



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #22

Whole School Information

We have had a super first week back. We started the week looking at how we can train our brains to think 'I can' when faced with a new challenge or something that seems tricky. We discussed how seeing mistakes as a natural part of our learning journey can help us to lose the fear often experienced when stepping outside of our comfort zone. We also enjoyed our Learning Champions assembly where we heard the amazing stories of success of some of our learners- it was great to share this special moment with their parents and families too.

Next week, we look forward to a visit from the Bishop of Swindon who will be coming to see us in action and learn about our flourishing church school!

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **Our whole school attendance figure for this week is 96.0%.**

Class	Term 3 Attendance
Julia Donaldson	93.2%
Jill Murphy	95.7%
Oliver Jeffers	97.1%
Emily Gravett	98.1%
Cressida Cowell	96.8%
Michael Morpurgo	96.9%
Berlie Doherty	97.2%
Benjamin Zephaniah	97.3%
William Shakespeare	92.1%

Well done to the classes in green who have met or exceeded our target this week.

Medical absence and lateness

We would like to remind all families that, as per our Attendance Policy, **all medical appointments should be made outside of school hours**. Where it is impossible to arrange an appointment outside of the school day, our office team will ask for written/ photographic proof of the medical appointment.

If your child arrives after 8.55am, this is classified as 'late'. Parents/ Carers must bring the child into the main reception area and sign them in on the screen. **Adults must state the reason for the lateness** as this is logged on our attendance system so that we can track and monitor patterns of lateness and absence.



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Learning Champions

At the end of each term, teachers select one child from each class to receive the CCH Learning Champion award. Learning Champions, consistently and consciously, use all of our learning gems to make the most of every learning opportunity. We heard such amazing stories about last term's champions who are flourishing as successful learners and role models for all of our CCH family.



Visit from our MP

Today, we were delighted to welcome our local MP, Dan Norris, to CCH. Mr Norris met with our Pupil Leadership Team and had a tour of our school. Our pupils were so excited to tell him all about our amazing school and the opportunities they have. Mr Norris was also very impressed with our pupils' 'right response' - the way we greet one another at CCH!

Mr Norris also spoke to leaders and governors about CCH being one of the schools to receive funding for the new free Breakfast Club programme being trialled by the Government. As an early adopter school, we look forward to being able to open up a free breakfast provision for our whole school supported by funding from the DfE during the summer term. We will then feed back to the Department so that they can ensure that the national programme is successful and cost effective for schools.





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CCH English Week

Our annual English Week, where we celebrate all things reading and writing, takes place next week. There is plenty to look forward to and we are fortunate to have another author visit us at the end of the week; this will, hopefully, inspire some of our children to want to take up writing as a hobby and maybe even a future career! We all look forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and seeing everyone in their costumes. We do not expect families to have to spend lots of money on costumes so think creatively about accessories or recycling something from a previous year. This year, they will be able to maximise their time in their outfit as we have our World Book Day Disco taking place after school on this day. Finally, we hope that parents/ carers/ grandparents will be able to join us for our 'Breakfast and Books' event which will take place in the hall on Friday 7th March at 8.25am. Please do join your child/ children to enjoy a story and a snack!

Mobile Phones

We are seeing an increasing number of children bringing their mobile phones onto school site and using these before the start of the school day. As many of these are older children who walk to school independently, it is impossible to monitor what they are accessing at this time. **Our policy is that mobile phones are not to be used in school. This includes the school grounds.**

From next week, please speak to your child and remind them that once they enter the school grounds, phones must be in their bags/ pockets and given to a member of staff once the morning bell rings.

We have also seen some recent issues regarding behaviour on WhatsApp. **We would like to remind families that the legal age for WhatsApp is 13.** If you choose for your child to use this app, please speak to them about appropriate use and that they should not be posting any comments or images that are designed to upset or make another person feel targeted.

Healthy Snacks

Children in EYFS and KS1 have access to fruit provided by school at break times. Children in KS2 are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break- **this must be vegetables, fruit or a healthy cereal bar.**

We have noticed some children are either bringing in unhealthy snacks or going into their lunchboxes to take food for break time. Please remind your child that crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted at break times and will be removed if seen in the playground. **We will be talking to all children about not going into their lunchboxes during the day so please ensure that any break time snacks are not put into their lunch boxes as they will not be able to retrieve these.** Thank you for your support.



