



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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School & College Member

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #13

Whole School Information

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...



December is now upon us and Christmas has well and truly kicked in at CCH! Collective Worship this week focussed on the season of Advent. We looked at how this marks the start of the Nativity Story and the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Our school has been full of Christmas songs as EYFS and KS1 pupils are busy preparing for their Nativities and KS2 pupils are practising for the Christmas Service.

Aside from the festivities, we have also had the Book Fair in school this week- a huge thank you to all of you who visited to buy books. We are hoping to be able to further improve our offer of books in our classroom reading corners with the commission we make from this event.

Please join us for our Christmas Fayre after school today. Our choir will be performing at our fayre this evening. They will also be performing at the Hanham Christmas Street Fair which takes place on Saturday 7th December. Our choir will be performing at 4.00pm- please lend them your support.

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week our whole school attendance figure is 94.3%.**

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Julia Donaldson	93.9%	Michael Morpurgo	95.5%
Jill Murphy	87.6%	Berlie Doherty	96.4%
Oliver Jeffers	95.6%	Benjamin Zephaniah	96.5%
Emily Gravett	98.2%	William Shakespeare	87.9%
Cressida Cowell	97.2%		

Well done to two classes in green who have met or exceeded our school target of 97% this week.

Playground Supervision

We have seen an increase in the number of children entering the school site much earlier than the start of the school day. Our school day starts at 8.45am and **the playground is supervised from 8.40am.** No children should be on the playground without an adult before this time as the playground and site is unsupervised and this poses a safeguarding risk. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Post Box will be available from Friday 6th December (please don't bring in cards before this date). Please can we ask that children only share Christmas cards via the post box in order to minimise distractions during the school day. Cards should be labelled with the recipient's name and class and put in the post box. The box will be emptied each day and cards delivered to the relevant classes.



Whole School Pantomime Trip

We are very excited about next week's trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch this year's pantomime of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

We will be leaving school at 12.50pm so the children will have an earlier lunch from 11.30 to 12.30pm. The coach will be picking us up at 4.30pm and we aim to arrive back at school for 5.00pm. We will send a text message to families if we are delayed for any reason.

The children will leave their bags at school and will not be required to take anything other than their coat to the Hippodrome. Due to the venue's policy, unfortunately, children are not allowed to take their own drinks bottles or drinks into the venue. Therefore, we will be supplying every child with a bottle of water at the venue.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers

Christmas lunch takes place on Tuesday 17th December for pupils in Julia Donaldson, Jill Murphy, Oliver Jeffers and Emily Gravett Class

Christmas lunch takes place on Wednesday 18th December for pupils in Cressida Cowell, Michael Morpurgo, Berlie Doherty, Benjamin Zephaniah and William Shakespeare Class.



On the day your child is not invited for Christmas Lunch, they will only be able to book a school sandwich. Please ensure you book your child in for a Christmas lunch on the correct day as we will not be able to offer Christmas lunches to those not invited on that day and only a sandwich will be offered. School lunches are only bookable via School Grid (link below). If you do not have access, please contact the school office for access.

<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/login>

Christmas lunches must be booked by the end of the day on Wednesday 11th of December.



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As we do each year, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/ top on their lunch day in support of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. We will have our collection buckets on the playground for anyone who is able to make a small donation for this charity.



Proformance After School Enrichment

Our after-school clubs for term 3, led by Proformance Coaching, are now available to book by clicking on the links below:

[Year 1-4 Football Club](#)

[Reception - Year 3 Gymnastics Club](#)

[KS2 Dodgeball Club](#)

[Years 5+6 Football Club](#)



EYFS 2025

You must apply for a school place for any child due to start school in September 2025 **by 15th January 2025**.

South Gloucestershire residents: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw>

Bristol residents: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

INSET

The remaining INSET dates for this academic year are set out below. The school year will finish for children on Friday 18th July 2025.

- INSET #3 Monday 6th January 2025
- INSET #4 Monday 21st July 2025
- INSET #5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary (Christmas dates in green)

- Saturday 7th December- Hanham Christmas Street Fair. CCH Choir performing at 4.00pm
- Monday 9th December- Year 5 to WEMA Christmas Celebration Concert (performance at 5.00pm)
- Tuesday 10th December- EYFS Nativity @9.30am
- Wednesday 11th December- Y3 visit to Stonehenge
- Wednesday 11th December- EYFS Nativity @2.30pm
- Thursday 12th December- Whole school science morning with South Gloucestershire



