



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



Friday 6th December
2nd week of Advent



Autumn Term 2025 Newsletter 7

"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him..." John 1:9-10

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of term, the school has been filled with joy, celebration, and a real sense of community spirit.

Awe and Wonder Photo Competition

We would like to begin by congratulating the winners of our *Awe and Wonder* Photo Competition. The standard of entries was exceptional, and choosing winners proved incredibly difficult. Staff and governors were thoroughly impressed by the creativity on display and by the thoughtful explanations each child gave about why their chosen image filled them with awe and wonder. We are delighted to announce that the three winners and the three highly commended entries will all be made into canvas prints so that their beautiful work can be enjoyed for years to come.

Winners



Imogen Y3



Evie Y2



Zehna Y5

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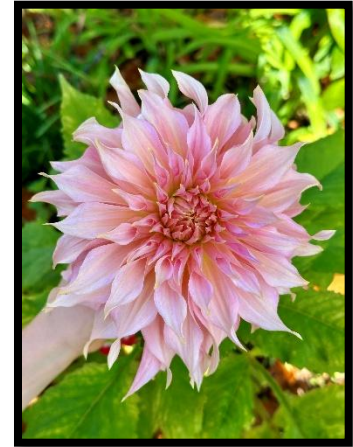
Highly Commended



Alfie Y2



Arlo Y5



Josh
Y5

PSA News

Our PSA Christmas Fair was another highlight of the term and a tremendous success, raising an impressive £5,883.83 in just two hours! The atmosphere was truly festive, with a brilliant grotto, children's games, a bustling café, creative craft stalls, the always-popular hamper raffle, and wonderful performances by the school choir and a parent soloist, all contributing to the magic of the afternoon. It was heartwarming to see the wider community come together, with grandparents and extended families joining in the celebrations. We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated PSA, whose commitment, energy, and creativity made the event such a triumph. More exciting PSA events are already being planned for the new year.

Nativity Performances

This week we were also treated to two very special performances retelling the Christmas story. Our youngest learners, the 3–5 year olds, delighted us with their charming production of *Happy Birthday Jesus*. It is no small task to stand on stage, remember songs, actions, and in some cases lines, and we are immensely proud of each and every child. This was followed by the Key Stage 1 performance of *Knock, Knock*, which told the Christmas story with confidence, humour, and real sensitivity. Both productions were a joy to watch. I would like to thank not only our amazing children but also the commitment and dedication of the staff who work so hard to make these performances so special.

Producing performances of this quality at such a busy time of year requires significant dedication from staff. Our team invest substantial time, expertise, and care to prepare the children, and the results this week reflected that commitment. It is important for parents to note that, in line with our long-established approach, the oldest pupils in each phase (Reception and Year 2) are allocated the main parts, while the younger year groups (Nursery and Year 1) take on supporting roles. This structure is intentional and ensures that every child builds confidence progressively and has their opportunity to shine as they move through the school.

Dates for your diary in the last week of term:

Next week, the festive celebrations continue.

Monday 15th December

Christingle Oranges



We are asking for children to bring their own orange into school on Monday 15th December. Each child from Year R to year 6 will then be able to make and hold a Christingle orange as part of our Christingle service on Friday 19th December.

Nine Lessons and Carols Service

We look forward to our Nine Lessons and Carols service, led by Miss Parry and the school choir, at 3:45pm in church.

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Tuesday 16th December The choir have already been spreading joy in the community, singing at the Daytime Service in church yesterday and preparing for performances in local care homes next week. These visits are an important act of service, bringing joy to elderly residents who are always delighted to hear the children sing and who often join in with great enthusiasm. Seeing the youngest and oldest members of our community connect in this way is truly heartwarming.

Wednesday 17th December:

- **Christingle making** in preparation for Friday's church service.
- On Wednesday, we will enjoy a bit of fun with **Christmas jumper day**, when children may wear a festive jumper with their school uniform.
- **Christmas lunch**, don't forget to order via School Grid

Friday 19th December:

- 9:30am Christingle service in church Y6 parents in attendance
- **Term Ends 1.30pm**

Community Events



Rearranged Chorleywood Mini Lantern Parade & Christmas Sing along Tuesday 16th December 4.30 - 5.30pm

A Mini-Lantern Parade & Christmas Sing-along will take place at The Russell School playground (Brushwood Drive, Chorleywood)
All lantern makers and families welcome. Come and parade your beautiful lantern creations and join in the Christmas Sing-along to carols and songs
Tea & Hot Chocolate will be on sale raising money for the Rickmansworth Foodbank
All lanterns need to be taken home after the event
(Weather permitting - this will be an outdoor event)
From Chorleywood Christmas Festival Team

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday for the last week of the autumn term!

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Selleck

Mrs Selleck
Headteacher