



Dear parents, carers and families,

Our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) week for this term is coming up later this month and focuses on 'Living in the Wider World' and how to be a good citizen. Different classes will be learning about money, careers, the role that community and charity groups play in our society, how to help our local and global environment and how our democratic systems work. There are lots of trips and local visits planned and it promises to be a fascinating week!

It is also great to see each class starting to plan to take action to 'make a difference' related to the UN Rights of the Child and the Sustainable Development Goals. For example, classes are working on writing letters to the local MP highlighting the impact of climate change, campaigning to raise awareness of the plight of children working in the clothes trade around the world, raising money to buy a 'school in a box' resource to support children access education and helping to make our local environment safe and clean through litter-picking on the Heath. I am sure that children and teachers will be asking for your support with their campaigns, so please look out for information and help us to make a difference if you can. Thank you very much, as ever, for your support.

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Super Science!

We had a fascinating day working with the Francis Crick Institute, with practical workshops taking place in school and a great trip to their laboratories for Year 5.



Year 1 explored the five senses, Year 2 learnt all about viruses, Year 3 thought about our bones, Year 4 investigated how we hear sounds, Year 5 carried out enquiries into states of matter and reversible and irreversible changes and Year 6 looked at how light travels in straight lines.



Dates - May

Monday 6th – Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th – Y6 SATs tests this week

Sunday 19th, 11am – Fr Paul's last Sunday service at Christ Church before his retirement; school choir singing

Monday 20th – Friday 24th – PSHE week: living in the wider world

Tuesday 21st – Eco day and School Council's Outright Day, making children's voices heard about environmental issues

Week beginning Monday 20th – Times tables challenge this week

Monday 27th – Friday 31st – Half term

June

Week beginning Monday 3rd – KS2 spelling challenge (not Monday)

Wednesday 5th – Class photos

Sunday 16th, 11am – School choir singing in Church – tbc

Wednesday 19th – whole school photo

Thursday 20th – non-uniform day – bring a donation for Summer Fair

Friday 21st – INSET day – no children in school

Tuesday 25th, pm – 2024 New Reception children and parents afternoon

Friday 28th – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair



Wake and shake!

Our Well-being Champions team would like to encourage everyone to take part in our Wake and Shake session on Monday mornings – look out for a new points table for classes and even certificates for parents! It's a great way to get the week off to a good start!

Great baking, Year 5!

Year 5 raised a very impressive £537 with their cake sale in aid of Dementia UK, and they also learnt all about the condition and how it affects different people and those who care for them. Thank you if you bought a cake or made a donation!

Summer term class assemblies

All parents and family members are warmly invited to our class assemblies which take place at 10am in the school hall.

Thursday 9th May – Year 4 class assembly

Friday 10th May – Year 3 class assembly

Friday 24th May – Year 6 class assembly – work sharing

Friday 7th June – Year 1 class assembly

Wednesday 12th June – Year 2 class assembly

Friday 14th June – Reception class assembly

Friday 28th June – Year 5 class assembly

Friday 12th July – Year 6 memories and speeches assembly (9.45am start)

Camden Moving On to Secondary School Event – for Y4 and Y5 parents

Parents of children in current primary school Years 4 and 5 can join our Camden Moving On event at the Francis Crick Institute, in King's Cross. The event, on Thursday 13 June, from 4.15 to 6.45pm, is an opportunity to receive advice on how to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2025 from the Camden Admissions Team, find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer your child, speak with head teachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools.

It is a timed ticket event, so parents should please make sure they arrive for the time they have booked. Moving On is aimed at adults, rather than children, and any children attending are the sole responsibility of their parents. Register for our Moving On event.

Information and reminders

Uniform ordering deadlines

If you are ordering uniform to be delivered to you by September, you need to order on the website by 20th July. Uniform website [here](#).

If your child is leaving....

If your child is leaving Christ Church at the end of this year, or if you are even considering this at the moment, please get in touch with Mrs Forsdyke or the school office. This helps us to plan ahead and offer places to children on our waiting lists for September. Our funding for next year is determined by the number of children in our school in the Autumn term and the longer notice we have of children leaving, the more likely it is that we will be able to fill any gaps. Telling us at the last minute that your child is leaving makes things very difficult for us, so please let us know as soon as you can. Thank you.

Dates – continued - June

Sunday 30th, 12-2.30pm – Summer Fair

July

Monday 1st, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – whole school (reserve for rain: Tuesday 2nd)

Week beginning Monday 1st – last after school clubs this week

Wednesday 3rd, pm –

CHANGED DATE Whole School Music 'Performance in the Playground' (reserve for rain: Friday 5th) – all families invited

Thursday 4th, 2pm – Open Afternoon – all parents and families welcome

Thursday 4th, 6pm – Summer Serenade in the Church

Sunday 7th, 11am – School choir singing in Church – tbc

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th, 6pm – Y6 production

Friday 12th – annual reports home to parents

Friday 19th, 11.15am – End of year/Leavers Service – all families invited

Friday 19th, midday – Children collected for the summer holidays

September

Tuesday 3rd September – Children back to school for Autumn term



There are lots of great photos from our Joseph production on our website now – look [here](#) on the Spring term news and events page. We will also be able to share even more photos and the video with all parents soon.



Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the month

To remind parents and pupils that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we are including a different article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in each month's newsletter.



Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

How do we do ensure children have this specific right met at Christ Church?

Examples include: fruit provided free for all children at break times; drinking water available throughout the day; teaching and learning about healthy lifestyles; high-quality PE and sport in lessons, competitions and after school; providing and promoting a clean and safe environment at school; our work with charities (such as Toilet Twinning) to support healthy life styles around the world