



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



Friday 17th October 2025

Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter 4

***"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term of the school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a very positive and productive start. The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and routines, and it has been wonderful to see them embracing our school values and living out our motto of "Ready, Respectful, Safe." This approach is already having an impact on behaviour and readiness to learn across the school.

A big thank you to all our EYFS and KS1 parents who attended the recent parent consultations. It was lovely to share your children's progress and celebrate how well they've begun the year. We also want to thank those who joined our Mastering Number and Phonics workshops. Your engagement and support make a real difference in helping children develop key early learning skills both in school and at home.

School happenings...

Our first Tea with the Headteacher was a big success. Congratulations to Grayson, Arjun, Thalia, Noah, Sofia, Nick, and Lottie for being invited — you have all lived out our school values and displayed kindness this half term. Well done!

Our Eco Councillors represented the school brilliantly at the recent Eco Forum, where they discussed ideas for promoting eco action within our school environment. The focus this term was on biodiversity and wildlife, and they came back full of enthusiasm and ideas to make our school even greener!

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to St Albans Cathedral as part of their History topic on the Romans. Marley has written an account of the day *"On Wednesday we went to St Albans Cathedral. In the morning, we learnt about Alban and that he sacrificed himself because he was a Christian. In the afternoon, we made and learnt about Roman mosaics. After that we went to the park. We had the best time ever!"*. Thanks to parents for helping with transportation which made the visit possible.

Year 2 are visiting Mop End Field Centre today, and we are all looking forward to hearing about their outdoor adventures and learning when they return!

Spring Bulbs

We are looking for a donation of some spring bulbs to plant over half term (not plants). We would like about 50 bulbs, tete a tete (mini daffodil bulbs) or snowdrops. Thank you in advance!

Take One Photograph Competition

As part of our ongoing *Awe and Wonder* work in school, we are excited to announce a special creative initiative taking place over the October Half Term break. We are inviting all children to take **one photograph** that captures something which fills them with *awe and wonder*. This could be anything — a beautiful autumn leaf, a sunrise, a favourite place, an amazing building, or even a small moment in nature that makes them stop and think.

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Alongside the photograph, we ask each child to include a short blurb explaining how or why their chosen image inspires feelings of awe and wonder.

For children in EYFS and KS1, parents and carers are welcome to help submit the entry on their behalf.

Please send your entries by email to admin@christchurchschool.herts.sch.uk.

The three winning photographs will be made into canvases and proudly displayed in school for everyone to enjoy. A jpeg is the best format for us to use to convert the winning entries onto a canvas.

We can't wait to see the world through our pupils' eyes and share in the simple, inspiring moments they discover. Have fun exploring and noticing the everyday wonders around you this half term!

Exciting Fundraising News from Mrs Roberts

In April 2026, a dedicated team of parents and staff will embark on an inspiring journey to hike the Three Peaks. Our mission? To raise £10,000 for the Christ Church C of E Chorleywood School outdoor area, a vital space for our children to learn, play, and grow.

We believe that every child deserves access to a safe and engaging outdoor environment. This project will not only enhance their educational experience but also foster a sense of community and well-being among our students. Your support can make a significant difference in achieving this goal. We invite you to join us in this exciting endeavour!

By donating through JustGiving, you can help us reach our target quickly and securely. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, we will withdraw funds directly. It's the most efficient way to contribute and saves time and costs. Together, let's create an amazing outdoor area for our children! <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christchurchcofechorleywood>

PSA News

A date for your diary – our PSA is busily planning and preparing for our Christmas Fair which will be on Friday 28th November from 3pm-5pm in The Junction. After the success of the fair last Christmas we are sure this will be equally festive and successful event.

Looking Ahead

It's been a long and busy term, and we know everyone is ready for a well-earned rest. For our new families, it's been lovely getting to know you and welcoming you into our school community. Please note that our half term ends on Wednesday 22nd October and children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Next half term promises to be just as exciting as we head towards the festive season. Please take some time to look at the upcoming dates in your diary planner so you don't miss any of the wonderful events and activities ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support — it makes such a difference to all that we do. We wish all our children and families a safe, restful, and happy half term break.

With best wishes,
Mrs S Selleck
Headteacher

Autumn term 2 2025	
Autumn Term Staff Inset/Development Days <i>(School closed to children)</i>	Monday 3 rd November
Half Term Starts Children back to School	Tuesday 4 th November
Year 5 Woodrow Residential Visit	Thursday 6 th – Friday 7 th November
Y6 Remembrance Service	Tuesday 11 th November 10:30am in church
KS2 Parent Consultations in person	Wednesday 26 th November 4-7pm
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PSA Christmas Fair in The Junction	Friday 28 th November 3 – 5pm
EYFS Nativity Play	Thursday 4 th December 10:30am
KS1 Nativity Play	Thursday 4 th December 1:45pm
Chorleywood Festive Evening CCS Choir to sing	Friday 5 th December from 6pm
Values 'Tea with the Headteacher'	Wednesday 10 th December 2:30-3pm
Nine Lessons and Carols Service in Church with school choir all are welcome	Monday 15 th December 3:45pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 17 th December
Christingle Service in Church	Friday 19 th December 9:30am Y6/YR parents
Autumn Term Ends	Friday 19 th December 1:30pm
Christmas Holidays School closed to children	Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	Monday 5 th January & Tuesday 6 th January
SPRING TERM 2026 BEGINS CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 7 th January 2026