Class parents are invited to our Phonics and Mastering Number Workshops where you will find out how phonics and math's mastery is taught in Reception. These sessions provide valuable support to parent to enable you to support your child at home.

Both events are running consecutively on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the School Hall. Phonics Information Workshop is at 9-9.30am and Mastering Number is 9.30-10.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Information:

#### Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) program automatically providing all children up to the end of Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>

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In other school news...

### **Awe and Wonder Afternoon**

Last Friday, our school came together for a very special **Awe and Wonder Afternoon**, where each class explored what spirituality means to them and what inspires awe and wonder in their lives.



In **Reception**, the children enjoyed some peaceful *cloud gazing*, describing the shapes they could see and reflecting on how those sights made them feel.

**Year 1** created beautiful *bubble art*, thinking about how—just like bubbles—joy, colour, and wonder can be found all around us.



**Year 2** joined **Year 6** for a *WOW walk*, using all their senses to discover the amazing things in nature that sparked curiosity and admiration.

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Meanwhile, **Year 3** focused on self-identity, drawing self-portraits to celebrate what makes each of them unique. Out on the playground, they drew around each other with chalk and wrote affirmations inside the outlines of their friends, describing the qualities they admired most.



**Year 4** reflected on the idea of *light*—both the light around us and the light that shines from within each individual—considering how we can let our uniqueness shine out into the world.

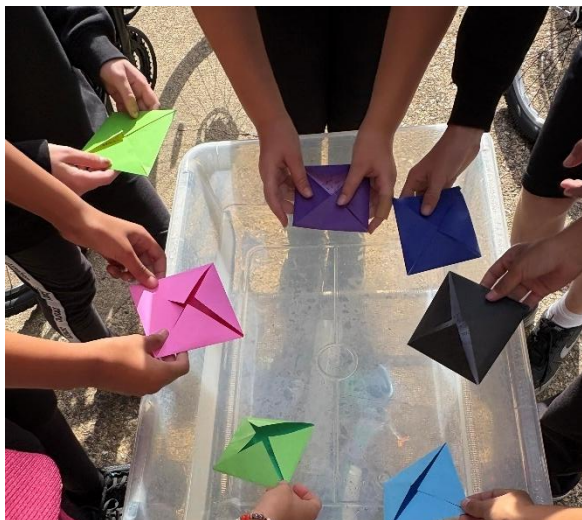


**Year 5** explored the mystery of the *Holy Spirit*, comparing it to the wind: invisible, yet powerful and felt all around us. They made colourful pinwheels to show how the wind moves.

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Finally, in **Year 6**, the children made delicate *paper lotus flowers*, writing their hopes for the future inside. They then floated them on water and watched as the petals gently unfolded—a beautiful moment of reflection and symbolism.



Today we came together for a special assembly to celebrate our Awe and Wonder afternoon and share with one another what we had learnt last week. Our Awe and Wonder work has sparked thoughtful discussions, creativity, and shared moments of wonder across the whole school and encourage the children to think more deeply about what fills them with joy and makes them truly unique and special.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Selleck  
Headteacher

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