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Diary

30th March	Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm
	Easter Fayre 3.30pm
1st April	RE day in school for children
2nd April	End of Spring term – school finishes 1.30pm
3rd – 19th April	Easter Holidays – school closed
3rd April	Good Friday
5th April	Easter Sunday
20th April	School reopens for Summer term
22nd April	Y3 continue swimming
28th April	School Hall hire (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
4th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
7th May	INSET day – School closed for children
11th – 14th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs week
	Mental Health Awareness week
22nd May	St. Elizabeth Class – Kew Gardens trip
25th – 29th May	Half-term holiday – School closed

Message from Mr. Kelly

What a full-on, busy term it has been here at Christ Church. Since our last newsletter, we have had a visit from the Mayor of Brent, Cllr Ryan Hack formally opening the Wetherby House Nursery provision, we had the Fire Brigade providing safety workshops to Years 2 & 5, We celebrated the start of both Lent and Ramadan, dressed up for World Book Day, took part in lessons for Science Week, dressed in red for Comic Relief and had our individual photographs taken.



We still have a few days left this term. Our term ends at 1.30pm on Thursday 2nd April. Before then, we still have our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Fayre on Monday 30th March and an R.E. day here at school, led by Fr. Pete on Wednesday 1st April.

I have been really pleased with the general behaviour and attitudes of children here at school over this term and am happy also with the academic progress our children are making due to their positive attitude towards their learning. This was echoed at a recent Governors meeting, where some members of the Governing Board reported back following their discussions with children around how they felt about school. The children spoke well about their time here at Christ Church and also gave their thoughts on future improvements in their learning.

In other news... we have had a little trouble with the School News App not working for some time. Good news: the problem is fixed and we are able to use the app to keep you up to date with events and notices.

Notices on the app are often linked to full stories on our web pages or to emails sent out to individuals or whole classes.

Please ensure that your email addresses are up to date in the school office (Miss Dhaliwal has a form for this), that you are regularly checking your email junk/spam folders and that you have downloaded the School News App and have notifications enabled.

Science Week

Once again, Science Week proved to be a success here at Christ Church.

During the week of 9th March, the children took part in various Science activities and also had a great experience with a real-life Scientist who demonstrated interesting experiments for the children.

Thanks to Miss Akthar, who is our Science Leader for organising this amazing week for us and for writing the report below.



This year's Science Week focused on the theme "*Curiosity: What's your question?*", encouraging children to explore and investigate the wonders of the world around them. Reception and Year 1 pupils explored which paper aeroplane design works best. They created and tested their own aeroplanes and helicopters to see which ones travelled the farthest, finishing the activity with an exciting outdoor aeroplane race!



During the science workshop, the children explored a range of exciting hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world around them. They investigated chemical reactions through fun experiments like colourful lava lamps and "elephant toothpaste," discovering how different substances interact. They learned how sound is created by vibrations and how bigger vibrations make louder noises. Through fizzy rocket activities, they explored forces and motion, seeing how pushes and pulls affect how objects move. They also observed how plants transport water using capillary action, watching colours travel through stems just like water moves through real plants. As material detectives, they tested why some items float and others sink by learning about density. It was a day full of discovery, creativity, and scientific wonder!

A full set of pictures and videos from the Science week events can be seen on our website under **About Us > School Events & Celebrations > Spring Term Events > Science Week 2026**

World Book Day 2026

On 5th March, our children (and some adults too) celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters, or as the meaning to a word.

As always, the standard of the costumes was fantastic. We had costumes such as Julius Caesar, Gangsta Granny, Disney princesses, Marvel superheroes, pirates and even The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

Throughout the day the children took part in reading activities and at the end of the day we had our parade in the school hall during worship time before Mrs. Shah calmed us all down by reading a passage from her favourite book.



Photos of the amazing costumes worn throughout the day can be seen on our website under **About Us > School Events & Celebrations > Spring Term Events > World Book Day 2026**



Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March, those of us not celebrating Eid dressed in red to join the country in celebrating Red Nose Day.

It was a lovely change to see our sea of green turn to a sea of red, especially knowing that we were giving to charity in order to do so.

This year our red colleagues donated around £40 to Comic Relief.

Well done to all who took part.

Photos of our red day can be seen on the website under **About Us > School Events & Celebrations > Spring Term Events > Red Nose Day 2026**



Year 2 Lead Collective Worship



Well done to the amazing Joselyn-Rose and her team who led an informative Collective Worship session on climate change on Wednesday 25th March.

This is something which the children are very passionate about and they spoke well on the topic, even asking questions of the children in the hall.

At the end, the team led everyone in a prayer about stewardship of God's earth and the resources we have been given.

Amazing work! Well done Year 2.

Celebrating successes



Has your child come home with one of our "I deserve a treat" golden tickets?

If so, this is because they have been noticed during the week for either Giving Learning Their Best, or for demonstrating our Christian Values.

If your child brings one of these tickets home on a Friday, please 1) ask them why they got it and discuss the behaviours and attitudes which got them noticed and then 2) use the golden ticket to praise them for their amazing efforts through the week.

Treats for winning a Golden ticket could be having their favourite treat for dinner, a visit to a favourite place over the weekend, a trip to the park, or anything the child enjoys. (This doesn't mean that it must involve buying sweets and fizzy drinks...)

Messages from the school Office

Governors' Maintenance Fund

As you know, each year we ask parents to contribute £40 towards the Governors' Maintenance Fund. This fund goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of C of E School buildings – we do not receive funding from the Local Authority for this.



Unfortunately, we have not had many donations for this year. This means that any maintenance and remedial work on the building has to be paid for out of the school's already small budget. If you can help, please pay at the school office using your card, or through the ScoPay app.

Please pay any outstanding money owing to school before the end of term.

Easter Bonnets & Fayre

Don't forget the Easter bonnet parade on March 30th, followed by the PSA Easter Fayre

CHRIST CHURCH EASTER BONNET PARADE 2026



Make an Easter themed hat.
Prizes for the best!



Get creative!

Parent participants welcome

Wear it in the **parade!** Monday 30th March

Easter Holiday opportunity



- The No.1 Science Activity Holiday STEM Camp
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