



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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Whole School Information

And, just like that, another year has come to an end!

It has been another wonderful year for Team CCH with lots to celebrate and be proud of. I will prepare an overview of our key achievements to share with you early in the new academic year but some of these are included below for your information.

We have many exciting plans for next year as we continue our journey as a church school at the heart of our community. Our purpose remains the same: ensuring that each and every member of our school family is nurtured so that they can grow and flourish as learners-and more importantly as wonderfully unique humans!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Flourishing in learning

Our key academic attainment measures continue to climb for our children. Our bespoke curriculum alongside our relentless drive for excellence has supported our children to achieve above the national average once again.

Attainment measure	% children achieving good level of development (GLD)	National comparison	
EYFS	83%	68% (2024 national)	
	% children achieving the phonics check	National comparison	
Year 1 Phonics	91%	80% (2024 national)	
	% children achieving expected standard in reading (national comparison)	% children achieving expected standard in writing (national comparison)	% children achieving expected standard in maths (national comparison)
Year 6 SATS	76% (75% 2025 national)	82% (72% 2025 national)	82% (74% 2025 national)



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Flourishing through sport

We are pleased to share that we have, again, been awarded the School Games Gold Mark in recognition of the sporting provision we provide for our pupils across the school. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



This is our fourth year in a row where we have successfully achieved our Gold status. A huge thank you to Miss Carter for leading us in gaining this significant award.

Flourishing through music

This time of year really helps us to see how the opportunities we provide across, and beyond, the curriculum support our children to grow and flourish in many ways. Music is a core pillar of CCH and we have seen many children, once again, learning to play a musical instrument or learning how to sing and perform.



The whole of Cressida Cowell and Michael Morpurgo enjoyed 30 weeks of cello tuition, Year 5 enjoyed 10 weeks of drumming tuition and Year 6 made the most of their 10 weeks of ukulele lessons. We have also seen an increase in the number of pupils learning an instrument or taking up vocal tuition; the Summer Showcases these past few days have really shown what amazingly talented children we have in our school family. Our CCH Choir has continued to grow in size and skill and they have enjoyed visits to our local care homes, performances at fayres and the annual Young Voices concert. We are so proud of the quality of singing at CCH and the joy it brings to everyone.

Next year, we will be focussing on improving the opportunities for our children to perform and share their talents so watch this space...

Flourishing as wonderful people

During the last week, we have celebrated our Values and Learning Champions.

The children who were awarded the Values Champion trophy have demonstrated, and lived out, our core values of friendship, peace, hope, forgiveness, respect and compassion all year. Our Learning Champions were awarded this accolade for drawing upon, and using, our learning gems and displaying the attitudes, skills and behaviours of successful learners. Our motto of 'reaching high, dreaming big, filled with the fullness of God's love' was clear to see as we heard about our amazing champions and how they have consistently applied themselves to be the best they can be whilst also inspiring and supporting their peers.





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Our values underpin our relationships and guide the way we behave at CCH. We witnessed a true example of children living out our values this week. Four girls held a sale in order to raise money for a cancer charity. Their kindness, generosity and compassion resulted in them raising £180.50 for their charity. What amazing human beings- we are so proud of you!

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **Our whole school attendance figure for this year is 95.1% (unvalidated).**

We will continue our work to improve attendance further and wish to work with our families to overcome any barriers. The governors and I urge all families to refrain from taking children out of school during term time.



Class	Week 6
Julia Donaldson	93.8%
Jill Murphy	95.5%
Oliver Jeffers	96.0%
Emily Gravett	95.7%
Cressida Cowell	93.8%
Michael Morpurgo	95.2%
Berlie Doherty	95.7%
Benjamin Zephaniah	95.3%
William Shakespeare	95.0%

SENCo update

We are pleased to share that Mrs Amy Pope will be taking on the role of Interim Inclusion Lead and SENCo from September. Mrs Pope is a key part of our Inclusion and Pastoral Team and has worked closely with Miss Weldrake and myself over the past few years; she is, therefore, well-placed to lead on SEND provision next year. You will already know about the tremendous work she does as our Pupil and Family Support Leader and this will continue. Mrs Pope will work one day per week as SENCo but be on site four days per week, in total, fulfilling her other roles.

In September, we will share more information about how her role will work and how parents/ carers can contact her.

Congratulations

We would like to send our very best wishes to two members of the team who are getting married over the summer. Miss Vyas will be getting married and returning as Mrs Vyas. Miss Bennett will also be celebrating her wedding during the summer and she will return as Mrs Withers.





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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, are now available to book through **Arbor**. If you experience any issues, please speak to the school office 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**.

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.

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

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.

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GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024



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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.

