



Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*

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Newsletter 2

Beginning of term highlights

Dear parents, carers and families,

It has already been a busy start to the new school year and it has been wonderful to see new children (and families) settling in to our school routines so smoothly and becoming part of our community so quickly. Thank you for all your support of our events so far, in particular for your generous support of our charity events and the brilliant Friends' Cake Sale last week!

Trips are also back up and running for the new year and are a really important way for us to bring children's learning to life and add inspiration to what we can provide in the classroom. We are so fortunate to be within reach of the world class museums, galleries and sites of central London, as well as the open space of Hampstead Heath and we try to make the best use of both for all classes. Last year, we ran over seventy class trips and we are already well on the way to planning a similar number this year. This term we have trips planned to Buckingham Palace, the Royal Mews, Florence Nightingale Museum, Natural History Museum, Science Museum, Frameless Art Exhibition, Heath Education Centre, the Globe Theatre, as well as our regular Reception trips to the Heath and our Year 6 school journey to Dorset! Thank you to parents who are able to help on our trips – we couldn't do it without you! Also, look out for our annual Try Something New week later this month! This is our week of giving children the opportunity to have a range of new experiences and to overcome anxiety about trying new things. The week is funded by a generous parent donation and so far, for various classes, we have flamenco dancing, marbling art work, comic drawing, immersive art experiences and skateboarding planned – it promises to be a busy and exciting week!

With all best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Beginning of term highlights!

KS2 cross country trials event on the Heath



Welcome

A warm welcome to Luis who has joined our Reception class!

Thank you from Fr Paul

Fr Paul would like to send his heartfelt thanks for the very generous gift he received from current and former Christ Church families on his retirement last term. He wishes everyone well for the new school year.

Dates

October

Tuesday 1st, 9-10am – Reception (and Year 1) parent workshop – phonics

Wednesday 2nd – **Rights Respecting Schools day** – look out for information coming home

Friday 4th – **INSET day – no children in school**

w/b Monday 7th – Y1-6 individual presentations: 'have your say!'

w/b Monday 14th – Y6 school journey
w/b Monday 14th - Try something new week

w/b Monday 21st – KS2 times tables challenge this week

Tuesday 22nd – Nasal Flu spray vaccination offered to all classes. Information and link to the consent form has already been emailed out and a reminder will be sent next week

Wednesday 23rd, 9.50am – Music assembly

Wednesday 23rd, 3.40-7.30pm – parents evening

Thursday 24th, 3.40 – 6pm – parents evening

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Half term



Y5 landscape drawing on the lawn in Buckingham Palace garden



Y4 dodgeball competition!



Musicians visit Y4 and Y5



Colours and sparkles for Charlie Day!



Harvest food donations

Rights Respecting Schools Day – 2nd October

On 2nd October, each class will be learning about a different article in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and sharing their learning with the rest of the school. Look out for information coming home to parents too!



End of key stage attainment and progress results 2024

Well done and congratulations to last year's pupils and staff for another excellent set of attainment results at the end of last year. The school's Year 6 results and comparisons with local and national data (where available) are included below. Previous years' data and comparisons are on our website [here](#).

Year 6 – 2024 – % of children reaching expected standard (scaled score 100+)

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	100%	100%	100%	100%
Camden	82%	79%	82%	72%
National	74%	72%	73%	60%

Year 6 – 2024 – % of children reaching higher standard (scaled score 110+)

	Reading	Writing (greater depth)	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	79%	63%	71%	50%
Camden	36%	20%	33%	13%
National	28%	13%	24%	8%

Year 6 – 2024 – average scaled score

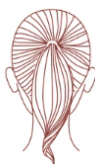
	Reading	No scaled score for writing	Maths	Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Christ Church	112.2		111.7	113.1
Camden	107.2		106.6	107.7
National	105		104	105

- There are no progress scores for 2024 since there is no Year 2 data for this cohort due to COVID.
- Year 2 assessments are no longer statutory so there is no local or national comparison data – you can find the Christ Church Year 2 data on our website, as well as our Year 1 phonics data.

Information and reminders

Long hair tied back, please

Please could all children with long hair keep it tied back. This is safer and also helps to stop the spread of nits! Class teachers will continue to give out hair bands to those without their hair regularly tied back.



Please be

careful on our steps!

Please take care on our steps and around the school site as the weather gets wetter and colder and the leaves start to fall.



Policies

Staff and governors have recently reviewed many school policies at the beginning of the year, including those listed below. You can find all our policies on our website [here](#).

- Pupil and parent privacy notice: how we use information about pupils and parents
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Health and Safety Policy

Autumn term class assemblies

Our class assemblies take place at 10am in the hall – all family members are welcome! Please wait by the main gate.

- Friday 18th October – Year 3 class assembly
- Friday 25th October – Year 6 school journey assembly
- Friday 8th November – Year 2 class assembly
- Wednesday 20th November – Year 1 class assembly
- Friday 22nd November – Year 5 class assembly
- Friday 29th November – Reception class assembly
- Friday 6th December – Year 4 class assembly

Dates continued

November

w/b Monday 4th – KS2 spelling challenge this week (not Mon)

Tuesday 5th – individual photos

Wednesday 6th – Friends' non-uniform day – wear some 'bonfire brightness'!

Friday 8th – Friends' film night for KS2 classes

w/b Monday 11th – PSHE week: Positive relationships and diversity

Tuesday 12th, 9-10am – Parent workshop – helping children with stress, anxiety and change – all parents welcome. This workshop will be led by one of Camden's Mental Health advisers.

Thursday 14th – Odd sock day, Anti-Bullying Day

Tuesday 19th, after school – Christmas Jumper swap!

Thursday 28th, pm – Arts Project sharing event – Art Exhibition after school - all parents and family members welcome

Friday 29th – Non-uniform day – bring a toy and filled jar for the Christmas Fair

December

w/b Monday 2nd – last after school clubs this week

Friday 6th – Non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

Sunday 8th, 12-2.30pm – Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th, 10am – Nativity Play – involving all Reception, Year 1 and 2

Friday 13th – Friends present sale

Monday 16th – Christmas Jumper Day – fundraising for our Christmas charities

Monday 16th, 2pm – KS2 carol singing in Hampstead High Street

Friday 20th, 11.15am – Christmas Service in Church tbc

Friday 20th, midday – children home for holidays

January

Monday 6th – children back to school for Spring term



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 17: Children have the right to get information from the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. Adults should make sure the information they are getting is not harmful. Governments should encourage the media to share information from lots of different sources, in languages that all children can understand.

How do we ensure children receive this right at Christ Church? We use lots of different sources of information for children to learn and research; we teach children how to find and use trusted sources of information and to check the information they find out; we talk about current affairs and events in our classrooms and assemblies, at an age-appropriate level and using child-friendly sources such as BBC Newsround or First News.