



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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Friday 23 October 2026

CCH Weekly Bulletin #8

We have reached the end of a long first term back at school. The past eight weeks have been full of opportunities for our children to grow and flourish: school trips, enrichment clubs, sporting events, whole class music sessions, swimming, road safety, Black History Month and Wear Red Day to name just a few. We also have grown through our value of friendship which was really clear to see at our EYFS Welcome Service and Harvest celebrations. Next term, we welcome back Mrs Ealey, following her maternity leave. She is very excited to return to CCH and to be working with Mrs Withers in Malorie Blackman Class.

We hope everyone has a well-deserved rest next week and we look forward to the start of term two which promises to be even more action-packed than this one!

Learning Champions for Term 1

A huge well done to our Learning Champions for this term. These children were selected for showcasing all of our learning gems consistently across all areas of school life. We are so proud of you and we enjoyed celebrating your successes with your families during assembly this morning.





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Attendance

The best way to ensure our children grow and flourish, socially, emotionally and academically, is for them to **be in school every day**. Our goal is for attendance to be 97% which would put us above the national average.

Our whole school attendance figure for term 1 is **96.9%**. This is a super start to the new school year.

Thank you for supporting our goal of all children being in school, every day, where they are well enough to attend.

Key

94.9% and under	Significant concern
95.0 to 95.9%	Cause to monitor
96.0 to 96.9%	Well done- attendance is on track
97.0% +	This is great- best chance of success

Class	Week 1
EYFS Julia Donaldson	98.3%
Y1 Oliver Jeffers	98.4%
Y2 Emily Gravett	95.9%
Y3 Cressida Cowell	94.9%
Y4 Michael Morpurgo	98.0%
Y5 Berlie Doherty	98.4%
Y6 Malorie Blackman	95.9%
Y6 William Shakespeare	94.8%

Be Bright, Be Seen

This week, all children have watched a **Be Safe, Be Seen** assembly presentation from the South Gloucestershire Road Safety Team. The campaign is aimed at helping children to understand about the impact of the clocks going back this weekend and **how to remain safe outside during the darker evenings, including thinking about fluorescent and reflective clothing**.



Please continue this discussion with your child at home during half term. There is an activity sheet attached with this bulletin to support this.

CCH Remembers

On Sunday 8th November, representatives from the CCH Changemakers will represent our school at the **Hanham Remembrance Service**, laying our wreath as we stop to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in service. Please do join us for this special service.

On Wednesday 11th November, we will hold our annual CCH Remembrance Service. On this day, children who belong to any uniformed organisations can wear their uniform (eg Brownies, Cubs). Once again, **we would like to extend an invitation to any families who are in/ connected to the British Armed Forces and to any veterans within our community**. If you would like to attend, please complete this short form: [CCH Remembrance Service- Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Fill in form](#)

You will need to arrive for 10.30am to sign in. Our service begins at 10.45am.





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Our Changemakers will also be selling poppies and other items in aid of the Royal British Legion. Sales will take place at break times **from Friday 6th November**. Children will need to bring in money if they would like to purchase anything. Prices are below:

CCH Fireworks Celebration- Wednesday 4th November

As you will be aware, we are proud of our focus on community and growing CCH as a hub for our local area. Our annual fireworks display is a **key cultural event** in our calendar and helps to bring the residents of Hanham together.

Tickets for this year's event are on sale and we have some new and exciting additions to the event. Profits made from this event are used to support our children in school so we hope you will join us. Please also feel free to share this event with your friends and neighbours so we can come together as a local community to enjoy this spectacle.



Feel Fab Autumn Challenge

Attached with this bulletin is a Feel Fab Autumn Challenge, along with a gold certificate. The Feel Fab Challenges are designed to encourage children and families to stay active over the holidays, supporting physical literacy through 60 active minutes, fitness, wellbeing and creativity challenges. This autumn, the challenge includes a nature photography competition, encouraging children and families to get creative and find inspiration in the natural world.