2025- 26

- 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 21st July- INSET #4. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 22nd July- INSET #5. School closed to pupils**

2025- 26 Academic Year

- **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**
- 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

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- **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**
- 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**



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AGE 7-12

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A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

PARENTS PLUS
Parenting When Separated

A 6-week course starting on Thursday 2nd October – Thursday 13th November 9.30-12

This course will be held at Christchurch Primary School, Hanham, Bristol, BS15 3LA

For more information or to reserve your place contact relationships@southglos.gov.uk or Tel 07900703452

There is no course on Thursday 30th October due to the school holiday.

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Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.

Attention Parents

Are you parenting a child with ADHD?

Join our Parents Plus 'Children's ADHD Programme' and meet other parents of children aged 6-12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential.

Supporting parents to:

- Personally cope and manage stress
- Understand ADHD and how to help your child
- Problem-solve and deal with challenges
- Understand the role of medication

Supporting children to:

- Have a positive understanding of ADHD
- Gain confidence and self-esteem
- Navigate school and homework
- Manage feelings and build friendships

An 8-week supportive group taking place every Thursday From 2nd October 2025 to 27th November 2025 (excluding half term break)

It will take place in Kingswood Hub from 10:00am – 12:30pm. The course will be facilitated by family support workers from the Families Plus 5-18 Team

For more information, or if you would like to sign up, please contact us by email: parentingadhd@southglos.gov.uk

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An 8-week supportive group taking place every Tuesday From 30th September 2025 to 25th November 2025 (excluding half term break)

It will take place in Patchway Community Centre from 10:00am – 12:30pm. The course will be facilitated by family support workers from the Families Plus 5-18 Team

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<https://www.facebook.com/share/1HumxZnDhL/>

Somerset earth science centre have a summer open day on the 16th august, with a Mary Anning exhibition and activities, geo trail, cakes and refreshments

You bring along your rocks and fossils for identification, view hundreds of specimens and talk to experts.





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Wider Community Offers and Information

If you need urgent help in terms of safeguarding during the summer, please contact the Access and Response Team (ART) on 01454 866000.

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=nL_Gefl46mGI&familychannel=1-6&channel=family



 

Bikeability - Cycle Training for the 21st Century

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING COURSES
BEFORE BOOKING YOUR COURSE, PLEASE READ BELOW CAREFULLY

- All courses are subject to a £5 Booking Fee which is non-refundable, so please make sure you book the correct course for your child.
- Places are limited so they are booked on a first come basis. Please only book 1 course for each child during the holiday.
- The child must have a roadworthy bike with 2 working brakes and have a properly fitting helmet.

Bikeability Learn to Ride This course is for School Year 3 and above.

This session is for trainees who cannot ride a bike with pedals without stabilisers, including older children who have never mastered the skill. The session lasts 1.5 hours. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Learn to Ride skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Learn to Ride and a Level 1 course within the same holiday period.

Level 1 This course is for School Year 3 and above who can cycle without stabilisers. This session is intended for existing riders to build on their confidence and to learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or a closed car park. For more details about the content go to: [Bikeability Level 1](#). Session lasts 1.5 hours.

Level 2 This course is for School Year 5 and above who can cycle confidently and with control. This is a one-day course from 9:15am - 2:45pm. There is an initial assessment in the playground covering level 1 skills to ensure they are ready for on-road training. Once out on the road, they will learn about road position, which road user has priority and when, and how to recognise typical hazards as well as manoeuvring through junctions. For more details about the content of the course, go to: [Bikeability Level 2](#).

Level 3 Trainees must be in School Year 6 or above. This course is for competent riders. All riders **MUST** have completed a level 2 course to an acceptable level prior to enrolling on this course. An acceptable level is where on the back of their level 2 certificate each box is ticked either **Independently** or **With More Practice**. (If any of the boxes are ticked as either **With Some Assistance** or **Not Yet Attempted** they should attend another Level 2 course. Riders need time to absorb and practise the Level 2 skills, therefore they **MUST NOT** attend a Level 2 and a Level 3 course within the same holiday period.

This 2-hour course aims to equip riders with skills for more challenging roads and traffic situations such as using multi-lane roundabouts and traffic lights, passing queuing traffic, road narrowing, understanding blind spots and how to perceive and deal with hazards. For more details about the content, go to: [Bikeability Level 3](#).

Courses are being held at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway, Bristol BS14 4DQ, Bradley Stoke Community Secondary School, Elderswood Lane, Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, Walsgrove Primary School, Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2LE.

To book on one of the above courses please log onto <https://southglos.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

All instructors are DBS checked and work for the Council's Road Safety Team. **£600000** certificates are awarded to all trainees who successfully complete the course.

Please note courses are subject to a minimum number of children attending on the date. Locations of training may vary according to availability.

Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

