



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #38

Whole School Information

Thank you to all of you who attended our Summer Fayre last weekend. Despite the unpredictable British weather, a lot of fun was had by all especially those brave enough to try Mr Harding's Karaoke booth! As we near the end of term, we can stand back and see how our children are flourishing. The CCH Choir showcase was an amazing example of how wonderfully talented our children are and how fortunate we are to work with them every day.

We now prepare ourselves for the final week of the school year. This is always a week full of different emotions such excitement, tiredness, sadness but most of all, it is a time to stop and reflect on the wonderful year we have had and all the things we are grateful for. It has been another successful year for Team CCH and we have lots to celebrate. We look forward to our final five days together as a school family as we near the summer break...

Farewells

As we prepare for the final week of the year, we have to say farewell to members of our CCH family. Thank you for being part of our school and we know you will all continue to shine brightly and flourish as you move on to your next adventure.

Pupil goodbyes: Eli, Wilf, Caterina, Ruby, Alfie, Kahil and Heath.

Staff goodbyes: Miss Weldrake, Miss Holmes, Miss Carter, Miss Horseman, Miss Buckley, Miss Phillips, Miss Williams, Miss Busby and Mr Ladjimi.

Weekly attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **Our whole school attendance figure for this week is 94.1%.**

Class	Week 6
Julia Donaldson	95.0%
Jill Murphy	95.5%
Oliver Jeffers	96.4%
Emily Gravett	96.5%
Cressida Cowell	87.5%
Michael Morpurgo	96.1%
Berlie Doherty	93.6%
Benjamin Zephaniah	90.4%
William Shakespeare	95.5%

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Early finish on last day of term

Please remember that, on Friday 18th July, school will finish at 2.20pm for all classes. Year 6 will make their final exit from CCH at 2.30pm from the hall doors as per Christ Church tradition.

New school booking system

We are streamlining our systems to make things simpler and more efficient for families.

From September, we will no longer be using ParentPay or Teachers2Parents. Instead, **Arbor** will be our main platform for communication, payments, and general school information. The only other platform will be School Grid which will remain in use for all meal-related matters as it is the system used by our catering provider.

Bookings for wraparound care, for September, will be available to book through **Arbor** from **Monday, 14th July**. If you experience any issues, please speak to the school office during the last week of term or once we return in September.

All remaining Childcare voucher balances on ParentPay will be transferred to Arbor during the summer.

We have had confirmation from the DfE that they would like us to continue to trial our free breakfast club provision in September. This provision runs from 8.15 to 8.45am and is free for all children. Children have the choice of a piece of toast or a bowl of cereal along with a drink. If you would like your child/ children to attend, please sign up **via Arbor by 9am on Friday 18th July 2025**.

To help you with the booking process, please see the following guide:

👉 **How to sign your child up for Breakfast or After-School Club on the Parent Portal or Arbor App - <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/4407797520017-Signing-my-child-up-for-a-Breakfast-or-After-School-Club-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>**

If you need help logging into Arbor, you can also view this guide:

👉 **Log into the Parent Portal and Parent App - <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Parent-App>**

Thank you for your support as we make this transition.

End of year reports and parent/ carer drop-in

Annual reports will be sent home on Monday 14th July. We have slightly changed the format this year to make it easier to understand your child's strengths and successes.

On Wednesday 16th July, teachers will be available between 3.30 and 4.30pm if you would like to discuss anything about your child's report.

Walking to church

On Thursday 17th July, we will all be walking to church for the Year 6 Leavers' Service. If you are able to support with walking to and from the church, please let the office know. Due to the capacity of the church, the service is for Year 6 parents/ carers only but we should be able to find a space in church for any helpers to wait if that is required. Thank you in advance.

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Layby and parking around school

The layby outside the main school entrance has now been re-purposed as a coach drop-off point. **This means that there can be no parking, at any time, by parents from CCH or HWA.** This also means that no vehicle should drive into the layby area unless they are a permit holder. **Please be responsible and help to keep the front of our school safe at all times by parking safely away from school and walking to the school site.**

Summer Reading Challenge

As a school in which reading sits at the heart of all we do, we would love to be top of the South Gloucestershire charts this summer for the school with the most completed reading challenges. Reading is one of the most important skills in life as it unlocks doors to so many other areas. We also really enjoy a good story at CCH and so what better time to select six books to sit and enjoy reading- at home, on holiday or wherever you feel comfortable!



