



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #14

Whole School Information

What an amazing final week of term it has been! There has been so much joy and hope within our CCH family as we have enjoyed Nativities, Christmas lunches, musical showcases and our Key Stage Two Christmas Celebration Service. Our vision is to provide opportunities for our children to grow and flourish as human beings- seeing them perform, sing and enjoy this special week is proof of our vision in action.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope you all, regardless of faith or belief, get to enjoy some rest and time with loved ones over the next two weeks.

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week's whole school attendance is 94.8%.**

Please help us to ensure your children receive the best possible education in the New Year; this is done by children attending school every day.

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
EYFS	92.9%	Eva Ibbotson	95.6%
Jill Murphy	87.7%	Michael Morpurgo	97.5%
Oliver Jeffers	98.0%	Berlie Doherty	97.6%
Emily Gravett	91.6%	Malorie Blackman	94.6%
Cressida Cowell	95.0%	William Shakespeare	97.0%

Well done to the classes in green for meeting, or exceeding, our attendance goal this week!

Starting School in September 2024

The deadline for applying for a school place for your child to start Reception in September 2024 is Monday 15th January.

Residents of South Gloucestershire click [here](#) to apply for your child's primary school place

Residents of Bristol, click [here](#) to apply for your child's primary school place



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Staffing updates

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Windsor (Jill Murphy class teacher). From January, Miss Weldrake and Mrs Szabo (Miss Kat) will be teaching Jill Murphy Class.

We have also welcomed six student teachers from the University of the West of England who will be with us until March.

Finally, Miss Holloway will be getting married during the Christmas break. She will return in January as Mrs Ealey. We send her our very warmest wishes for her special day.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 15th December- Friends of CCH Sale at 3.30pm
- Friday 15th December- last day of term
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024- INSET #3
- Wednesday 3rd January- First day of term for pupils
- Wednesday 3rd January- EYFS 2024 Information Evening for prospective parents
- Thursday 18th January- SGPC Coffee Support Session: Anxiety and Difficulties attending school @9.00am

Friends of CCH

A huge thank you to all of you who have supported the various events this year. We look forward to informing you about how much we have raised for the school, in the New Year.

Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Michael Morpurgo Class Update	MM Class	12 th December 2023
Flu Vaccine Catch Up Clinics	Whole School	12 th December 2023
School Trip Letter	Year 3	12 th December 2023
Jill Murphy Class Update	JM Class	14 th December 2023



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Community Information

Holiday Activities and Food Programme from South Gloucestershire - There is still some availability but be quick to book!

Fully funded provision is for those children and young people that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 18 December and Friday 22 December but will vary by provider.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**.

Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF place unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.

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Swimming Lessons for Babies & Children 0-10 Years

Classes launching on Mondays in 2024!

Swim at The Chocolate Quarter in Keynsham

To find out more & book your child's swimming space visit:
puddleducks.com/cq
or call: 0117 971 7165

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Are you looking for swimming lessons for your child?

Puddle Ducks Bristol & Bath is a professional child-led swim school local to you!

The Chocolate Quarter's lovely inviting spa pool is fantastic for children to learn to swim in. Puddle Ducks already offers Baby & Pre-school lessons on Friday afternoons, and from January we are excited to launch Swim Academy lessons for 4-10-year-olds, on Mondays after-school.

Easy online bookings available at puddleducks.com/cq or call our office team on **0117 971 7165** to secure your child's place for the new year! (Office hours: Mon-Fri 09:30-14:30). 10% off lessons is available to The Chocolate Quarter and Somerdale Pavilion members, contact our office to find out more.

Yours faithfully,



Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher