NEWSLETTER

14th November 2025

Firm Foundations; Rooted in Love.

Rooted in love, we grow and learn together, supported by our firm foundations. We nurture and respect the individuals within our community, so that all can flourish and succeed, with aspirational hope.

"Do everything in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Another very busy week at Christchurch C of E Primary school!

We now only have 5 more weeks before the Christmas Holidays!

On Monday this week our Year 6 children took part in a Cyber Security Workshop run by the Joint Essex Fire & Police Education Department.

We hope that they have taken away some valuable information to help guide them whilst using technology!

Next Monday they will return to the Year 6 pupils with a Knife Crime Workshop. This will involve a conversation on carrying a knife, joint enterprise & peer pressure.

The objectives are to understand the consequences of carrying/using a knife. To understand what joint enterprise is & its implications & to investigate ways of addressing peer pressure.

You may wish to discuss this with your Year 6 child this weekend.

This week we have been running our second Early Bird Competition of this academic year!

Every child who arrived on time received a tick on their chart. The children who arrived in school on time all week, where entered into a class draw. One child from each class, who was in school on time, won a prize!

Also, the class with the highest percentage of children in school on time won a class reward!

Next Friday, 21st November 2025, the Vaccination Team will be in school delivering the Flu Vaccination to the children who's parent/carers have completed & returned the permission form.

Enjoy the weekend – hopefully the rain will stop!

Vaccination UK

Flu Vaccinations

21st November 2025

Flu has had a serious impact on the health of England's population over the past two winters. Vaccinating your child helps reduce the risk of serious illness and plays an important role in protecting vulnerable individuals in your community, friends and family.

The Vaccination Team will be visiting Christchurch CofE Primary school on Friday 21st November 2025 to offer the flu vaccine – please can you ensure you complete the form sent to you prior to this date (even if you do not require your child to be Vaccinated). Thank you.

PE DAYS – Autumn Term 2 2025

Please can children **come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days:**

EYFS – Monday & Thursday

Year 1 – Thursday

Year 2 – Thursday

Year 3 – Thursday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in their PE lessons, they should come to school wearing their normal School Uniform and bring a letter explaining why they are not participating. Please note all long hair **must** be tied back during PE lessons.

Forest School – Autumn Term 2 2025

From Tuesday 4th November 2025 to Tuesday 16th December 2025 (6 sessions) the children in Years 1, 2 & 6 will be taking part in Forest School on the school grounds.

Please note there will be no Forest School on Tuesday 9th December 2025 due to the EYFS/KS1 Nativity & KS2 Carols – full details to follow.

Please could all children in Years 1 & 2 come to school every Tuesday wearing clothes/shoes suitable for taking part in Forest School.

Please can the children wear clothing you do not mind getting muddy & that they are wearing long sleeves & long trousers to allow them to fully take part in all the activities.

Please can the children in Year 6 come to school every Tuesday wearing their School Uniform with a bag containing suitable clothing/shoes to change into for Forest School.

Please note that the children in Year 4 will be taking part in Forest School in the New Year.

Gardening Club

Well done to the members of our Gardening Club who have been busy replanting our "caterpillar" with winter bedding plants.

The cheery flowers during the winter months are sure to put a smile on our faces!

Head of School Stickers

This week Mrs Hall has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Reggie – Badgers for helping Mrs Warr carry heavy bags (rec'd 7/11/25)
Roman – Badgers for his brilliant Guided Reading work
Lola – Badgers for her excellent Write to Impress work
Reggie- Badgers for working so hard in a Maths Test
Freddie – Badgers for working so hard in a Maths Test

Newspaper Donations

As you can imagine art can be very messy (especially in Red Squirrels class) & we use lots of old newspapers to protect the tables.

If any of our parents/carers or their families currently purchase a daily or weekend newspaper we would be most grateful if, when you have finished with them, you could pass them to us!

Please send into school with your child/ren or hand in at the school office.

Thank you in advance!

Helping Hands Box

We are delighted that so many of our parents/carers are using our Helping Hands Box which is located in the school office foyer.

If you have any items in your cupboards which are in-date & you are able to spare then we would be very grateful for any top ups – please just add them to the box.

We all need to look out for each other & we really appreciate any contributions received.

Thank you to all those who have topped up our box your continued support is very appreciated.

Early Bird Competition

We all know how important it is to be at school every day but to also arrive **ON TIME!**

Attendance and punctuality have a huge impact on learning and achievement in school.

