Christ Church
Primary School

Weekly News 23/10/26

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter where you will find all the latest updates and information about school. Please scroll down to find out about some of the goings on in school this week, along with reminders of events and diary dates for the coming weeks and months.



“Preparing, Sowing, Growing”

Our Christian Value for **October** is **Truthfulness.**

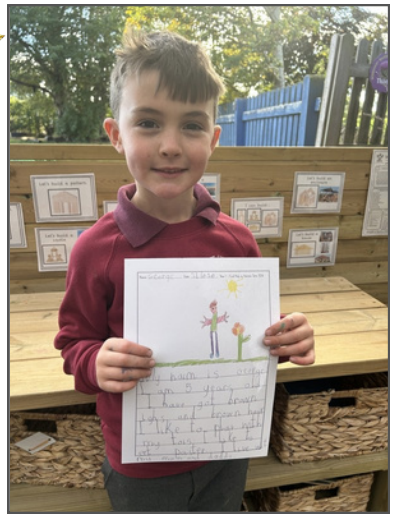
This means being honest, telling the truth even when it’s difficult and making the right choice. Our link Bible story isThe story of Joseph – Joseph’s brothers lie about his death (Genesis 37: 17–33 Old Testament)

Our Star Writers of the Half Term

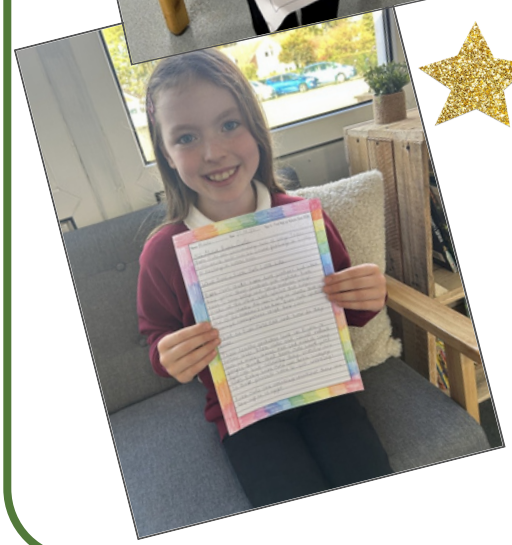
We are delighted to have awarded our first ‘Star Writers’ of the year today! One child from each class has been chosen in recognition of the progress, achievement and presentation demonstrated in an extended piece of writing completed this half term.

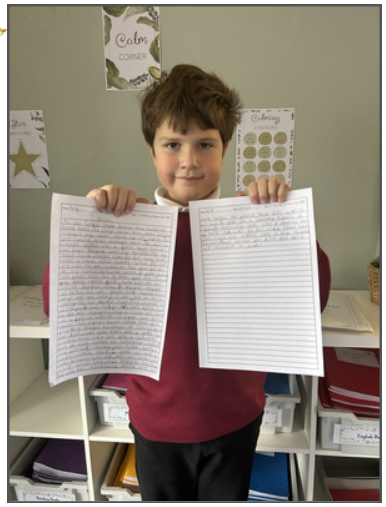
Their fantastic work will now be proudly displayed on our Star Writing Board in the main corridor, where we hope it will inspire everyone across school. Please do take a look next time you are in school!

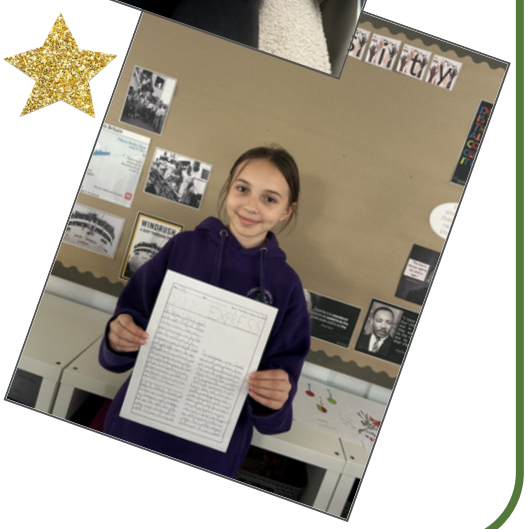














Money Raised to Support Nkuringo





A message from Mrs Crout

Thank you to everyone who supported the Teddy Tombola and Name the Unicorn at the Halloween disco last week. You raised £112, which will go towards next year's school fees for Rebecca and Prudence in Nkuringo, Uganda. Our sponsorship is life changing for these girls. It not only gives them food and an education, it gives them a means to get out of poverty, to support themselves and their family when they are older. It gives them a future.



