



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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School & College Member

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #14



Whole School Information

It has been a busy week at CCH with so many things to enjoy and be proud of. Our EYFS children demonstrated what amazing young people they are with two superb performances of their Nativity. Their confidence and enjoyment were clear to see. Our Year 5 classes represented our school brilliantly at the WEMA Christmas Concert in Stoke Gifford, joining three other schools to perform a range of Christmas songs. Yesterday, we all took part in a live online science morning before the most AMAZING trip to The Bristol Hippodrome to watch the pantomime. It was such a great joy to enjoy the show as a school family- for some of our children, it was their first time in a theatre. We believe that watching live performance is a must for all pupils to experience and we are so thankful to The Friends of CCH for making this trip possible!

One week to go...and still many more exciting things to come!

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week our whole school attendance figure is 93.5%.**

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Julia Donaldson	96.5%	Michael Morpurgo	96.9%
Jill Murphy	85.4%	Berlie Doherty	98.8%
Oliver Jeffers	97.0%	Benjamin Zephaniah	93.5%
Emily Gravett	95.0%	William Shakespeare	93.9%
Cressida Cowell	90.0%		

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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Author Visit

We are thrilled that Bristol-born Chris Wheeler and Steve Gunning will be coming to CCH on Monday 16th December. Each class will receive a workshop with this author and illustrator duo who will be discussing their book 'Santa's Secret Agent' which will hopefully inspire our children to write stories and perhaps even ignite a dream to become a future author or illustrator!



Christmas Cards

The last day for sending Christmas Cards will be **Wednesday 18th December** so that we have time to get these distributed to the right children.



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.



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.



Last day of term

On Friday 20th December, children are invited to bring in a board game or other suitable game for playing in school. Please ensure your child's game is labelled or brought to school in a labelled bag so that it returns home with them after school.

Learning Champions

Our termly Learning Champions Assembly will take place on Friday 20th December at 2.30pm. If your child has been chosen as this term's champion, you will receive a text by Monday to invite you to attend the assembly. Please help us to keep this a secret so that it is a surprise on the day for your child.

Champions of Christ Church

Our next Champions of Christ Church Assembly will take place on Thursday 9th January 2025. This is an opportunity for our children to share their out of school achievements and show how they are 'reaching high and dreaming big' in learning outside of the school day. Children can bring in any certificates, awards or medals or just stand up and tell us a bit about their successes.





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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)

- 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



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- 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 Thursday 9th January- Year 6 Bikeability
- Thursday 9th January- Champions of Christ Church Assembly (out of school achievements)
- 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

Upcoming events- please save the date:



**The Friends of CCH
NEED
A TREASURER**

We are looking for a new treasurer to start in January, to allow the charity to continue.

Treasurer role

- Updating the accounting spreadsheets
- Counting money from events and organising floats
- Arranging the payment of expenses
- Submitting the annual return to the Charity Commission and supplying Treasurer Report at the AGM
- Full handover will be given
- This role can be just Treasurer duties alone or you can be part of The Friends team too and help organise the events!

Please email by Jan 10th if you are interested -
friendsofchristchurchhanham@outlook.com

Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Reception NCMP & vision screening email	EYFS	12 th December 2024



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Community Information

Christ Church, Hanham

Carol Service

(Trad: Carols by Candlelight)

This Sunday 4pm

Featuring the... **Hanham Pop-Up Community Choir**

@ Christ Church, Church Rd Hanham (BS15 3AE)

The 'Friends of Christ Church Primary' will be doing refreshments (mulled wine and mince pies) to raise funds for the school.

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

Christ Church, Hanham, BS15 3AE

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP

10am - 5pm
Sat 14th - Sat 21st December

The Curious Play Cafe,
52 Hanham High Street

Local Handmade Vintage

DECEMBER HOLIDAY CAMPS
Open 8:30am / 10:00am - 3:30pm
For children aged 4-11 years

@ Mangotsfield Primary School, BS16 7EY

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

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@ Stanbridge Primary School, BS16 6AL

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30.12.24	SURVIVAL SKILLS
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02.01.25	MULTISPORTS
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CEOP Online Safety Campaign for Parents

#SaferByChristmas

This December, the National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team will be posting a series of tips across X and Facebook called #SaferByChristmas.

#SaferByChristmas starts on 9th December 2024 and will share 12 days of quick, easy actions for parents and carers to take to better protect their children online.

Each post will share actions that can be taken both for the 4 to 10 year old age range and 11 to 17 year olds.

#SaferByChristmas aims to increase the protective capabilities of parents and carers, particularly at a time of year when many children and young people are gifted new devices and when online usage increases with



JUNIOR CHOIR DAY – HOLIDAY COURSE in KEYNSHAM

Friday 3rd January

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to invite your child to join us for a Junior Choir Day 3rd January. This is a fantastic opportunity to join with other children in the area and have fun singing in a choir under the guidance of our highly skilled West of England Music and Arts teachers.

Did you know that singing in a choir is not only fun but develops musical skills, helps build social skills, improves self-confidence and relieves stress.

To be able to join this Junior Choir Day your child must be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6.

WHERE: St Keyna, Primary School, Monmouth Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JP

WHEN: Friday 3rd January

TIME: 9am – 3.30pm. Parents / Carers are invited for a short performance at 3.15pm.

WHAT TO BRING: packed lunch and drinks for the day

WHAT TO WEAR: comfortable clothing

COST: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium.

HOW TO SIGN UP AND PAY: Go to www.wema.org.uk/junior-choir-day

The deadline for applicants is Monday 16th December

I do hope your young musician can join us for this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, please email: music@wema.org.uk

Best wishes

Alice Bodiley

Programme Leader: Groups and Courses

West of England Music and Arts

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NEW! JUNIOR CHOIR FREE TRIAL SESSION Tuesday 14th January

Singers of Junior School Age 7-11

Where: St Keyna Primary School BS31 2JP

Time: 5:45pm - 6:45pm

What: Sing all styles of music from rock to pop, classical to folk.
High quality singing in a fun and relaxed atmosphere

How: Sign up below and come and give it a try



**Book a space: <https://wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres>
Select Keynsham**

Membership is free for students entitled to Pupil Premium. Usual fee is £44.82 per double term



Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

