



Diary	21st March	Year 1 Parents – Phonics workshop 3pm
	22nd March	Apollo Music Project in Year 4
	25th March	Made 2 Play groundworks beginning
	28th March	End of term: school finishes 1.30pm
	Easter Holidays	
	15th April	Summer term begins
	17th April	Cake sale for National Autism Society
	18th April	Year 4 to Apollo Music concert
	24th April	Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens
	25th April	Year 5 trip to Kew Gardens
	2nd May	INSET day – school closed for children
	3rd May	Apollo Music Project in Year 4
	6th May	Bank holiday – school closed
13-16th May	Key Stage 2 (Y6) SATS week	

Hello from Mr. Kelly

It has been a very busy term here at Christ Church since 2024 started.

We have had quite a number of events and outings in and out of school which have kept the children (and the staff) occupied. See later in this newsletter for some updates.

As you know, Mr. Veater moved on to new pastures at Christmas (he's doing rather well...). This left us with an opportunity to develop a new member of the Leadership team. Mrs. Jude stepped up to become the Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 2 and took Mr. Veater's teaching spot in Year 5. As Mrs. Jude moved from Year 6, Mrs. Ryan took that position. Mrs. Ryan has had a lot of experience in teaching Year 6 and already we can see the children are (almost, just about) ready for their SATs exams, which they will complete in May.

Thank you to both Mrs. Jude and Mrs. Ryan for stepping up and doing such fantastic jobs in their new roles.

Our groundworks have (finally) started! The old Enchanted Garden now has shiny new planters, ready to be filled with soil for vegetables to be grown in. There is one planter for each class, so we can see which class has the greenest growing fingers! Next week, the gardening team are back to begin the work on our area at the bottom of the playground. This work will take a little longer, but we hope it should be completed by the end of April, when we can have a grand opening.

Read on to find out about some of the amazing events we have hosted here this term and about upcoming news and events. If you haven't already done so, make sure you have downloaded the School App and have notifications enabled, as these events go on the website often.



What's been happening?

This term we have hosted many events here at school.

On 29th January, Year 3 worked with a local artist to create lanterns for the Light Up Kilburn festival, which took place in February. The children used cane rods and tissue paper to make lovely, bright lanterns.



Year 3 also had the opportunity to work with Dan Mayfield, as scientist who taught them all about “The Sound of Noise” as part of their Science curriculum. Dan brought many interactive experiments with him which taught the children about how sound is made, transmitted and controlled.

In February, we hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair, where children were able to use their book tokens to purchase books from the mobile shop. As always, this was well received and the children bought so many books that we were able to raise enough funds to buy some new stock for the school Library!



In March, we celebrated World Book Day. Children (and staff... and certain parents!) came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Parents were welcomed in the morning with a pop-up coffee shop called “Breakfast ‘N’ Books” before heading up to classes to enjoy a spot of reading with their children. Staff took part in an activity to find the children with the most imaginative costumes and these children were duly rewarded for their efforts.

Year 6 have been busy this month also. They have been down to Reception Class and helped to engage the younger children in reading activities. It was lovely to see the children reading together and just enjoying each others' company for a while in such a calm and engaging manner.



On 18th March, we began our learning about Neurodiversity as Sarah, Henry's mum, hosted 2 interactive assemblies based around autism and neurodiversity. These assemblies were a lot of fun and the children learned that we all have our own characteristics which make us different, but equal. Many thanks to Sarah for hosting these enthralling assemblies.

More photos can be seen on our website: www.cchurch.brent.sch.uk/gallery/

Parent News

Many thanks to Tara Stroud, who took on the role of **Parent Governor** in Autumn term. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a second vacancy arose this term. The Governors have decided to ask the second candidate, Alexandra Sandor to stand, as she was the other candidate from the previous election. Alexandra (mother of Vikentyij in Y4) has agreed to stand as the Parent Governor and will attend her first meeting on 21st March.



Tara Stroud
Parent Governor



Alexandra Sandor
Parent Governor

Thank you to all of our parents who have helped us throughout the term to organise and run the events we have had in school. As the weather improves, we are looking to host a few more events. With your support and help, we have already raised quite a bit of money for the school this year... and had quite a lot of fun along the way.

Mr. Holness will be in touch with parents to ask again for your support over the summer term.

Governors Maintenance Fund

Have you contributed to the Governors' Maintenance Fund this academic year?

As Christ Church is a Voluntary Aided School, the Governors ask parents each year to contribute £20 in the Autumn and then £10 in each of the Spring and Summer terms towards the upkeep and maintenance of the school. This money is paid to the London Diocesan Board for Schools annually and the bill to school is around £4,500.

As an incentive to contribute... at the end of the summer term, we will draw the names of all those who have contributed out of a hat. The lucky winner will be rewarded with a star prize.

Payments can be made either at the school office, or through the ScoPay (Tucasi) app.

Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for parents to volunteer in different roles around school.

If you have some time to share with us and would be keen to get involved in reading with children, supporting the school office, supervising in the dining room or playground, then please contact Mr. Kelly or Mrs. Carrington for an application form.

It does take some time to ensure all of our safeguarding checks and balances are complete, but the opportunities are there.

Year 6 Easter booster

Year 6 children are being offered a SATs booster lesson in the first week of the holidays. These boosters are open to all Year 6 children from Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th April from 8.30am – 12.30pm.

All Year 6 children should make every effort to attend the booster, as this will provide vital support in the last run-up to the SATs. **Children should attend in school uniform.**



Easter HAF activities

Please check our school website page: <https://www.cchurch.brent.sch.uk/holiday-activities/> to find opportunities for Easter holiday sports and activity clubs run under the HAF (Holidays and Food) Provision in Brent. These activities are open to all children, with a reduced rate for those who qualify for Free School Meals.

The activities are being offered in schools around Brent, including Sudbury Primary, Uxendon Manor, Byron Court, Oliver Goldsmith, Stonebridge Primary School.

Other HAF activities can be found on Brent's web page: <https://www.brent.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/childcare-and-early-education/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Reception sight & hearing

Reception Parents will have received a letter asking them to sign up for the Sight & Hearing Testing. The link provided in the letter will allow you to see your child's results on the NHS portal after the testing. Please be aware – testing may go ahead even if you have not signed up. In order to withdraw your child from testing, you need to sign up to the portal and follow withdrawal instructions.

P.E. Kits

More and more children are “forgetting” to bring their P.E. kits to school on the correct day. Mr. Holness teaches P.E. to each class (Y1-Y6) on one day per week.

From Summer Term, **all children should bring their P.E. kit to school on Monday 15th April and leave it on their peg until the half-term at the end of May.** This way everyone will have a P.E. kit on the correct day.

Punctuality

Please remember that all children should be in school before the bell rings at 8.45am. Arrivals after the bell will be marked as late.

Here at Christ Church we are all Going for GOLD with faith.

We can do this, as scripture tells us: “*But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all eagerness and in the love from us that is in you—make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too.*” (2 Corinthians 8:7)