This week we have been running an **Early Bird Competition.**

Every child who arrived on time received a tick on their chart. Children who were in school on time all week, were entered into a class draw. One child from each class, who has been in school on time, has won a prize.

Congratulations to the class winners:

Oliver – Red Squirrels
Esme – Hedgehogs
Dita – Foxes
Rosie – Badgers

Congratulations to Foxes class for being the class with the highest percentage of children in school on time – they won extra playtime in the hall to play with our fantastic new equipment kindly donated by Elliot from Badgers & his family!

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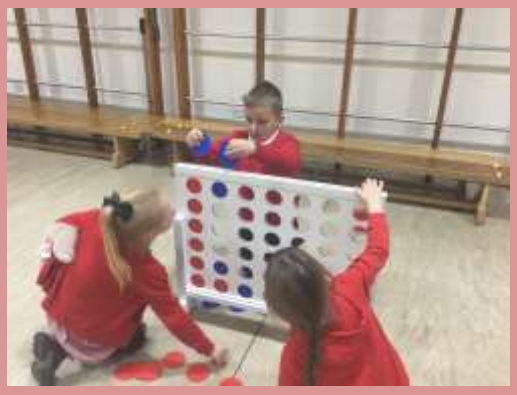


The J9 Initiative

All of our teaching staff have attended J9 training sessions & therefore Christchurch C of E Primary School can help anyone suffering domestic abuse to obtain information to access a safe place where they can seek information and the use of a telephone.

If anyone needs to access this help then please come to the school office stating J9 and assistance will be provided.

Volunteer

We would like to invite you all to consider coming in to support our children during lessons.

If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting to discuss what will be involved and to collect a Volunteer pack for completion.

All volunteers working with our children are subject to a completed DBS, references and proof of identity.

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 14th November 2025

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- LETTER TO EYFS & YEAR 6 PARENTS: SHINE Survey (emailed 10/11/25)
- FLYER TO ALL PARENTS: High Class Sports – Christmas Drop & Shop Day – Saturday 6/12/25 9am to 3pm (emailed 13/11/25)

Lost Property

We will be keeping any items which we are unable to return to the children in a **Lost Property Basket** which is **located in the School Office Foyer.**

If your child/ren have lost any items then please have a look through the basket to see if you are able to locate.

Please remember to name items to assist with returning them to the children – thank you!

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November 2025 the Remembrance Service was held at Christ Church at 10.45am.

Some of our Worship Group joined Mrs Hall to represent Christchurch C of E Primary.

"Super proud of all the children at the service. Behaviour was amazing, all children were respectful towards the two minute silence. It was lovely."
Mrs Hall

Remembrance Assembly

On Tuesday 11th November 2025 we held a Remembrance Assembly in which we had a 1 minute silence.

"We are very proud of all our children today for the respect shown in the Remembrance Assembly." Mrs Hall

All the children have taken home a gift of a poppy seed which we hope they enjoy planting.

EYFS Remembrance Walk to Christ Church

Our EYFS children on Tuesday walked to Christ Church to look at all the Remembrance poppies.

Well done for being so well behaved & respectful!

Primary School (Reception) Admission Round for September 2026

As you may be aware, the Primary School (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 10th November 2025, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year starting in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is:

15th January 2026

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Help Improve Children's Wellbeing – take part in the SHINE Survey

We have been asked to send the attached survey information to parents / carers of children in Reception and Year 6.

The survey will be to help understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**.

The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups and should take around 20 minutes to complete.

SHINE-Parent-Survey-Nov-25

Thank you for your support!

Reading Raffle

Reading is an important life skill. We want to reward and encourage children to read at home. Therefore, we have launched our Reading Raffle!

For your child to be entered into the Reading Raffle each week, your child needs to read **at least 4 out of 7 times a week**.

They need to have their **Reading Diaries signed and shown to their class teacher on a Friday morning**.

The raffle will run from Friday to Thursday each week

If your child has read **at least 4 out of 7 times**, then their name will be entered into the raffle.

A name will be picked at random from each class. The winner of each class will win a book! This raffle will be every week and we hope to see all children entering every week!

Congratulations to this week's winners – we hope you enjoy reading your new books!

Charlie – Red Squirrels

Freya - Hedgehogs

Ivy - Foxes

Riley – Badgers

Attendance – w/e 14/11/25

The winning class for the week ending **14th November 25** is Foxes class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	93.98%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	96.58%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	98.02%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	96.39%

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message **for safe guarding reasons we must have a reason.**

If you receive a text message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made and if we are unable to contact you then a home visit may be appropriate.

