



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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

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Trying lots of new things!

Dear parents, carers and families,
Welcome back after the half term break! Last month was a very busy month including our jam-packed Try Something New week (see below), the start of our class assemblies and many, many trips out of school. We also enjoyed lots of fabulous and thoughtful 'Someone who inspires me' presentations as part of our learning that we are all unique and different. We heard inspirational stories of resilience and of overcoming disappointment, disability or discrimination about family members as well as about well-known figures from around the world including Simone Biles, Michael Phelps, Marie Curie, Anna Pavlova, Yayoi Kusama, Neil Armstrong and Admiral Nelson. We all learnt a lot and were certainly inspired by their stories!

This month, our Happiness Project continues apace with four more themes and we also turn our attention to our Christ Church Arts Project. This term each child is producing a piece of art linked to one of our Happiness Project themes and inspired by a diverse range of artists. We will be sharing all our masterpieces in an Art Exhibition throughout the school after school (and after clubs) on Thursday 27th November – everyone is very warmly invited to come to have a look!

Best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Try something new week!

We all had a lot of fun trying lots of new activities, keeping us curious and interested, finding new skills and interests and overcoming our anxieties about trying new experiences!



Drumming!



Sushi making!



Trip on the London Eye!



Fencing!



Wire sculpture!



Y6 school journey!

All of our in-school Try Something new workshops and activities this year have been funded by a generous one-off family donation to the school – thank you.



New books!

Classes and teachers have been selecting lots of new books for their classrooms, paid for by the Year 6 'businesses' fundraising at the end of last year.



Dates

November

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

Tuesday 4th – individual photos

Wednesday 5th – Bonfire brightness non-uniform day – wear something bright and bring a donation for the Friends Association

Sunday 9th, 11am – Remembrance Sunday service in Church, school choir singing

Week beginning 17th – PSHE week – focused on positive relationships

Monday 17th – Christmas Hamper collections start

Thursday 20th – Anti bullying day, Odd socks day!

Thursday 27th, 3.20 – 5pm – Art Exhibition after school – all children's work on display, all families welcome straight after school or after clubs

Friday 28th – non-uniform day – bring a toy and filled jar for the Christmas Fair

December

Tuesday 2nd – Flu spray vaccination offered to all classes in school – information and link to consent forms has been sent to parents. Please ask the school office if you need the email and links resent.

Friday 5th – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

Sunday 7th, 12-2.30pm – Christmas Fair

Thursday 11th, 10am – Nativity performance for parents (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes)

Friday 12th – Friends Present Sale

Monday 15th – Christmas Jumper Day!

End of key stage results 2025

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 – 2025 – % of children reaching expected standard (scaled score 100+)

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	96%	92%	88%	88%
Camden	83%	78%	81%	73%
National	75%	72%	74%	62%

Year 6 – 2025 – % of children reaching higher standard (scaled score 110+)

	Reading	Writing (greater depth)	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	68%	60%	72%	56%
Camden	41%	20%	37%	15%
National	33%	13%	26%	8%

Year 6 – 2025 – average scaled score

	Reading	No scaled score for writing	Maths	Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Christ Church	112.2		111.2	112.8
Camden	107.6		107.0	107.8
National	106		105	105

- There are no progress scores for 2025 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 EYFS (Reception) and Year 1 phonics data.

Information and reminders



Take care on our steps!

As the weather changes and the leaves start to fall, please take care on our steps and around our school site.

Healthy School Street scheme

Remember that the Healthy School Street traffic restrictions around the school will shortly be in operation for the 18-month trial period.

Traffic restrictions on Christchurch Hill outside the infant gate and on surrounding roads will apply from 8.30-9.15 and from 3.00-4.00 every week day during term time. **The streets will not be completely car-free so please stay on the pavements and still take care when crossing roads around school.**

Applications for 2026 Reception class

The application deadline for applying for Reception for 2026 is 15th January. If you are applying for a younger sibling, please make sure you complete the online application form on the Camden admissions website **and** return the school supplementary form to school. You can get a supplementary form from the school office or you can download a copy from the school website.

Regular donations to the school

Thank you very much to those parents who already donate regularly to the school. This supports us with extras such as our Arts Projects and Try Something New activities. You can set up a regular donation by scanning the QR code or clicking [here](#). Thank you for **all** the ways parents support our school.



Autumn term class assemblies

These are the remaining class assemblies this term which all start at 10am; all family members are welcome; please wait by the main gate.

- Friday 7th November – Y4 class assembly
- Friday 14th November – Y1 class assembly
- Friday 21st November – Reception class assembly
- Friday 28th November – Y3 class assembly
- Friday 5th December – Y5 class assembly

December dates continued...

Wednesday 17th, pm – KS2 carol singing in Hampstead

Wednesday 17th, 6pm – School Carol service in Church – all families very welcome! School choir singing.

Friday 19th, 11.15am – Christmas Service in Church- all families warmly invited

Friday 19th, midday – all children collected for the holidays

January

Monday 5th – all children back for the spring term

Christmas Charity suggestions and Christmas boxes



Each year, the school supports a number of Christmas charities with fundraising at our nativity play, carol singing and Christmas Jumper day. School council have suggested we support Toilet Twinning and local charity, Foodcycle Camden this year.

Look out for the information about our annual Christmas box appeal, too – where children fill a box with little presents for a child who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Thank you very much in advance for your support of our Christmas charity events.



Young Shakespeare
Years 4, 5 and 6 all enjoyed a fantastic, dramatic and

interactive re-telling of 'Romeo and Juliet'.



Happiness Project – November's themes



Resilience and bouncing back: we will be learning about how to build resilience when times are tough, and when we need to ask for help.

We all experience different **emotions** all the time. Learning about how to identify and talk about our emotions helps us feel well, as does focusing on the good things!

Our **friends and family** are vital to our positive mental health – staying connected and spending time together supports us in so many different ways!



Simplicity, which is also one of the school's Christian values, is all about the importance of taking time for a moment of quiet, to focus on the present, without worrying about what's next, and to appreciate the wonders of nature around us.

