Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter 4

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift."
— 2 Corinthians 9:15

Dear Parents & Carers,

School is very exciting for our youngest children right now as they rehearse their Christmas Performance (EYFS) and the Nativity (KS1). The PSA are also extremely busy behind the scenes, preparing for one of their more significant events, the Christmas Fair. There will be a Santa's Grotto (kindly sponsored by Stellar Roofing & Building Ltd.), a cafe selling all sorts of Christmas food, games, singing from our fantastic school choir, and of course the Jazzy Jars. This year we're running a competition to see which class can make the most Jazzy Jars, with the winning class getting an afternoon of fun as a prize.

The Christmas Fair is on Friday 27th November from 3pm in the Church. Spaces are limited, so please secure your wristbands early! You can purchase wristbands and tokens online via our PTA Events page. https://www.pta-events.co.uk/christchurchcoe/

To help make the fair extra special this year, we would be so grateful for donations of the following items:

- Soft Toys: Freshly washed and in great condition, ready for a new home.
- Bottles of Beverages: Wine, champagne, beer, spirits, and non-alcoholic drinks (no miniatures, please!).
- Chocolates: Boxes and tins.
- Jazzy Jars
- Fresh baked goods: Cupcakes, Muffins, Cookies

When to Drop Off: Monday, 23rd November – Friday, 27th November (morning drop-off only on Friday).
Where to Drop Off: Outside the school office during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

To keep everyone safe, please follow these quick guidelines:

- Shop-Bought vs. Homemade: Both are welcome! If buying from a shop, please ensure the expiry date is after 30th November.
- Ingredients: Please keep shop-bought items in their original packaging, and include a full list of ingredients with any homemade bakes.
- Strictly Nut-Free: As a reminder, we are a nut-free school. Please double-check all ingredients.
- Dietary Options: Vegan, dairy-free, egg-free, and gluten-free treats are especially welcome so everyone can join in!

Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26** – KS2 Parent Consultations
- **Friday 27 November** – PSA Christmas Fair, 3-5pm
- **Friday 27 November** – last day for Christmas donations for South West Herts Partnership
- **Wednesday 2 December, 9.15am** – EYFS Christmas Performance in the hall
- **Wednesday 2 December, 2pm** – KS1 Nativity Performance in the hall
- **Tuesday 8 December** – Year 5 trip to Woodoaks Farm
- **Tuesday 15 December** – Christingle orange collection day, 1 per child please
- **Wednesday 16 December** – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, & Christingle making
- **Friday 18 December** – Last day of term, early finish: 1pm Nursery, 1.15pm Reception, 1.30pm Year 1-6

Please note that, at all of our in-person events, including sharing assemblies, church services and Christmas performances, parents and carers are **not permitted to take photographs or videos** of the children.

We kindly ask that you respect this request to help us protect the privacy and rights of all children and families, and to ensure that we meet our data protection responsibilities under GDPR. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

South West Herts Partnership Charity Collection

Thank you to everyone who has donated something for the SWHP Christmas charity box. There is still time to donate – brand new items only.

Child-made Christmas Crafts

The children have been working hard in class making this year's Christmas Craft to sell at the Christmas Fair. These are £5 per child, per craft, with discounts offered for multiple purchases within one family. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Fair, you can still purchase your child's craft – please let your child's class teacher know.



A special visitor – An Expert by Experience

On Wednesday afternoon, James Aston 'An Expert by Experience' visited Year 4, 5 and 6 and gave talks to each class about his lived experience of growing up autistic and his later diagnosis of ADHD. James' talks explore his (and his mum's) experiences through early years education to secondary school and beyond, arriving at his present-day employment. James talks openly about the challenges he has faced, what has helped him along the way, and how he found his way to his current employment. James is a real-life example of someone who has achieved things that were not thought possible when he was younger. His talks were inspirational and we are very grateful to James for sharing his experiences with us.

And Finally…

The Trust is consulting on a proposal to introduce a two-week October half-term holiday in October/November 2027, with the proposed half term break to run from Monday 25th October-Friday 5th November. We would welcome your views by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

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Yours sincerely,

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