If you child arrives late then please could an adult accompany them into the office to sign them in. Anyone arriving after the registers close (after half an hour) will be classed as an unauthorised absence unless we are aware of the reason in advance.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Harrison, Riley, Poppy & Molly.

Well done to you all!

Stars of the Week – w/e 14/11/25

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Jessica & Carter
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Tommy & Paisley
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Amelia & Dita
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Esme & Elouise

Good Manners – w/e 14/11/25

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	George & Henry
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Thea & Summer
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Chloe & Rowan
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Olivia & Sawyer

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 14/11/25

George – Red Squirrels

Brooklyn - Hedgehogs

Reading Challenge – w/e 14/11/25

Year Group	% of class who have read
R	44%
Year 1	65%
Year 2	58%
Year 3	57%
Year 4	79%
Year 5	50%
Year 6	80%

Hot Chocolate Winners–w/e 14/11/25

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Tate
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Esme
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Tacey
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Emily

Mrs Bishop will be taking the Hot Chocolate winners on a Monday & their picture will be in the following week's Newsletter.

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

Please note that all events are for the children/staff only unless specified.

Academic Year 2025-2026

November 2025

5th Nov 25 to 10th Dec 25 – Year 3 & 5 Swimming Lessons at Blackwater Swimming Pool- ltr emailed 16/10/25 refers
21st Nov 25 – 9.30am – Flu Vaccinations – details previously emailed

December 2025

1st Dec 25 – 9.15am to 3pm – PTFA – Decorate a Christmas Card – details to follow
2nd Dec 25 – 9.30am – NCMP Screening – Year 6 – Height & Weight – letter emailed 2/10/25 refers
2nd Dec 25 – 9.30am – NCMP Screening – Reception – Height, Weight & Vision – letter emailed 2/10/25 refers
5th Dec 25 – 9.30am – PTFA Pantomime Performance – Red Riding Hood – Flyer issued 24/10/25 refers
8th Dec 25 – 11.15am to 4pm – iSingPOP Christmas Concert at Central Baptist Church – letter emailed 6/11/25 refers
8th Dec 25 – 1.45pm – Full Dress Rehearsal - EYFS/KS1 Nativity & KS2 Carols
9th Dec 25 – 9am to 10am – EYFS/KS1 Nativity & KS2 Carols – details to follow
9th Dec 25 – 2pm to 3pm – EYFS/KS1 Nativity & KS2 Carols – details to follow
10th Dec 25 – 9.15am to 9.50am – EYFS & KS1 – Christmas Service at Christ Church
10th Dec 25 – 10.15am to 10.50am – KS2 – Christmas Service at Christ Church
13th Dec 25 – 10am to 3pm – PTFA Christmas Fair at Latchingdon Village Hall
17th Dec 25 – Christmas Jumper Day – Children invited to wear their Christmas jumpers
17th Dec 25 – 12.30pm to 1.20pm – Christmas Dinner – Flyer refers
22nd Dec 25 to 2nd Jan 26 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2026

5th Jan 26 – First Day Spring Term

February 2026

13th Feb 26 – NON-PUPIL DAY
16th to 20th Feb 26 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

March 2026

5th March 26 – World Book Day – details to follow
30th March to 20th April 26 – EASTER HOLIDAY

April 2025

13th April 26 – First Day of Summer Term

May 2026

4th May 26 – BANK HOLIDAY
25th May to 29th May 26 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