Please take your child to their local library to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. **This year, any child who completes the challenge and brings in their medal for our first Champions of Christ Church Assembly will be put into a prize draw (one winner from EYFS/KS1 and one winner from KS2) to win a brand new set of books to keep and enjoy!**

Changes to drop-off window and start of school day

As a legacy from the pandemic, for the last few years, we have kept our drop-off window in place. After a review of our attendance and punctuality and looking at how we can maximise learning time in the mornings, we will be reducing the length of our drop-off window from September 2025.

Next year, the drop-off window will run from 8.45am to 8.50am. All children must be in class by 8.50am as this is when the register will be taken.

Proformance Clubs



[Year 1-4 Football](#)

[Year 1+2 Gymnastics](#)

[KS2 Tag-rugby](#)

[Year 5+6 Football](#)

[Year 2-6 Handball](#)



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Diary dates

To help all of our families with planning, I have included most of the key dates for next academic year below.

INSET

2024- 25

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

We have now confirmed our five INSET days for next academic year. We have selected Friday 1st May in order to provide families with an opportunity for a long weekend as Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday.

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- INSET #1 Monday 1st September 2025
- INSET #2 Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- INSET #3 Monday 20th October 2025
- INSET #4 Monday 5th January 2026
- INSET #5 Friday 1st May 2026

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

- Monday 14th July- Annual reports sent to families
- Monday 14th July- Year 6 production @6.00pm
- Tuesday 15th July- Year 6 production @1.45pm
- **Wednesday 16th July- Year 6 transition workshop with Reverend Steve**
- Wednesday 16th July- CCH Music Showcase @2.00pm (for families of pupils who are receiving instrument/ singing tuition)
- Wednesday 16th July- Optional parent/ carer drop-in to discuss annual report, 3.30- 4.30pm
- 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. Final farewell to Year 6 at 2.30pm**
- **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**
- **Wednesday 3rd September- Start of term for pupils**

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- Wednesday 10th September- Meet the teacher/ Welcome to Class session for families: 3.40- 4.05pm and 4.10- 4.35pm
- Monday 15th September- Year 6 residential information session for families @5.30pm
- Wednesday 17th September- EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents/ carers @2.30pm
- Monday 22nd September- EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents/ carers @5.00pm
- Monday 29th September- EYFS Welcome Service @ 2.00pm
- Monday 13th October- Harvest Service (afternoon)
- **Monday 20th October- INSET #3. School closed to pupils**
- Wednesday 22nd October- Year 6 trip to Lifeskills
- Wednesday 22nd October- EYFS Information Evening for 2026 cohort @5.30pm
- **Friday 24th October- End of term 1**
- **Monday 3rd November- Start of term 2**
- Thursday 6th November- CCH Fireworks Celebration
- Tuesday 11th November - CCH Remembrance Service @10.45am
- Tuesday 9th December- EYFS Nativity to families @2.30pm
- Wednesday 10th December- EYFS Nativity to families @9.30am
- Tuesday 16th December- KS1 Nativity to families @9.30am
- Thursday 18th December- KS2 Christmas Celebration Service @9.30am
- Thursday 18th December- KS1 Nativity to families @2.00pm
- **Friday 19th December- Last day of term 2. School finishes at 2.30pm**
- **Monday 5th January 2026- INSET #4. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026- Start of term 3**
- Monday 2nd February- Year 6 SATs information session for families @5.30pm
- **Friday 13th February- End of term 3**
- **Monday 23rd February- Start of term 4**
- Wednesday 1st April- Easter Service @9.30am
- **Thursday 2nd April- Last day of term 4. School finishes at 2.30pm**
- **Monday 20th April- Start of term 5**
- **Friday 1st May- INSET #5. School closed to pupils**
- w/b 11th May- Year 6 SATs Week
- w/b 18th May- CCH Sports Week
- Wednesday 20th May- Sports Day
- **Friday 22nd May- Last day of term 5**
- **Monday 1st June- Start of term 6**



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- w/b 8th June- Year 1 Phonics Check and Year 4 Multiplication Check
- w/b 15th June- Year 6 residential to Okehampton
- Monday 13th July- Annual reports sent to families
- Tuesday 14th July- Year 6 production to families @1.45pm
- Wednesday 15th July- Optional parent/ carer drop-in to discuss reports
- Wednesday 15th July- Year 6 production to families @6.00pm
- Monday 20th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am
- **Tuesday 21st July- Last day of term 6. Class family picnic @12.30pm. School day ends at 1.20pm. Final farewell to Year 6 at 1.30pm**

Friends of CCH

Upcoming events- please save the date:



Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Swimming Tuition	Year 6	With this bulletin

Community Information

Wider Community Offers and Information



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Yours faithfully,

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