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Christ Church CE Primary News Bulletin

Together we can ... make a great start to the new school year!

Dear Parents and Carers,
What a great first half term we have had at Christ Church! It has certainly been a busy one, filled with exciting experiences, wonderful achievements and lots of opportunities for our children to learn, grow and shine.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. It was lovely to see so many of you at our *Meet the Teacher* Evenings where we shared the expectations and events for the year ahead. It was also lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for our SEND Parents' Evenings and Reception Parents' Evenings. Working together and building strong relationships with our families continues to be our priority and we look forward to inviting parents of Nursery children and Year 6 children for Progress meetings after half term.

It was also lovely to welcome you all into school for our annual Macmillan Coffee morning and we were overwhelmed by your generosity once again, where we raised over £800 for such a worthwhile cause.

A further thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection. All donations have now been collected by our local foodbank, and I'd like to pass on their heartfelt thanks for the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. It is moments like these that remind us just how special our Christ Church family is.

We have also made a flying start with our enrichment opportunities this year! From pumpkin picking, museum visits, visits to Hillside High School and Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School and adventures at Martin Mere, to our Year 6 residential. Our children have already enjoyed a wonderful range of experiences beyond the classroom. We have also welcomed an author and poet into school and provided valuable learning opportunities through firework safety assemblies, gang awareness workshops and sessions with the NSPCC.

One of our proudest moments this half term has undoubtedly been achieving the Gold Reading Quality Mark Award! This is a fantastic recognition of our commitment to developing a love of reading and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to become a confident, enthusiastic reader. It is a real team achievement, reflecting the hard work of our children, the dedication of our staff and the invaluable support of our families. We are incredibly proud!

I was equally proud to welcome to school Mrs Sullivan, an advisor for Church Schools who took a tour of our school, met with pupils and staff and enjoyed collective worship with our Key Stage one pupils. Her feedback was wonderful. She was particularly impressed with the artwork the children had carried out in our collective Big Draw where our pupils created a fantastic mural demonstrating our vision of '*Together we can...care*'.

As always, attendance continues to be another key priority for us. Every school day matters, and being in school regularly ensures that our children can make the most of the learning, friendships and wider opportunities on offer. Thank you for continuing to work with us to give every child the very best chance to succeed. We would like to reiterate that term-time absences disrupt a child's school routine and learning. Consequently, leave is not permitted without prior permission from the Headteacher, which is only granted under exceptional circumstances.

As we look ahead to the next half term, there is already so much to look forward to! I have attached our forthcoming events and celebrations below which will be taking place over the next half term, as we head towards what promises to be another exciting and busy term at Christ Church.

I hope you enjoy a lovely week with your families.
Best wishes

L.Gregory

Dear Lord,
Thank you that we are never alone
Together we are stronger with you
Amen

Wider Curriculum Key Dates for Parents 2026 – 2027	
Date – Autumn B	**Theme**
Monday 9th November	Odd Socks Day - *Unique Week*
Tuesday 10th Nov Thursday 12th Nov	Parents Evening Year 6 and Nursery
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – *Unique Week*
Wednesday 18th November	School Photographs
Thursday 19th November	Year 5 Values Assembly
Wednesday 25th November 10a.m	EYFS Open Morning for 2027 starters
Friday 27th November	SEND Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2nd December	EYFS Christmas Crafts
Week beginning 7th December	Christmas Performances
Friday 11th December	Santa Visit, Christmas Dinner, Santa Dash
Monday 14th December	Christmas Bingo for Kids
Tuesday 15th December	Jude Lennon Author Visit
Wednesday 16th December	Festive Film afternoon
Thursday 17th December	Party Day – own clothes