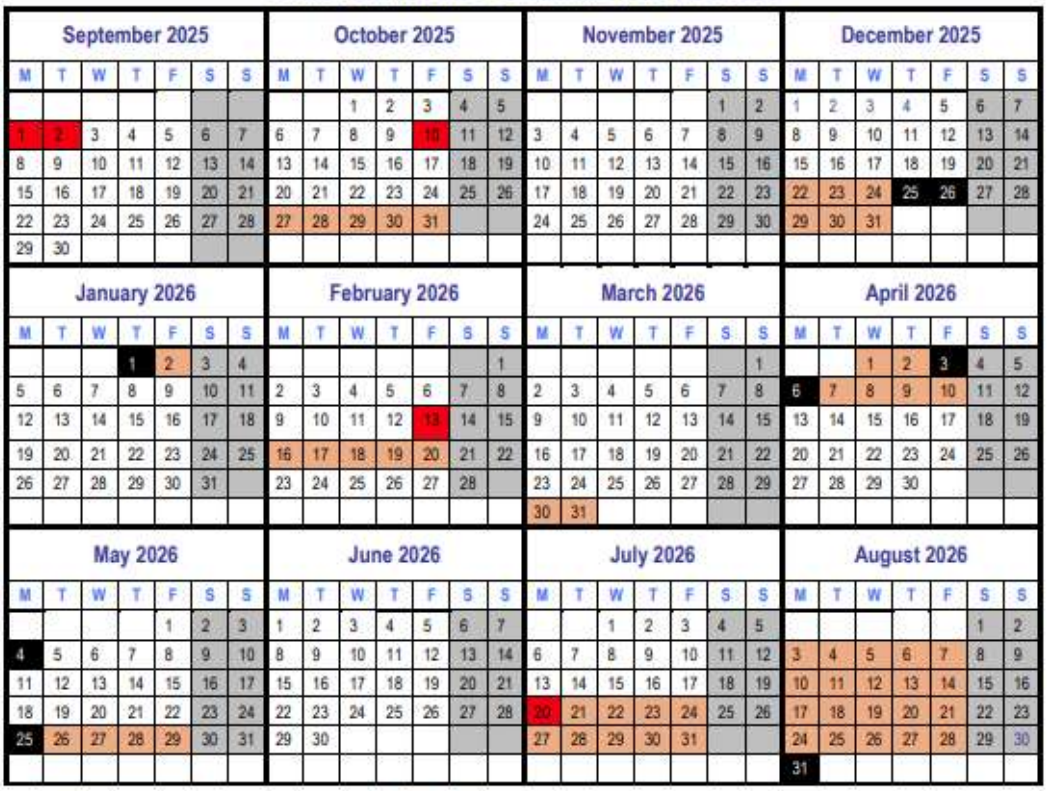
July 2026

20th July 26 – NON-PUPIL DAY
21ST July 26 – SUMMER HOLIDAY

PLEASE NOTE BELOW CHRISTCHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

Christchurch C of E Primary School

School Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-2026



= Schooldays = School holidays = Bank holidays

= Weekends = Non-pupil days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 *Half Term 27 October – 31 October*	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 *Half Term 16 February - 20 February*	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 *Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May*	65 days
		195 days

Please note:
The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.
You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

PTFA

The PTFA Members are:

Chairperson: Mrs S Brew

Treasurer: Mr A Brew

Secretary: Ms R Smith

Staff Members: Mrs L Hall & Mrs D Bishop

Christmas Dinner

17th December 2025

All meals need to be booked one week before they are wanted, however, all meals for week commencing Monday 15th December 2025 need to be booked by Friday 5th December 2025.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PTFA

Pantomime Performance – *Red Riding Hood*

Friday 5th December 2025

9.30am

£5 per child

We are delighted to let you know that the PFTA have organised for a pantomime company to visit our school to perform *Red Riding Hood* on Friday 5th December 2025 at 9.30am.

This is always a wonderful event that the children thoroughly enjoy, bringing plenty of laughter and festive cheer to the school.

To help cover the cost of the performance, we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child.

Please send your contribution to school by Friday 21st November, either in cash in a labelled envelope or via PayPal.

We're sure it will be a highlight of the festive season for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Christchurch PTFA

Please return slips & payment (in a sealed envelope) to the PTFA post-box by Monday 17th November 2025. (Post-box located on left hand side as you enter the office).

Pantomime 5th December 2025

Child/ren's Name:_____ Class:_____

I have paid via PayPal □ I have enclosed cash □

Email for PayPal: latchingdonprimaryschoolptfa@gmail.com

Signed:_____ Contact Number:_____

Christmas Drop and Shop day

Saturday 6th December

9am-3pm

Christchurch Primary School
Latchingdon

£24 per child
(Sibling discounts on offer)

Would you like a day to Christmas shop without the children getting under your feet? Would you like a day to wrap those gifts in peace? Here at High Class Sport, we can help!

High Class Sport

"Motivating and inspiring youngsters each and every day"

Join Mr Perry and Co for a fun day of sports, games, arts and crafts and Christmas competitions. Games include football, nerf wars, cricket, dodgeball, archery, as well as Christmas themed games and arts and crafts. Please use the link below to book your place now!

www.bookwhen.com/highclasssport

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- **U** – Universal, suitable for all ages
- **PG** – Parental Guidance required
- **12** – Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- **12A** – Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
- **15** – Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- **18** – Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- **R18** – Adult content only available in specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

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