Nkuringo Primary School children in Uganda



Christ Church Christmas Market



To continue raising funds to enhance our ourdoor areas, we will be holding a Christmas market on **Friday 11th December after school** (more details to follow) where all classes will be involved in making items to sell.

This will follow our Art/Design Technology Exhibition afternoon, from 2.30–3.00pm where families are invited into school to look at the learning form the week.

Mrs Crout will be running a craft club to make additional items for the stalls, which will be held on Wednesdays, 3.15pm to 4.15pm, starting on 4th November. Booking links will be available soon.





Parent Workshop



Would you like to understand more about your child's emotions?

We have booked a workshop on Emotion Coaching for our families, led by Educational Psychologists to be held at Christ Church on Tuesday 17th November. Free wrap availble for children during the session.

CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITE YOU TO

EMOTION COACHING FOR PARENTS WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST





- Are you finding it hard to manage your child's emotions at home?
- Would you like some practical tips and strategies to support your child even further?

Come along to this session

We would like to invite you to an Emotion Coaching Session with the Educational Psychologist. This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about emotion coaching, a supportive approach that helps children understand, express and manage their feelings. The session will offer practical strategies that can be used at home to support emotional regulation and wellbeing.

Emotion coaching is an approach that we use regularly in school. Last year, every member of staff received training from the Educational Psychology Team, helping us to develop a consistent approach to supporting children's emotional wellbeing. This session will give parents and carers the opportunity to learn more about the strategies we use in school and how they can be adapted and used at home.

We hope you will be able to join us and work together to further support your child's emotional development and wellbeing.

Where? At Christ Church Primary School

When? Tuesday 17th November at 4.30pm-5.00pm

How? Please sign up using this QR code or alternatively, email SEND@christchurch.shrophire.sch.uk or pop into the office to sign up.

Please note, if we do not get enough parent uptake on this training it will either have to be moved or cancelled.



New Clubs for Next Half Term



We have been working hard with a range of extra-curricular providers to expand our after-school provision this year. This half term, children have enjoyed Multiskills and Football with Shrewsbury Town Football Club, alongside Pickleball, Archery and Yoga provided by Love, Play, Active.

Next half term, we are excited to be offering the following clubs each week:

Mondays: KS2 Basketball Club with Love, Play Active.



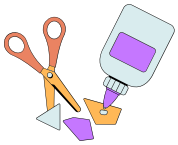
Tuesdays: KS1/KS2 Multiskills with Shrewsbury Town FC



Wednesdays: KS2 Tag Rugby with Love, Play, Active



Wednesdays: KS1/KS2 Crafts Club with Mrs Crout



Thursdays: KS1/KS2 Football with Shrewsbury Town FC



Thursdays: KS1/KS2 Computer Coding with Jam Coding



Fridays: KS1/KS2 Gymnastics with Love, Play Active



Most clubs can be booked and paid for on Pembee by following this link:
(from Monday 19th October)
https://christchurchcressage.pembee.app

Payment for Jam Coding Club will be made directly to the provider.
Please see the poster with link to book and pay on the next page

Please note that club prices vary between providers.



Jam Coding Club Details



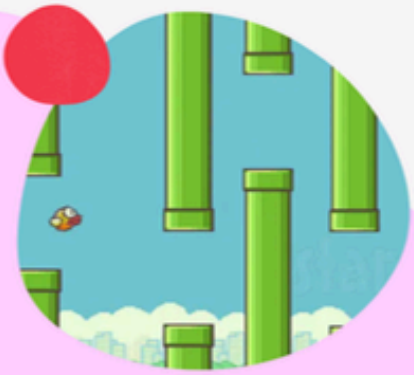
Jam Coding Club requires direct booking and payment through their portal.
Click the link below to access th eportal and book your child's place:
https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/6800

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COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

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GAMEBUILDING Afterschool Club_

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills . This game building workshop will teach children how to code and build their very own 3D computer game. Children will have fun creating interactive animations and games using visual coding. Working in teams, they will learn how to think logically and solve problems. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!



DATES:
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER

TIME: 15:15 - 16:15

PRICE: £8.00 PER SESSION
£56.00 PER COURSE



BOOK HERE: HTTPS://PORTAL.JAMCODING.FRANSCAPE.IO/CLASS-OVERVIEW/6800

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require.
N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:
shropshire@jamcoding.co.uk

WIN A FREE PLACE!
Follow us on social media for the chance to win a free place.

www.jamcoding.co.uk

Christ Church Shoebox Appeal



This year again, we would like to reach out to those in need at Christmas by collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and essentials to children across Ukraine, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romania, Moldova and Belarus, bringing smiles and hope to thousands of vulnerable children.