Notices and Reminders

Dogs on and around school site

We would like to remind families that dogs (or other animals) are not permitted on school site. We have had some concerns from families about dogs being tied up near our entrance gates. Some members of our school community can be scared or anxious about dogs and having to pass closely past a dog can cause real worry. **If you need to bring your dog on the school journey, please do not tie them up at our entrance/ exit gates.** Please do this somewhere just outside of our site. This will help all of our children and families to move comfortably through our school site.



Could you be a CCH governor?

We have some **vacancies for parent and co-opted governors to join our governing body**. If you are interested in this role or would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

✉ Office@christchurchhanham.org.uk
🐦 [@CCHPri](https://twitter.com/CCHPri)
🌐 www.christchurchhanhamprimaryschool.co.uk





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Parking around school

We have had several complaints from families and local residents about parents **parking in the bus/coach area directly outside of our school gates**. We would like to remind families that this land belongs to Hanham Woods Academy and is only for school buses and coaches. Waiting or parking in this area is not permitted at any time.



We have also had concerns about **parking at the back of our school (Barton Gate end) and the surrounding roads**. Several of our families have been unable to access their driveways or leave home due to being blocked in by other cars. Please park considerately and, ideally, further away from school.

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 15:30 to 18:00, Monday to Thursday, term time only
From 2 nd November 2026	£5.00 – no snack provided 15:30 to 16:30, Monday to Thursday, term time only
	£10.00 (discounted to £8.50 for any additional siblings) – snack provided 15:30 to 18:00, Monday to Thursday, term time only

Please note that late collections for the 15:30–16:30 session will incur the full £10 fee.

We are continuing to run our free Breakfast Club (FBC). 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.





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Term Dates 2026-27

Term 1	Term 3	Term 5
Tuesday 1 st September to Friday 23 rd October INSET #1 Tuesday 1st Sept. INSET #2 Wednesday 2nd Sept. INSET #3 Monday 19th Oct.	Monday 4 th January 2027 to Friday 12 th February INSET #4 Monday 4th Jan.	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

- **Friday 23rd October- End of term 1 for pupils**
- **Monday 2nd November- Start of term 2 for pupils**
- **Wednesday 4th November- CCH Fireworks Celebration**
- Sunday 8th November- Hanham Remembrance Service
- Tuesday 10th November- Year 3 trip to Stonehenge
- Wednesday 11th November- CCH Remembrance Service @10.45am
- Thursday 12th November- South Glos. Inter Faith Day
- Wednesday 18th November- Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
- Monday 23rd November- Encountering Faith Day: Judaism
- Thursday 26th November- Friday 4th December: Book Fair
- Monday 30th November- Year 4 to WEMA Christmas Celebration
- Monday 30th November- Years 1- 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Wednesday 2nd December- Year 1-6 Parent-Teacher Meetings
- **Friday 4th December- Friends of CCH Elfridges Sale**
- Monday 7th December- Whole school trip to pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome
- **Wednesday 9th December- Year 5 trip to Aerospace Museum**
- Wednesday 9th December- Christmas Lunch (EYFS- Year 3)
- Wednesday 9th December- EYFS Nativity to families @2.15pm
- Thursday 10th December- EYFS Nativity to families @9.30am





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- Thursday 10th December- CCH singers and piano concert 3.30-4.30pm
- 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
- Saturday 12th December- CCH Christmas Fayre
- 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 17th March- Year 3 to Voices for Life Concert
- 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
- 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
Bikeability Course	Year 6	21 st October 2026





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Friends of CCH



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/elfridges--2026-3>



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/wreath-making--2026>





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Community Offer and Information

With many families facing increased financial pressure over the October Half Term, we'd like to highlight a nationwide initiative that could provide immediate support in your local community. We're delighted to let you know that throughout the October Half Term, **families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes every day.**

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the October half term holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

Both kids and adults can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana. The October holiday offer will be available from 12th October to 1st November across all Morrisons Cafes nationwide.



Yours faithfully,

Neil Turner
Headteacher

