



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Dear parents, carers and families,

As we move into the final few weeks of the year, our events schedule is getting very busy! Thank you to everyone for their support of our brilliant Summer Fair and our wonderful Sports Day on the Heath! There are lots more opportunities to get involved before the end of term – see information below and in our weekly emails about our **Music Performance in the Playground** on 1st July, **Open Afternoon** and **Summer Serenade** on 2nd July and **Leavers Service** on 17th July.

At one end of the school, we all had a lovely time welcoming our new Reception children and parents to their induction afternoon a couple of weeks ago, meeting lots of new children and families as they start their Christ Church journey. At the other end of the school, our outgoing Year 6 class are very busy rehearsing their production as well as running their enterprise businesses, showing quite what mature and confident team players they have all become. In between, all classes have been thinking about moving up the school with time spent in new classrooms where that has been possible and discussions starting about what changes and what stays the same as classes move up. Information about class teachers for next year will be shared with children and families on 8th July and all children will spend time meeting their new teachers on 14th July in the last week of term.

Children have also been working very hard on end-of-year assessments over the past few weeks and teachers are now working hard on annual reports. Children have made brilliant progress and I would encourage parents to take time to read and review the reports with their children when they come home on 10th July – there is a lot to celebrate!

It promises to be a busy end of the year, as usual, and I look forward to seeing lots of families at our end of term events. With all best wishes for the end of term and a wonderful summer break,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



Whole school photo!

The sun helpfully shone for our whole school photo and we had almost every child in school to take part!



Quite an operation from staff and the photographers to get everyone in place and in view!

Open afternoon – Thursday 2nd July, 2pm onwards

Parents are welcome to come into school from 2pm onwards on Thursday 2nd to collect your child and their books from their classroom to take a look at all their very impressive 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 5pm. 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 2nd July, 6pm, in Church

We have lots and 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.



Camden Schools Art Biennale Exhibition – 14th – 26th July

Art work from every primary and secondary school in Camden will be on public display at the Lethaby Gallery in King's Cross between 10am-6pm on 14th – 26th July. There will be work on display from children across our school, including a collective art piece depicting shells drawn by every child in Years 2-5, as well as some stunning individual pieces. We will be taking some of our classes to have a look, but there is not enough availability to take every class during school time unfortunately. Families can also visit after school or at weekends so please do go to take a look at work from across the borough!

Dates July

Wednesday 1st 2.15pm – whole school Music Performance in the Playground – (reserve for rain: Fri 3rd July). All parents and families are welcome to join us for an informal music sharing event – each class will be performing.

Thursday 2nd, 2-5pm – Open afternoon – including a display of all the children's entries for our annual writing competition

Thursday 2nd, 6pm, in Church – Summer Serenade – instrument performances from across the school, everyone welcome!

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th, 6pm – Year 6 production. For ticket info, please contact the office.

Wednesday 8th – information home to parents about classes and staffing for next year

Friday 10th – annual reports sent home

Tuesday 14th after school – Friends Cake Sale

Thursday 16th – Talent show -children only!

Friday 17th, 11.15am – Leavers and End of Year Service – all families warmly invited to join us in Church.

Friday 17th, midday – children picked up for the summer holiday!

Wednesday 2nd September – new Years 1-6 back to school

Charlie Chesser awards

Many congratulations to the recipients of this year's Charlie Chesser Awards, which are given to a member of each class in recognition of their kindness, friendship and inclusion of others. These awards were set up in memory and celebration of Charlie, who was a pupil at Christ Church, and who displayed all these qualities himself. We present the awards in a special assembly in front of Charlie's artwork in our junior playground and, after six years, this is becoming a really important annual tradition in our school. You can find out more information about the award [here](#).

2026 awards

Reception: Sofia
Year 1: Ben
Year 2: Arabella
Year 3: Claudia
Year 4: Oscar
Year 5: Ellen
Year 6: Magnus



Well-being champions at London Zoo!

Our well-being champions team had a wonderful time at the celebration event at London Zoo! They shared their work on the importance of spending time in nature with well-being teams from other schools and then they had a great time exploring the zoo and meeting the animals!



CREW's Fair Cup!

Our Eco Team, CREW, were busy at the Summer Fair promoting and selling their new reusable eco cup. The team raised the money to produce the cups by pitching their idea to the Camden Green Dragons' Den earlier this year and created the design themselves. Thank you very much if you supported them by buying and using a reusable cup!

Amazing athletics!

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 4 athletics teams who were the runners up and winners of their respective Camden competitions!

There were some excellent individual running, jumping and throwing performances but every single point counted for the team scores, so everyone's contribution was very important on the day! A terrific team effort!



Information and reminders

Advance notice about increase to after school club prices

After two years with no increase, Governors have agreed a small increase in our charges for after school clubs to £10 per session. This will take effect from September. Please remember that we do not want any child to miss out on our clubs for financial reasons, so please get in touch with Mrs Forsdyke or Mrs Connock if the charges might prevent your child from participating – we are happy to agree different arrangements.

School Policies

Staff and governors have recently reviewed the following school policies:

- Relationships and Sex Education Policy
- SEND Policy and SEND Information report
- Worship Policy
- Religious Education Policy

You can access all our policies on the website [here](#) or you can ask for paper copies from the office.

Summer term class assemblies

These are dates for the remaining class assemblies this term; all family members are welcome; please wait by the main gate.
Friday 10th July, 9.45am – Year 6 leavers' speeches assembly

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 or one off donation by scanning the QR code or clicking [here](#). Thank you for all the ways parents support our school.



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 send all our leavers our very best wishes and lots of luck as they move on at the end of term! Also, an enormous thank you to parents from this class for their support of the school over many years.

Christopher – The Hall
Nysha – South Hampstead
Alexander – UCS

Ari – Merchant Taylors

Emilia – Francis Holland

Amelie – King Alfred School

Hartley – William Ellis

Nina – Parliament Hill

Alex – Merchant Taylors

Jude – Belmont

Rufus – Highgate

Blanca – Francis Holland

Victoria – Highgate

Santi – Belmont

Max – QE Boys

Dosol – William Ellis

Freddy – UCL Academy

Magnus – Haberdashers

James – Haverstock

Arkady – St Mary and St John's

Pablo – Highgate

Zofia – Poland

Asher – Haberdashers

Gabriel – William Ellis

Daisy – Fortismere

Minnie – Fortismere

Mateo – City of London Boys

Sports Day highlights!

Thank you for coming to support!