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- Thursday 12th December- Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome (afternoon)
- Friday 13th December- Friends of CCH 'Elfridges' Christmas Shop
- Monday 16th December- Whole school author visit
- Tuesday 17th December- CCH Choir singing at Abbeyfield Care Home
- Tuesday 17th December- KS1 (Jill Murphy, Oliver Jeffers and Y2 from Emily Gravett Class) Nativity @9.30am
- Tuesday 17th December- Christmas lunch/ jumpers- Julia Donaldson, Jill Murphy, Oliver Jeffers and Emily Gravett Classes
- Wednesday 18th December- KS2 Christmas lunch/ jumpers- Cressida Cowell, Michael Morpurgo, Berlie Doherty, Benjamin Zephaniah and William Shakespeare Classes
- Thursday 19th December- Key Stage 2 (inc. Y3 from Emily Gravett Class) Christmas Service @9.30am
- Thursday 19th December- KS1 (Jill Murphy, Oliver Jeffers and Y2 from Emily Gravett Class) Nativity @2.00pm
- **Friday 20th December- End of term 2**
- Monday 6th January 2025- INSET #3 (school closed to pupils)
- **Tuesday 7th January- Start of term 3**
- Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th January- Year 6 Bikeability
- Wednesday 22nd January- Year 4 visit to Wildwood Saxon Village
- Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Service @9.30am
- Thursday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am

Friends of CCH



Our final total from Cashpot for Schools is £520.53.

Thank you to everyone who helped us to raise this much



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Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
WEMA Event	Year 5	5 th December 2024

Community Information

Fully funded provision for 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 23 December 2024 and Friday 3 January 2025 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 (and for 4 year old who attend a Reception Class)**. 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 places 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 have previously attended a HAF programme– 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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HAF programme Sporting Chance

HAF programme Sporting Chance are running Holiday Sports Camps from Kings Forest Primary School (BS15 4PQ).

Sporting Chance have teamed up with South Gloucestershire Council to offer this to those local families most in need. Children aged 5-11 years (School Years 1 - 6). Open each day 930am - 330pm Themed Sports Days with Create & Explore choice. Healthy snacks and lunches available upon request

Book online: eequ.org/experience/5312

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY CAMPS
Open 8:30am / 10:00am - 3:30pm
For children aged 5-11 years

@ Mangotsfield Primary School, BS16 7EY

Date	Activity
23.12.24	FOOTBALL FANTASTICS
24.12.24	SURVIVAL SKILLS
30.12.24	FOOTBALL FANTASTICS
31.12.24	MINI OLYMPICS
02.01.25	DODGEBALL & INVASION GAMES
03.01.25	SURVIVAL SKILLS

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
USE CODE **EBDXMAS24!**
Ends 8.11.24

@ Stanbridge Primary School, BS16 6AL

Date	Activity
23.12.24	SURVIVAL SKILLS
24.12.24	FOOTBALL FANTASTICS
30.12.24	SURVIVAL SKILLS
31.12.24	DODGEBALL & INVASION GAMES
02.01.25	MULTISPORTS
03.01.25	FOOTBALL FANTASTICS

20% OFF FOR NEW CUSTOMERS
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For more information, scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.sportingchance-csp.co.uk/events>

Ofsted rating: Good (12/2023)

KLARNA now available at checkout - options to 'Pay in 3' or '30 days credit'

share the hope & joy

Christmas Services

at Christ Church, Hanham & St George's, Hanham Abbots

Date	Service	Time	Location	Description
Sunday 8 December	Christingle	3.30pm	at Christ Church	Start your Christmassy countdown, at our magical Candlelit Christingle. Christingle making and craft from 3.30pm. Service starts 4pm.
Sunday 15 December	Traditional Carols by Candlelight	4pm	at Christ Church	(featuring the Hanham Community Pop Up Christmas Choir)
Christmas Eve	Nativity Service	4pm	at Christ Church	All the fun and excitement of a child and adult friendly retelling of the Nativity story through song and audience participation. Children & Adults feel free to dress up.
Christmas Eve	Carols by Candlelight	7pm	at St George's	Come and sing your heart out and hear the Christmas story retold in this small, beautiful, ancient Church.
Christmas Eve	Christmas Communion	9pm	at Christ Church	A new take on Midnight Mass – Communion & Carols. A sacred space before the celebrations of tomorrow.
Christmas Day	Christmas Day Communion	9am	at St George's	An early communion service to pause and worship, to be thankful and thoughtful.



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Christ Church invite you to our count down to Christmas special...

Christingle Service



This Sunday (8th)

3.30pm in the Church hall
to make your Christingle & other Christmas craft fun...



4pm Service in the Church.

Church Rd, Hanham, BS15 3AE

Nativity workshop

Drama/Singing/Dance



Sun 22nd of December
2.30-5.00pm @ Christ Church
practising to perform at the Christmas Eve Nativity Service at 4pm

Aged 8+/max 30 places/all leaders DBS checked. To book a place: Email: officechristchurchhanham@gmail.com or text/WhatsApp 07753383063

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Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

Christ Church invites you to our...

CHRISTMAS EVE



NATIVITY SERVICE

4pm *Children & Adults please do come in... Nativity Costumes!*

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