Each class would like to try and fill up to 10 shoeboxes with toys, gifts and essentials ready to be delivered before Christmas. We are asking for donations of items to go into the shoeboxes for children aged 3–5 years, 6–11 years and 12+ years. Children in school will then pack up all of the items in our shoeboxes and we will deliver them to the collection depot in November.

If you are able to donate, please choose a selection of items from those suggested below:

Items should be new, however pre– loved items in good condition are acceptable.

Suggested items for boys or girls include:

Toothbrush and toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap and face cloth, stationery and paper, gloves, hat and scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June 2027)

For more ideas have a look on the Teams4U website: (scroll to the end of the page for videos suggesting items for different ages of children)

https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/

Please could all donations be sent into school by 3rd November to allow the children time to pack the boxes before the collection date in November.

Last year we collected nearly 30 boxes together!



Celebration Leaves & Star Learners

Acorns Class



Leaf: Thea for always being polite and showing good manners. You are a good friend to others with your compassion and kindness. Thank you.

Learner: George for always working so hard with everything he does in a calm manner. Your handwriting has been beautiful this term. Well done for having a positive attitude towards learning.

Maple Class



Leaf: Ellie Hudson for settling into Year 1 so brilliantly and embracing every learning challenge with a smile and a positive attitude. You are working incredibly hard, making fantastic progress, and growing in confidence every day. Keep up the amazing work!

Learner: Lyra for the fantastic progress you have made in reading. You can already read all of the Year 2 common exception words, and your wonderful expression brings every story to life. Your enthusiasm often makes your teachers smile and laugh, and it helps you develop a deeper understanding of what you are reading. Keep shining, Lyra!

Holly Class



Leaf: Tyler for his amazing report about Barn Owls this week. He has shown such perseverance to write up his report and it was lovely to see how proud he is of his final piece. Miss Taylor also wanted to recognise Tyler for his insightful contributions in group reading. Thank you Tyler – you are a great role model.

Learner: Amelia for her fantastic effort in Maths this week. She had tried so hard and kept going when it's really tricky. We are all very proud of you Amelia.

Willow Class



Leaf: Rose for being a fantastic role model. Every day you embrace learning and show me your outstanding behaviour. You are a pleasure to have in the class.

Learner: Shelby – you are a joy to have in the class. You work so hard on your maths and I have loved the effort and enthusiasm you have been putting into your writing. Keep up the hard work.

Oak Class



Leaf: Lily for always being such a kind, thoughtful and positive member of our class. Lily consistently follows our Golden Rules and is a wonderful role model to others, both inside and outside of the classroom. It has also been great to see her confidence continue to grow and for her to believe in herself more and more. We are super proud of you Lily – keep shining!

Learner: Albie for being a fantastic learner and producing an amazing newspaper report all about the arrival of the Empire Windrush. You listened carefully to the input and used this to create a brilliant piece of writing – whilst still adding your own style and flair! You responded well to feedback and this has resulted in a high-quality piece of writing. You should be very proud of your work!



October Birthdays

1st Arna, 3rd Jade, 4th Rex, James, 7th Maggie, 8th Lando

17th William B, 24th Jessica H



Our Class Star Writers

Each half term, we celebrate a Star Writer from each class who has aimed high in their writing and shown fantastic progress, effort and determination. Their wonderful work is proudly displayed in our main corridor, inspiring everyone across school to aim high with their own writing too!



Little Acorns Class Star Writer for Autumn Term 1 is :

Heidi – your writing is the most colourful of all. We love how proud you are of your writing. What a great start to your writing journey.



Acorns Class Star Writer for Autumn Term 1 is :

George – your writing was chosen because it is so beautiful and neat, with all of your letters correctly formed. We were so impressed!



Maple Class Star Writer for Autumn Term 1 is

Ellie Hop – not one but two wonderful riddles which made me think carefully, but the progress in writing from Year 1 to Year 2 is amazing. You have really worked hard on improving and it is noticeable!



Holly Class Star Writer for Autumn Term 1 is :

Maisie – your beautiful handwriting stood out – Mrs Clarke, Ms Crabtree and Miss Taylor all noticed how hard you had worked to write your barn owl report and just how beatifully it waa presented. Well done.