Year 6 SATS Information Session

Thank you for joining Mrs Ealey at the information session for Year 6 this week. The presentation slides are attached with this bulletin.



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Parent-Teacher Meetings

Our spring term parent-teacher consultations will take place towards the end of next term. Further information about how to book your appointment will be shared shortly.

Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April for all classes (apart from Cressida Cowell Class)

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd April for Cressida Cowell Class

INSET

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- INSET #4 Monday 21st July 2025
- INSET #5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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- INSET #1 Monday 1st September 2025
- INSET #2 Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dates for your diary (new dates added since last edition)

- Friday 28th February- CCH Choir to Young Voices Concert in Birmingham
- [Monday 3rd March- Bishop of Swindon visit to CCH](#)
- w/b 3rd March- CCH English Week
- Thursday 6th March- World Book Day- come dressed as a book character/ costume inspired by books
- Thursday 6th March- Friends of CCH World Book Day Disco
- Friday 7th March- Breakfast and Books @8.25am
- [Tuesday 11th March – Community Breakfast with Tracy Baker \(School Nurse\) 8.20am](#)
- [Thursday 13th March – Community Breakfast with Matt Andrews \(Educational Mental Health Practitioner\) 8.20am](#)
- Thursday 20th March- Year 6 ukulele showcase to families @9.00am
- [Friday 28th March – Friends of CCH Fantastic Females Pop Up Shop](#)
- Friday 28th March- Year 5 drumming showcase to families @3.00pm
- Monday 31st March- Parent-Teacher Consultations (not Cressida Cowell Class)
- Tuesday 1st April- Parent-Teacher Consultations (Cressida Cowell Class only)
- Wednesday 2nd April- Parent-Teacher Consultations (all classes)
- [Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Service EYFS, JM, OJ and Year 2 from EG Class @9.30am; Year 3 EG Class and KS2 @ 10.15am](#)



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- **Friday 4th April- End of term 4**
- **Tuesday 22nd April- Start of term 5**
- Wednesday 23rd April- Year 4 Explorer Dome experience
- w/b 12th May- Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
- Thursday 15th May- Year 5 visit to Living Rainforest
- w/b 19th May- CCH Sports' Week
- Wednesday 21st May- Sports' Day
- **Friday 23rd May – Friends of CCH Colour Run**
- **Friday 23rd May- End of term 5**
- **Monday 2nd June- Start of term 6**
- w/b 2nd June- Year 6 residential to Okehampton
- w/b 9th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- w/b 16th June- CCH Arts' Week
- Tuesday 24th June- Class photographs
- **Saturday 5th July – Friends of CCH Summer Fayre**
- Thursday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am
- **Friday 18th July- Last day of term 6 for pupils. School day ends at 2.20pm.**
- **Monday 21st July- INSET #4. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 22nd July- INSET #5. School closed to pupils**

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- **Monday 1st September 2025- INSET #1. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 2nd September 2025- INSET #2. School closed to pupils**

Friends of CCH

We need your pre-loved books!

We're collecting children's books of all types to sell at our pop-up book shop, to mark the end of English Week at CCH! 📖🌟

We're asking families to donate good quality, pre-loved books from 8:30am on Friday 7th March. We're especially keen for donations of ages 5–8 and 9–12 chapter books!

So, please have a rummage, and bring them along with you next Friday morning.

As we don't want to end up with a surplus of books, we're limiting donations to two books per family – thank you.

Along with BOOKS (all £1), we're also selling our brilliant WONKY BARS (£2 each) at our pop-up book shop ... will you find one with a golden ticket inside?! 🎫





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National Book Tokens and Smyths toy shop vouchers to be won! 📖

★ FINAL CHANCE ★

Ticket sales close on Friday

🎱 It's disco time 🎱

Thursday 6th March

EYFS - Year 3 disco 3:40-4:40 (straight from school, children will be taken from class by their teachers).

Year 4 - Year 6 disco 5pm - 6pm

The friends have arranged for a professional DJ to come and host a disco for the children.

