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Diary

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| 2nd & 3rd Feb | Parents Consultation Evenings 3.30 – 6.00 (See teachers) |
| 5th Feb | Rec/Year 1 trip to Willesden Library |
| 6th Feb | 4x Year 5 Children to Maths Challenge (Guildhall) |
| 9th – 14th Feb | Book Fair at school |
| 10th Feb | Safer Internet Day |
| 11th Feb | Brent Mayor visiting Wetherby House Nursery |
| 12th Feb | Fire Safety Workshops – London Fire Brigade LDBS Schools Service at St. Paul's Cathedral |
| 16th – 20th Feb | Half-term Holiday |
| 25th Feb | Ash Wednesday service (1 week late) |
| 5th March | World Book Day |
| 9th – 13th March | Science Week |
| 13th March | Individual School Photographs |
| 20th March | Red Nose Day |
| 1st April | R.E. theme day – Holy Week |
| 2nd April | Easter Bonnets parade End of term – finish at 1.30pm |
| 20th April | Return from Easter holiday |

Message from Mr. Kelly

I know, it is a little late... but **Happy New Year everyone.**
It is great to see everyone back in school and thriving as always and it is especially fantastic from my point of view for me to be back full time again at Christ Church.

Last term was hectic, with me only being available 1 day a week (and not every week) and with the Leadership Team stretched to cover their classes and to cover the duties of Headship.

However, I am sure you will agree, Mrs Shah, Mrs Jude and Ms Baverstock did a wonderful job in keeping the school, not just ticking along, but moving in the right direction in my absence.

My thanks go to all of the school team who did such a wonderful job over the autumn term.

Of course, things always move forward here at Christ Church School and this term will be no different.

We have some changes which have happened and some to come – some of which you might not notice, others will be more noticeable – but we hope that the outcomes and results will be very positive for us all.

Read the notices below to find out more...

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Big bit of news...

Hopefully you will by now have seen that our arrangements for Nursery have changed here at Christ Church.

On January 5th, our Nursery provision was taken on by Wetherby House Montessori Nursery, with all of our previous children transferring into their care.

Although we as a school value Nursery provision and the early start this gives to children and families at school, with the small numbers we had on roll, the provision was becoming too expensive for the school to afford.

Therefore, we spent a long time researching the best provision we could find for our own children and for others who are in the area.

Wetherby House are a well-established provider, having run Nurseries in North-West London for over 12 years. Their provision has been graded as Outstanding and therefore should give all of our children the very best of starts.

Although Wetherby House are a company separate from the school, our aim is to include the Nursery and their families in all of our school events in order for them to feel part of our community.

I'm sure you will join with all of the staff and pupils in welcoming Wetherby House staff and the new families they bring to Christ Church.



**Apply now for spaces in
Wetherby House Brondesbury
Montessori Nursery**

**Places for 2-3 year olds and 3-4
year olds**

Call 0208 422 1226 for details

Hot off the press...

Just this morning, I received this wonderful communication from Bridget Phillipson, the Secretary of State for Education:

***“Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Christ Church CofE Primary School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school’s performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.*”**



Department
for Education

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.”

This is definitely high praise for Christ Church and it comes all the way from the top. Congratulations to all of our pupils and the amazing staff who have supported them throughout their time here at school.

It's no wonder I refer to myself as the Proudest Headteacher in UK!

Our results...

So... why were we noticed by the Secretary of State?

Have a look at our results tables from 2024 – 2025 and all will be clear. These are definitely something to shout from the rooftops!

Early Years – children achieving national Good Level of Development

| School | National |
|--------|----------|
| 79% | 67% |

Year 1 Phonics check – children achieving expected standard

| School | National |
|--------|----------|
| 85% | 81% |

Year 4 Multiplication check – children achieving 20+ marks

| School | School avg. | National avg. |
|--------|-------------|---------------|
| 82% | 20.9 | 21.0 |

Year 6 SATs – children achieving expected standard

| | School | National | School Disadvantaged | National Disadvantaged |
|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Reading | 82% | 75% | 73% | 63% |
| Writing | 68% | 72% | 64% | 59% |
| Maths | 77% | 74% | 73% | 61% |
| Combined | 68% | 62% | 64% | 47% |
| SPaG | 77% | 73% | 73% | 60% |

Although we out-performed the national average in all but KS2 writing (where we were the equivalent of 1 child off), we understand there is still some improvement to be made. This year we are focusing on getting more children to achieve above the expected standard (sometimes referred to as Greater Depth).

Teaching & Learning progress

In order to support further growth in our teaching and learning here at Christ Church School, we have signed up for a professional development programme for all teaching staff which is called TEACHING WALKTHRU.

We have introduced some of these research-based ideas for good teaching over the past 2 years with our staff and the children are becoming used to us referring to techniques such as "cold-calling" , "scaffolding" and "Think, pair, share".



As a school we believe we are now in a place to dive deeper into this fabulous resource and fully develop our approach to teaching and learning.

The Walkthru methods will certainly support our staff in ensuring our teaching is inclusive for all children and help us to hit our goal of supporting more children to achieve at Greater Depth.

Celebrating successes



As you know, each Friday we celebrate those children who have been successful in living out our Christian vision and values in our Celebration Worship.

Children are nominated for Going for GOLD with faith in their attitudes (showing our values) or for Giving Learning Their Best.

After February half-term, each child who is nominated will be given a special note to take home. This note is to celebrate with you the successes of your child that week.

If your child comes home with our Celebration slip (picture above) we would really appreciate your support by taking some time to discuss why they were nominated and by celebrating in some small way with them at home.

This celebration doesn't necessarily mean a trip to the sweet shop, but could be in the way of some special time with a trip to the park, or something shared with the family to make the child feel they have achieved and are supported in their achievements.

Our wonderful children deserve all their successes to be shared by both school and family.

Communications update

As you know, we have been using a text message service linked to the website in order to send messages home.

Starting from the February half-term, large-scale messages (to whole classes or whole school) will be sent using email communications.

We will continue to use text messages for urgent or individual contact.

Please ensure the office has your most up-to-date email address in order to support this change.



Don't forget...



Parents' Consultation evenings – 2nd & 3rd February

Please remember to **sign up with your class teacher** for parent evening meetings which are taking place after school **next Monday and Tuesday**. You class teacher has a list of available slots, so please make sure you see them this week after school to sign up.