



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #1

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope everyone managed to enjoy the summer holidays and the abundance of sunshine we had. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back this week; we have been so impressed at the way in which they have settled back into our routines and modelled our school expectations and values. This is going to enable all of us to reach high, dream big and have a successful year!

Staffing updates

During the summer holidays, Mr Rui (Teaching Partner) was successful in gaining a place on a PGCE programme. Having been inspired to take up teaching whilst working at CCH, Mr Rui has now moved on so that he can undertake his training. We wish him the very best of luck.

This week, we have welcomed three new members to our school family. Mr Ben Worsop joins us as Year 5 class teacher, Miss Louise Newman joins us as a Teaching Partner in Year 1 and Miss Isobel Hardwell joins us as a Teaching Partner in EYFS and Year 1.

Meet the Teacher

We hope that you will be able to join us for our **Meet the Teacher sessions being held on Wednesday 9th September**. These sessions will give you the chance to explore your child's new classroom, meet their teacher and find out about the learning journey and opportunities on offer this year.

Teachers will run two identical sessions from 3.40pm until 4.05pm and from 4.10pm until 4.35pm. We hope you can join us. There is no requirement to sign up in advance.

Uniform Expectations

Thank you for sending your child/ children back to school in the correct uniform. Uniform is an important part of school life, helping us all to feel equal and building identity and belonging as a school team. Our uniform expectations are below. If you have any issues with obtaining the correct uniform, please visit our Swap Shop which is fully stocked with uniform for all age groups. The items in our Swap Shop are completely free in order to help all of our children feel part of our school.

Please can we also remind families that the following items **are not permitted in school:**

- Jewellery such as rings or necklaces as these can be potentially unsafe during break times and PE lessons
- Make-up
- Nail varnish
- False nails/ eyelashes

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Simple stud earrings are permitted. Children can wear a simple watch to school. Smart watches are not permitted for safeguarding reasons.

Mobile Phones

From 1st September 2026, new statutory guidance came into effect in relation to the use of mobile phones in school. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools/mobile-phones-in-schools>

The new guidance which all schools must follow clearly states that:

“All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only.”

Therefore, we are now requesting that children only bring a mobile phone to school if it is absolutely necessary for their safety, i.e. they are travelling to and from school independently. If children are being accompanied by an adult to and from school, they do not need to bring a mobile phone with them.

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and they need to take their mobile phone to school for safety reasons because they are travelling to school independently, please complete this MS Form inform us.

Mobile Phones in School Agreement – Fill in form

By completing this form, you are stating that you and your child understand the following:

- Mobile phones are not permitted to be visible or used whilst on school premises (including the playground).
- Mobile phones must be placed in the teacher's mobile phone box as soon as the school building is entered.
- Mobile phones will be handed back as children are dismissed from school. The mobile phone needs to remain in bags/ pockets until children are outside of the school gates.
- If a mobile phone is not handed in or is visible/ being used on the school site, the school will follow the behaviour policy and may need to issue appropriate sanctions which could include confiscation.

We will be discussing these changes with children in Year 5 and Year 6 so that they understand the new guidance and the reasons behind this. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Allergies

From 1st September 2026, the DfE has put in place new statutory guidance for schools in relation to allergies as part of Benedict's Law. As part of this, we have written an allergy policy which will shortly be available on our website. Please be aware that we have both children and adults in school with allergies and so we all need to be mindful of this when sending snacks and packed lunches in to school. We ask all families to support our allergy-aware approach by **not sending nuts or nut-containing products into school**. This helps us reduce the risk for children and adults who have severe allergies.





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Fidget Toys

We have been reviewing resources used in school and would like to remind all families that any toys from home, including soft toys, home fidget toys and putty are not permitted. We absolutely recognise that some children benefit from a resource to regulate and aid concentration; in school we use 'monkey noodles' as our chosen tool to meet this need.

Last year, we saw an increase in toys being brought from home which would often get lost or broken causing distress to children. Additionally, we are moving away from using putty as a regulatory tool as it goes off very quickly and can cause damage to clothing, hair and carpets. We will continue to use putty for hand strengthening as suggested for specific children by an outside professional.