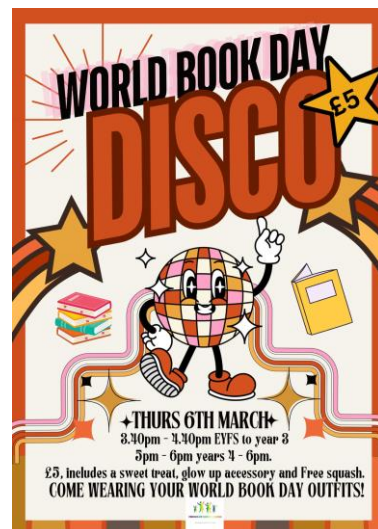
Tickets are £5 which include the 1 hour disco, a light up item, one snack (cookie or crisps or donut) and squash. To book your child a ticket please use this link for the

EYFS - Year 3 disco bit.ly/CCH-disco-EYFS-Y1-Y2-Y3

Year 4 - Year 6 disco bit.ly/CCH-disco-Y4-Y5-Y6

Collection of children will be from their normal classrooms for EYFS-yr 3 disco.

Collection of children will be from the main hall for yr 4-6 disco.



Date for the Diary:

Thursday 6th November – Firework Display



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Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
SATs information evening slides	Year 6	With this bulletin
Bikeability reminder email	Year 5	25 th February 2025
Walk Through Hanham	Year 1	26 th February 2025

Community Information

Wider Community Offers and Information

Five Rivers Fostering

Five reasons to change a child's life through fostering

- 1 To give children the chance to have a brighter and happier future.
- 2 To offer children a positive experience of family life.
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TUESDAY 8TH APRIL - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

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Open 8:30am / 10:00am - 3:30pm
For children aged 4-11 years (Reception to Year Six inclusive)

CHOOSE CRICKET

Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation

PRIMARY SCHOOLS CRICKET PROGRAMME FOR BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS

MOTIVATE Young people to achieve their personal best

DEVELOP Fundamental movement skills

FUN Through inclusive and engaging activity

INSPIRE Children to become active and enjoy physical activity

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Coaches who are minimum Level 2 qualified, hold ECB DBS enhanced clearance, are up to date with Safeguarding Young Cricketers Certification and are First Aid trained.
- Teacher support through informal mentoring and free online resources.
- A varied programme that encompasses all skills of cricket – running, catching, throwing, striking, bowling, agility, balance, and co-ordination.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

Schools Coaching Programme

- A Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation coach will come to your school and deliver sessions to your chosen class/teams.
- We can deliver to multiple classes throughout a day, one class of approximately 30 at a time, sessions up to an hour.
- This is available in school terms 1, 2, 3 or 6.
- Schools can book whole mornings, whole afternoons with or without an after-school club.
- Schools can book multiple coaches, this would mean the price would double.

Delivery Period	AM (1 session)	PM (2 sessions)	PM + After School Club	Full Day	Full Day + After School Club
1 Term Only	£35ph	£30ph	£30ph	£130 per day	£150 per day
2 Terms	£22.50ph	£25ph	£25ph	£115 per day	£130 per day

OR YOU MIGHT LIKE...

All Stars or Dynamos Cricket After School Club

- Children sign up through the link we provide.
- All Stars (Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3) receive personalised shirt, Dynamos (Year 4, 5 & 6) also receive personalised shirt.
- Cost to parent - All Stars £30/Dynamos £40.
- This will be a whole school half-term (usually 6 weeks).
- This is available in school terms 1, 5 or 6.
- Cost to school - FREE.

Free Opportunities

- Whole school assembly - An opportunity for us to promote cricket in a 15-minute presentation using video and interactive delivery (available any term).
- Teacher training - An informal session which aims to boost teachers' confidence to run cricket at your school. Usually delivered after school for up to 90 minutes.
- Schools are welcome to buddy up; we can deliver a localised session to support cluster schools.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We are keen to tailor delivery so we meet every school's needs. Book with Chris now:
Chris Munden, Operations Manager
chris.munden@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org
07557 924941

Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation

"Hanham Cricket Club has launched a new U11 team and is looking for players to join! Indoor training sessions are now running at Hanham Woods Academy on Sunday afternoons—come along and give it a try! No cricket experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to have fun. For more details please contact us at <https://hanhamcc.play-cricket.com/home>."



GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024



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Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

