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Summer term
highlights so far!

Dear parents, carers and families,

We have enjoyed a very sunny June with plenty of sporting success for our teams, lots of trips out and about and some super whole school events such as our day of Science investigations with the Francis Crick Institute and our Organ Day led by St Paul's Cathedral. There is still plenty more to fit in before the end of term, though! Please do come to our Open Afternoon and to our Summer Serenade on Thursday 6th July (details below) and to our Leavers and End of Term Service on Friday 21st July at 11.15am in Church.

As ever, the children and the staff team have worked so hard and achieved so much over this year, but so have the Christ Church parents and families! Thank you for helping on our trips; thank you for coming to our assemblies, our church services, our exhibition and our concert; thank you for supporting with reading, with homework and with making sure your children are here on time and organised for the day ahead; and thank you for both your generous contributions to our charity collections and events this year and for your impressive fundraising for the school. I always explain to prospective parents when I meet them that the parents and families at Christ Church are one of the greatest assets that the school has, and I really mean it!

With best wishes for the last few, busy weeks of term, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Open afternoon – Thursday 6th July, 2pm onwards

Parents are welcome to come into school from 2pm onwards on Thursday 6th to collect your child and their books from their classroom to take a look at all their amazing work together. Please come to the main gate. If the sun shines, parents and children can sit in the playgrounds to share the work. Please return children's books to the classroom (you will get them all sent home at the end of term) and then you can sign your child out and take them home slightly early if you like.

Clubs will run as usual though and parents and children can still look at work after school at 3.20pm or after clubs, right up until 5.30pm.

All the children's entries for the annual writing competition will also be on display in the hall – please come and take a look at some brilliant writing!

Summer Serenade concert – Thursday 6th July, 6pm, in Church

We have lots of performers lined up to share their musical talents at our Summer Serenade! Please join us in Church for a lovely evening of music – the main doors will open at 5.50pm.

Young Engineers and Super Scientists!

Congratulations to all the pupils who were commended for their entries to the national Young Engineers competition, in particular to Sayuri, Livia and Marina, whose creative inventions were very highly commended!

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We were visited by scientists from the Francis Crick Institute for a day of practical science investigations. Classes investigated muscles, senses, sound vibrations, light and viruses! Year 5 even got to visit their lab!

Leavers' destinations

As we do each year, we would like to share the destinations of our Year 6 leavers. Parents often find this helpful when thinking ahead about secondary school choices.

We will be sending all our leavers our very best wishes as they move on at the end of term! They have been an amazing class!

Yacine – William Ellis
Mayssa – Channing
Oliver – St Mary's and St John's
Marina – Camden School for Girls

Oluwalani – Belmont
Stella – Parliament Hill
Hugo – King Alfred School
Bea – Parliament Hill

Toby – Belmont
Emilie – St Marylebone
Evalyn – St Marylebone
Sienna G – Parliament Hill
Caspian – Wetherby

Amelie – St Marylebone
Audrey – St Marylebone
Dastan – Harris Academy, St John's Wood

Marie – Henrietta Barnett
Livia – St Marylebone
James – City of London
Ava – Parliament Hill

Georgia – St Marylebone
Tiger – Sutton Valence, Kent
Sienna P – St Margaret's
Kiara – St Marylebone

Jack – Gordonstoun
Jasper, Burford School, Oxon
Aubteen – St Albans School

Thank you to all parents and families for their very generous donations to the Friends Sports crowdfunding campaign. We are busy starting to spend the money on new equipment and new dance and sports experiences for the children next year. Look out for a new Christ Church sports team kit and some new basketball hoops in the playgrounds to start with!

We are also busy spending the Readathon money, too! We have bought some new books for our KS1 reading scheme, new dictionaries and thesauruses for all classes and set up a new playground library box for KS2. Classes will also visit the bookshop to stock up their classroom book corners next term.

Sporting successes!