Class teachers will have 'monkey noodles' available for those children who benefit from a regulatory tool.

Moving forward please ensure any home fidgets are kept at home.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Champions of CCH

Our first Champions Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 21st October**. This is a time for children to share their successes and achievements from outside of school. We are hoping to see many of our children with their Summer Reading Challenge medals and certificates at this assembly.

Wrap around Care

After a review with our governors, we have made the decision to apply a small increase to our prices for Breakfast Club and After School Club. This change reflects increases in the staff, food and utility costs. We are keen to provide an affordable service for our families but we cannot afford to run this at a loss. As our prices have remained unchanged for a number of years, we hope that our families will understand why we have taken this decision. In order to offset the impact of the price increase for families with multiple children at school, we are introducing a discounted rate for siblings. **These changes will come into effect from Monday 2nd November 2026.**

Breakfast Club

Current fees	£4.00
From 2 nd November 2026	£4.50
A session is 7:30 until 8:45, Monday to Friday, term time only	

After School Club

Current fees	£8.50 <i>15:30 to 18:00, Monday to Thursday, term time only</i>
From 2 nd November 2026	£5.00 <i>15:30 to 16:30, Monday to Thursday, term time only</i>
	£10.00 (discounted to £8.50 for any additional siblings) <i>15:30 to 18:00, Monday to Thursday, term time only</i>

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We will continue to run our free Breakfast Club (FBC) in September. We are one of only 3 schools in South Gloucestershire to offer this as part of the DfE's ambition for free childcare in all schools. Our FBC is open to all year groups and runs from 8.15 to 8.45am, Monday to Friday. Children attending can have a piece of toast or a bowl of cereal along with a drink.

Starting School in September 2027?

Is your child due to start school in September 2027 or do you know a local family who are looking for a Reception place for September 2027?

We are pleased to share the dates for prospective parents/ carers to visit CCH and find out about how we enable our children to flourish. Please share this information with friends and local neighbours.

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EYFS Tours for children due to start school in September 2027

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will be due to start school in September 2027.

We would be delighted to welcome you and your child to Christ Church Hanham CE Primary School in order to tell you more about our school, our wonderful children and what we have to offer. Our prospective parent sessions, delivered over three separate events, are designed to give you as much information about our school as possible.

As the only Church of England school within Hanham, we provide a place of excellence where our children are loved and nurtured, empowering them to grow and flourish as confident, successful and happy young people. At Christ Church Hanham, we reach high and dream big knowing that anything is possible!

Part 1: Tour of the school

Come and see our school in action and talk to the children and staff on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday 29th September 2026 @9.30am
- Monday 5th October 2026 @2.00pm
- Friday 19th October 2026 @9.30am
- Tuesday 20th October 2026 @9.30am
- Wednesday 4th November 2026 @2.00pm

Children are very welcome to join you on the tour!

Part 2: Welcome to Christ Church Hanham Information Evening

This will be an information session which will last for approximately 1 hour. We will provide you with an overview of the school, our vision and values and information about how children learn in the EYFS. This will be followed by a Question and Answer session.

This will take place on:

- Wednesday 11th November 2026 @5.30pm

*We will be hosting this meeting on Microsoft Teams as well for parents/ carers who are unable to attend in person.

Part 3: 'Stay and Play' session for children

Seeing how your child responds to the environment is key in helping you to make a decision about the right school. With this in mind, we would like to invite you and your child/ children to a short 'Stay and Play' session to explore life in a Reception classroom!

These will take place on the following dates:

- Monday 19th November 2026 @3.45pm
- Saturday 21st November 2026 @10.00am
- Wednesday 25th November 2026 @3.45pm

To book your place, please email office@christchurchhanham.org.uk with your name, telephone number and email address, stating which session(s) date you wish to attend. We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!

