



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



21st January 2026

Dear Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. This half term is always busy and productive in school as it is a fairly short one, and we are pleased to share key updates, celebrations, and upcoming dates with you.

Update on the Awe and Wonder Photography Competition

We were delighted by the creativity and thoughtfulness shown in this year's Awe and Wonder Photography Competition. Children from across the school captured moments that inspired reflection, curiosity, and appreciation of God's world.

The winning and highly commended entries have been made into canvases and are ready to be displayed in school. All entries are currently on display at the back of the school hall. We thank every child who took part for their enthusiasm and effort.



Learning Across the School

Our **Nursery class** have



been looking at garden birds and making their own. They enjoyed making bird feeders and binoculars to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch.



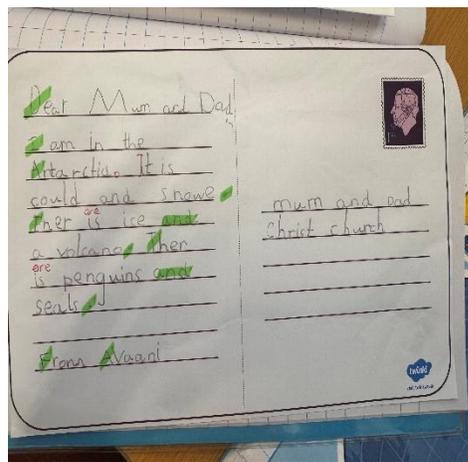
Year R have loved learning about birds this week and went on a walk to church. They enjoyed using the binoculars they made to see some birds in the trees and church spire.

We encourage you to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



Year 1 have been learning about Oceans and continents. This week they have focused on Antarctica and its climate and how it differs from Chorleywood. The children imagined life in Antarctica and wrote a postcard home as if they were there.



Year 2

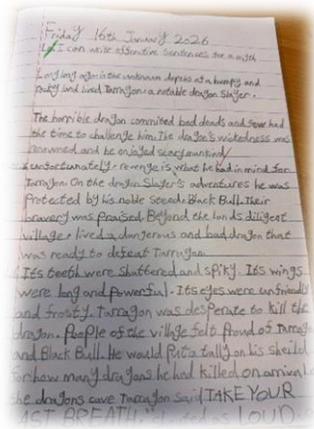
"In year 2 we have been learning about nurses. We learned about Florence Nightingale, she worked in the Crimean War, so did Mary Seacole who was Jamaica and her Dad was from Scotland. Florence Nightingale helped care for the soldiers, she was known as 'the Lady with the lamp'. She made sure the kitchens were clean so no rats would come in to help stop diseases spreading.

Mary Seacole also was a nurse in the Crimean war. She was very poor and she wrote a book called "The Great Adventures of Mrs Mary". She was known as 'The Mother'.

The third nurse we learned about was Edith Cavell. She hid 200 soldiers in her house in World War I." Theo



"Year 3 have read lots of myths and this week we have retold a myth called 'The Dragon Slayer'. We have been trying to use lots of interesting adjectives" Isla.



"In science we learned about light and shadows and we went on a walk through school to see what was good or bad at reflecting light" Lilly.

"In geography we are learning about settlements. We have looked where the Celts settled" Kira

Year 4 are preparing for the dance festival at Rickmansworth School. We are dancing to '9 to 5' by Dolly Parton and are feeling very excited! This week, Miss Parry and Mrs Stelfox have been making costumes for the show - our class are overjoyed that we will get to wear them! By Zoya, Y4



Year 5

"In PSHE we have been learning about pride. We have learnt to always be proud of yourself. I have also learnt that you have to imagine yourself achieving what you would like to achieve and the best way to achieve is to imagine and believe in yourself" Jessica

"This term in PSHE we learned that you could ways be proud of who you are or be proud of your achievements. If you are proud of yourself you can always feel proud but if you only focus on your achievements there could be ups and downs". Dheay



Year 6

In Year 6, we have had a great week! In maths, we have been learning about ratio, proportion and drawing scaled diagrams. In English, we have been writing a formal letter to Mrs Selleck to assist her in making Christ Church School a smartphone-free school.

In history, we have been learning about the Windrush Generation and reading Coming to England by Floella Benjamin. Using what we have learned from her book, we wrote an informal letter in role as Floella, writing to a friend back in Trinidad to describe what life was like for her in England.

Last week we went to St Clement Danes for an afternoon of athletics.



It is a pleasure to see consistent progress and positive attitudes to learning across all year groups. Visitors to the school always comment on the school's calm and welcoming nature and how polite and kind the children

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and staff are. This week we had a visiting tutor from the University of Hertfordshire who emailed me after his visit the following:

"Christ Church is one of the most welcoming schools I have ever visited. There is a wonderful atmosphere in the school and the children are a real credit to you all."

PSA (Parent Staff Association) Updates

The PSA continues to work hard to support the school community. Upcoming events include:

Three Peaks Challenge

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

For those who don't know, the Three Peaks Challenge is an iconic UK endurance event involving climbing the highest mountains in Scotland, England, and Wales.

With 11 weeks to go The Three Peaks CCS Team have invited the school community (staff, parents, children, family members - everyone is welcome) to join them **this Sunday** for part of their training walk, details of which are below:

Date: Sunday 25th January 2026

Time: 11am

Start Location/Meeting point: The Bedford Arms, Chenies

Duration: approximately 1 hour

It will be a circular walk around the beautiful Chess Valley finishing back at The Bedford Arms. So instead of your usual Sunday jog or bike ride why not come along to find out more about the challenge, how you can support the team and make memories along the way. Knowing the group I'm sure there will be lots of laughs along the way!

There is no need to confirm you are going, just turn up.

The team want to raise £10,000 for the Playground project, if you wish to donate to this wonderful cause you can do so here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/christ-church-school-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

Save The Date - Christ Church School PSA Quiz Night - 6th March

The PSA will be bringing you an entertaining, educational and amusing Quiz Night on Friday 6th March. Start thinking about teams and team names. If you do not have quite enough people to form a team, don't worry you can join a table of other friendly parents & staff. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Pause for thought

As we continue through the term, we are reminded of the importance of patience in learning and in life: *"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."* Ephesians 4:2. We will be focusing on this school value of patience in our family groups assembly next Thursday.



Boundary Wall Talking of patience, the project has progressed well and will shortly provide improved safety and a smart and in keeping finish to the school grounds. I think you would all agree it is looking really good. I was able to lay one of the bricks last week to help the project along. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while this important work has been carried out.

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Diary Dates

| Spring Term 1 2026 | |
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| Spring Term Staff Inset/Development Days (School closed to children) | Monday 5 th & Tuesday 6 th January |
| Half Term Starts Children back to School | Wednesday 7 th January |
| Second Hand Uniform Sale 3:15pm | Wednesday 7 th January |
| Reception Application Process Closes | Thursday 15 th January |
| Nursery Application Process Opens | Monday 26 th January |
| Year 3 Sharing Assembly | Thursday 29 th January |
| PSA Virtual Balloon Race | Friday 6 th February |
| Year 4 Dance Show at Rickmansworth School 7pm | Wednesday 11 th February |
| Year 1 Sharing Assembly | Thursday 12 th February |
| Values Tea with the Headteacher | Thursday 12 th February |
| Love Value Day | Friday 13 th February |
| PSA Valentines Sweet Sale after school | Friday 13 th February |
| Half term holiday school closed to children | Monday 16th February-Friday 20th February |
| SPRING TERM 2 2026 CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL | Monday 23rd February |

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

With kindest regards
Mrs Selleck
Headteacher