The summer term is always full of lots of sporting events and our teams have been busy with athletics and cricket tournaments so far, with rounders still to come! Well done to all the children who have represented the school so well this year, showing super skills and, more importantly, impressive teamwork and sportsmanship.



Year 3 and 4 athletics – both our Year 3 and Year 4 teams came third in their competitions
 Year 5 and 6 athletics – our team were the Camden small school runners up
 Year 5 and 6 cricket - girls team: fourth; boys team: champions!

Amazing organ music!

We all had a fascinating (and noisy) day with an organist and an organ from St Paul's Cathedral. We all heard some beautiful organ music in an assembly and sang one of our favourite hymns to an organ accompaniment, and KS2 classes each had a workshop and an opportunity to play the organ themselves. What a super experience and Years 4 and 5 are off to St Paul's to see and hear the organ there, too!



Information and reminders

Term dates for 2023/2024

The full term dates, including all INSET days, for next academic year are at the end of this newsletter. Next year's Years 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 5th September. Please look carefully at these dates when booking holidays for next year.

Free lunches for all pupils for next academic year

The London Mayor's Office has committed to fund free school lunches for all primary pupils in Year 3-6 for next academic year. The existing universal infant free meals scheme continues as well, so there will be no charge for any school meal next year. **If you intend to change your child from packed lunch to school meals (or vice versa) next term, please let Mrs Connock know now by sending an email to the school office.** This will help the kitchen staff prepare for next year.

Policies

Staff and governors have recently reviewed the following school policies:

- Policy on provision for more able pupils
- Religious Education (RE) Policy

Policies are all available on our website [here](#) or you can request a paper copy from the school office.

Uniform ordering

If you are ordering uniform for next year from the website, please leave enough time for it to get to you for September. The uniform suppliers are advising that orders should be placed before the 22nd July for deliveries before the beginning of next term.

Staff news

Good luck and thank you to Miss Stepniak, who is finishing her teacher training in Year 4 this week. She starts her teaching career in a Haringey school next year and we wish her lots of luck!

Dates

July

Week beginning 3rd – last after school clubs this week

Monday 3rd, pm – **Sports Day** on the Heath – whole school. Meet us at 12.35 at school or 1pm on the sports pitch area of the Heath. All parents and family members very welcome for our afternoon of fun sports activities in mixed year group teams!
Children should wear sports kit to school with a t-shirt in their house colour.

Tuesday 4th – reserve sports day for rain

Thursday 6th pm – Open afternoon

Thursday 6th 6pm – Summer Serenade

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th, 6pm – Year 6 production

Wednesday 12th – letter home to parents and children about classes and teachers for next year

Friday 14th, 9.45am: **earlier than usual assemblies** – Y6 memories assembly – Y6 parents welcome

Friday 14th – Annual reports home to parents

Sunday 16th, 11am – school choir singing in church

Tuesday 18th – 'meet new teachers' session

Friday 21st, 11.15am – Leavers and end of term service in the Church – all welcome

Friday 21st, midday – all children collected for the holidays

Tuesday 5th September – children back to school for the Autumn term

Writing success!

Congratulations to Stella, in Y6, who was one of the winners of the Daunt Books children's short story competition. Her fantastic story is part of their book celebrating the winning writers. Well done, Stella, on becoming a published author!





Christ Church Primary School

2023/24 Term Dates

Please look carefully at these dates for the year, especially when you are booking holidays!

Autumn term 2023

INSET day: Monday 4th September

First day of Autumn term: Tuesday 5th September

INSET day: Friday 6th October

Half term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 22nd December

Spring term 2024

First day of Spring term: Monday 8th January

Half term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Last day of Spring term: Thursday 28th March

Summer term 2024

First day of Summer term: Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half term: Monday 27th - Friday 31st May

INSET day: Friday 21st June

Last day of Summer term: Friday 19th July

INSET days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July

N.B.

Children are not in school for INSET days - these are used for staff training.