Willow Class Star Writer for Autumn Tem 1 is :

Rory – you have really impressed me with your effort in composing descriptive sentences for your character description of Grendel from our class text. Well done.



Oak Class Star Writer for Autumn Term 1 is :

Dotty – you produced a brilliant newspaper report all about the Empire Windrush. When I was reading your work I was so impressed with all of the extra detail you had added without any adult prompts! What a fantastic start to your star writing book. Well done!



Bonfire Night Lunch Menu for Thursday 5th November



Thursday 5th November

Hotdogs
Pork sausages in a finger roll
with sweetcorn and bbq baked beans.

Veggie Dogs
Vegan sausages in a finger roll
with sweetcorn and bbq baked beans .

Jacket potato with the choice of cheese,
tuna mayonnaise or baked beans.

Fruit, yogurt or chocolate marshmallow cupcakes



CHRIST CHURCH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

You're warmly invited to our Early Years Open Days at Christ Church CE Primary School. Come and experience the heart of our vibrant Early Years community, where children flourish in beautifully refurbished indoor spaces and thrive through play in our expansive outdoor learning environments. Our setting inspires curiosity, builds confidence, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning.

Join us to see our school in action, meet our dedicated staff and feel the warmth of our caring, family atmosphere. We'd love to welcome you and share what makes our school so special.





Open Day Dates:

Thursday 22nd October
1.30pm -2.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November
3.30pm - 4.30pm

To book
your visit contact
our lovely office staff:

01952 510383

www.christchurchcressage.co.uk

Shropshire
Church of England
Academies Trust



PTA Comfy Clothes Day
Friday 27th November



PTA COMFY CLOTHES DAY!

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

WEAR WHATEVER YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN, WHETHER THAT'S YOUR OWN CLOTHES OR YOUR UNIFORM

PLEASE BRING IN £1 FOR OUR FUNDRAISING

WEAR SCHOOL SUITABLE SHOES OR TRAINERS







Would You Like to be a Governor at Christ Church CE Primary School ?



Foundation Governor Vacancy
Christ Church CE Primary School Local Governing Body

Are you passionate about education, your local community, and the distinctive Christian ethos of Church schools?

Christ Church CE Primary School is seeking a Foundation, Academy Local Governing Board Member. Foundation Governors play a vital role in supporting the school's Christian vision and values while helping to provide strategic challenge and support to school leaders. The Local Governing Body is a committee of the Trust Board, with delegated responsibilities for supporting the effective governance and success of the school.

We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals who:

- Are committed to the values and mission of Church of England education.
- Can offer strategic thinking, professional expertise, or community insight.
- Are willing to work collaboratively with school leaders and fellow governors to help secure the best outcomes for pupils.

No previous governance experience is required, as training and support will be available.

process for appointment of academy local governing board members final sept 25.pdf

If you would like to express an interest in becoming a Foundation, Academy Local Governing Board Member at Christ Church CE Primary School,
please contact: Mrs Emma Clarke, Head of School,
for an informal conversation in the first instance.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday 26th Friday 30th October – Half term
- Monday 2nd November – PD Day – school is closed for children

- Wednesday 4th November – all day – Maple Class to Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery for a 'Great Fire of London' workshop
- Tuesday 10th November – Tempest individual school photos for children
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day – Come to school dressed in spotty clothes with a £1 donation to go to Children in Need. We will be holding a bake sale too, so any donations will be very welcome.
- Friday 27th November – PTA Comfy Clothes Day – Come to school in your comfiest clothes (even pyjamas!) with a £1 donation to help pay for transport to Cound Church for a Christmas service.
- Tuesday 1st December – 3.30–5.30pm – Parents Evening and IEP review for children on the SEND register
- Thursday 3rd December – 3.30–5.30pm – Parents Evening and IEP review for children on the SEND register
- Monday 7th December – Christmas Performances at 1.30pm and 5pm
- Friday 11th December – 10.00–1.00pm – Maple, Holly, Willow and Oak Classes visit to see the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Theatre Severn
- Friday 11th December – 2.30–3.00pm – We will be having Art and Design Technology week from 7th – 11th December, so would like to invite families of children in Little Acorns, Acorns, Maple, Holly, Willow and Oak into school to view their 'Art' or 'Design Technology' Exhibition at the end of the week
- Friday 11th December – 3.15–4.30pm Christ Church Christmas Market. Come along to see and buy the decorations children have made and take part in a chocolate tombola and more.
- Monday 14th December – Whole School visit to Cound Church for Christmas Service
- Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day (The only meal option on this day will be Christmas lunch. If your child would not like a Christmas dinner, please can they bring a packed lunch instead– thank you)
- Friday 18th December – End of term

- Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January – Christmas Holidays

- Tuesday 5th January – Back to school for children

After School Clubs for Autumn Term

After school clubs start on the **first** week back to school after the summer holidays from **Tuesday 3rd November 2026** as follows:

- **Monday 3.15–4.15pm** – KS2 **Basketball** with Love, Play, Active
- **Tuesday 3.15–4.15pm** – KS1/KS2 **Multiskills** with Shrewsbury Town Football Club
- **Wednesday 3.15–4.15pm** – KS2 **Tag Rugby** with Love, Play, Active or
  KS1/KS2 **Craft Club** with Mrs Crout
- **Thursday 3.15–4.15pm** – KS1/KS2 **Football** with Shrewsbury Town Football Club or
  KS1/KS2 **Computer Coding** with Jam Coding
- **Friday 3.15–4.15pm** – KS1/KS2 **Gymnastics** with Love, Play Active

Please book your child's clubs using this link:

https://christchurchcressage.pembee.app



After School Wrap–Around Care

Our after–school wrap times have changed to meet the needs of our families.

On Mondays–Thursdays wrap will run from 3.15–5.00pm and on Fridays it will be from 3.15–4.30pm.

We have added an option for wrap after school clubs have finished from 4.15–5.00pm.

The charges will now be the same whether you book in advance or on the day.

Please book your child's place using this link:

https://christchurchcressage.pembee.app/





School Lunch Menu

This is our new lunch menu from November 2026 – February 2027.

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
	W/C: 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec, 18th Jan, 8th Feb	W/C: 9th Nov, 30th Nov, 4th Jan, 25th Jan	W/C: 16th Nov, 7th Dec, 11th Jan, 1st Feb
MONDAY	Tomato pasta bake with garlic bread Cheese and baked bean puff Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Carrots, broccoli Fruit jelly	Meaty macaroni Tomato pasta bake Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Chunky bread, carrots and peas Fruity jelly	Beef soft tacos Plant based soft tacos Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Rice and corn on the cob Fruity jelly
TUESDAY	Sweet and sour chicken Sweet and sour Quorn Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo 50/50 rice and green beans Oat and raisin cookie	Chicken goujons Vegetable burger Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Herby diced potaotes, mixed vegetables and beans Apple and sultana flapjack	Hot dog Veggie dog Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Finger roll, sweetcorn and baked beans Chocolate and raspberry brownie
WEDNESDAY	Big breakfast Vegetarian breakfast Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Baked beans, scrambled eggs and mushrooms Banana muffin	Beef meatballs in a tomato sauce Plant based meatball in a tomato sauce Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Wholewheat pasta, broccoli and cauliflower Greek yogurt and fruit	Roast chicken fillet with gravy Quorn vegan fillet with gravy Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Mashed potatoes and carrots Greek yogurt and fruit
THURSDAY	Salmon fishcake Quorn vegan dippers Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Chips and mixed vegetables Fruit sponge and custard	Gluten free fish fillet Vegetable fingers Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Chips and mixed vegetables Iced sponge cake	Salmon fish cake Glamorgan style vegan sausages Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Chips and mixed vegetables Apple and berry crumble with custard
FRIDAY	BBQ chicken and sweetcorn pizza Cheese pizza Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Baked beans, peas and sweetcorn Fruity Friday: fruit yogurts or fruit slices	Pepperoni pizza Vegetable pizza Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Baked beans, peas and sweetcorn Fruity Friday: fruit yogurts or fruit slices	Ham and pineapple pizza Cheese pizza Jacket potato with cheese, beans or tuna mayo Wholewheat pasta, baked beans and sweetcorn Fruity Friday: fruit yogurts or fruit slices

Term Dates 2026/2027

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School/Pupil Day	190 (+5)
School Holiday	
Bank Holiday	8
PD Days	2+3

Autumn 1st Half	39	days
Autumn 2nd Half	35	days
Spring 1st Half	30	days
Spring 2nd Half	24	days
Summer 1st Half	34	days
Summer 2nd Half	33	days
Staff Total	195	days
Pupil Total	193	days

(Pupils required to attend for 190 days)

2026/2027

NB. Sep & Jan PD days are recommended for all schools across the LA. Three further PD days (or equivalent twilights) are available for schools to set at their discretion from the school/pupil days. If School set as twilights three school/pupil days will be turned into school holidays.