Term Dates 2026-27

Term 1	Term 3	Term 5
Tuesday 1 st September to Friday 23 rd October INSET #1 Tuesday 1st September INSET #2 Wednesday 2nd September INSET #3 Monday 19th October	Monday 4 th January 2027 to Friday 12 th February INSET #4 Monday 4th January	Monday 12 th April to Friday 28 th May
Term 2	Term 4	Term 6
Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December	Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March	Monday 7 th June to Wednesday 21 st July INSET #5 Wednesday 21st July

Dates for your diary (new dates added since last edition/ Friends of CCH events)

2026-27

- Wednesday 9th September- Meet the Teacher/ Welcome to our Class sessions for families @3.40pm and 4.10pm
- Monday 14th September- Year 6 Residential information session for families @5.30pm

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- Wednesday 16th September- Phonics workshop for EYFS families @2.30pm
- Monday 21st September- Phonics workshop for EYFS families @5.00pm
- Monday 28th September- EYFS Welcome Service @2.00pm
- Thursday 1st October- Year 5 swimming sessions begin
- Monday 12th October- Harvest Service: EYFS/KS1 @9.30am and KS2 @10.15am
- Wednesday 14th October- School photographs
- **Monday 19th October- INSET #3. School closed to pupils.**
- Wednesday 21st October- Champions of CCH Assembly (out of school achievements)
- **Friday 23rd October- End of term 1 for pupils**
- **Monday 2nd November- Start of term 2 for pupils**
- Wednesday 4th November- CCH Fireworks Celebration
- Wednesday 11th November- CCH Remembrance Service @10.45am
- Monday 7th December- Whole school trip to pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome
- Wednesday 9th December- EYFS Nativity to families @2.15pm
- Thursday 10th December- EYFS Nativity to families @9.30am
- Saturday 12th December- CCH Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 15th December- KS1 Nativity to families @9.30am
- Wednesday 16th December- Rocksteady concert @2.30pm (for families of children who have Rocksteady lessons)
- Thursday 17th December- KS2 Christmas Service @9.30am
- Thursday 17th December- KS1 Nativity to families @2.00pm
- **Friday 18th December- End of term 2 for pupils. School finishes at 2.30pm.**
- **Monday 4th January 2027- INSET #4. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 5th January- Start of term 3 for pupils**
- **Friday 12th February- End of term 3 for pupils**
- **Monday 22nd February- Start of term 4 for pupils**
- Wednesday 24th March- Easter Service @9.30am
- **Thursday 25th March- End of term 4 for pupils. School finishes at 2.30pm.**
- **Monday 12th April- Start of term 5 for pupils**
- Friday 30th April- CCH May Day Celebration (afternoon)
- Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May- Year 6 SATs Week
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th May- CCH Sports' Week 2027
- Wednesday 26th May- Sports' Day
- **Friday 28th May- End of term 5 for pupils**





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- **Monday 7th June- Start of term 6 for pupils**
- Monday 7th to Friday 11th June- Year 6 residential to Okehampton
- Monday 14th to Friday 18th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Monday 19th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am
- **Tuesday 20th July- End of term 6 for pupils. Class family picnic @12.15pm. School day ends at 1.05pm. Final farewell to Year 6 at 1.15pm**
- **Wednesday 21st July- INSET #5 School closed to pupils**

Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Swimming Lessons	Year 5	3 rd September 2026
Sevington Trip	Year 6	3 rd Sept & 17 th Aug 2026
After School Cricket Club	KS2	3 rd September 2026
Transition to Secondary School Email	Year 6	3 rd September 2026
Class Dojo sign up information	EYFS	1 st September 2026

Community Offer and Information

Keynsham Life Saving Club is holding a free taster session on Sunday 20th September 2026, 2–4pm at Keynsham Leisure Centre.

KLSC members learn first aid, water safety and specialist rescue skills. They can work towards Royal Life Saving Society awards, take part in competitions, and for older children, lifesaving can even count towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award. It's a fun way to keep fit, make friends and gain essential life skills.

The taster session will give a flavour of a typical club afternoon, including basic first aid, casualty recognition, safe pool entries and rope-throw rescues.

Places are free but limited – email info@klsc.co.uk





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Yours faithfully,



Neil Turner
Headteacher



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