



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome back to you all, and a happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and were able to enjoy special time with family and friends.

I would like to say thank you to parents and carers for the kind gifts and thoughtful messages that staff received at the end of last term. They were truly lovely, very much appreciated, and never expected.

As we begin 2026, we are looking forward to the year ahead with optimism and excitement. This half term has so much for us to look forward to, with lots of learning opportunities and shared experiences planned for the children.

Our value for this term is Respect. We will be exploring what respect means during collective worship and throughout daily life in school. We will be encouraging our children to live out our values through their actions, words, and attitudes towards one another.

Our memory verse this term is from Luke 6:31: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This verse is at the heart of our value of respect and is also our federation motto.

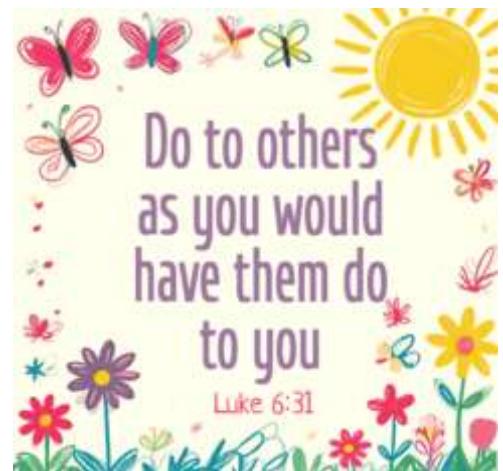
We will be encouraging children to live this out day by day by listening carefully to others, showing kindness, being considerate, looking after our environment, and treating everyone with fairness and compassion.

These small, everyday actions help create a caring and respectful community where everyone feels valued and safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to sharing another positive and purposeful term with you and your children.

With every blessing,

Ms Reid
Headteacher





Growing Against Violence Workshops

Keeping children safe and supporting their wellbeing is a top priority in our school. This week children in year 5 and 6 took part in an engaging and thought provoking workshop "Growing Against Violence". These workshops focused on the topics of 'the dangers of social media' and 'gang violence.'

The workshops were very informative and our children listened with interest and maturity. Through discussion the children explored how to keep safe and make responsible choices. At the end of the session the pupils said they enjoyed the workshop and had learned lots.



Reception Places for 2026-27

The deadline for applications for reception places for 2026 is **Thursday 15th January**.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2026 (children born between – 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022), please ensure you make your application before this date.

If you would like to apply for a place for a younger sibling please contact the school office. If you attend church, it is very important that you obtain a supplementary form from the office and ask your church leader to write you a clerical reference.





A Message from the School Chaplain : Rev Dom

Happy New Year everyone.

It always takes me a little while to get used to a new year. Writing the date differently, getting my head around a new diary.

And that is before we even get to when do you stop saying Happy New Year to people.

But maybe it's okay to go slowly.

Maybe it's okay to go slowly into the New Year.

It is a kindness to go as quick as people want to go or as slow as they need to go. And as the blessings of the New Year start arriving, so we can get into our stride and begin to bless others.

Whether you've had a really busy Christmas, and now you need to change gear and get into a routine again. Or even if you have had a slow relaxing time, and now you need to get up to speed and back into the rhythm of term-time life:

Let's be kind with one another and seek to treat everybody well.

This term our collective worship resources will centre on our school motto and its impact on how we treat each other and how we show respect for one another. May you feel God close to you as you get to grips with January and may you find ways of sharing God's love as the year unfolds.

Spirit of God walk with into this New Year.

Guide our thoughts to things that will grow in love.

Make us into faithful folk, ready to treat others as you would treat us. Amen.



Useful Information and Expectations

The start and end of the school Day

Gates open for drop off between **8.40 am and 8.55 am** for all pupils. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school. Reception pupils are dismissed from the classroom and all other years are dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children who are not in school by **8.55 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning, in preparation for a day of fun, interesting learning.

It is important that we know where the children are and we are required by law to record this information. Please call the school office if your child is absent to let us know the reason for their absence

School Lunch

School dinners are **FREE** to all children in school. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and **does not include nuts**, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled.

Snacks

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no other food is allowed, **especially nuts**, we are a **NO NUT school**.

Allergies

We have multiple children and staff members with nut allergies, some of which are airborne and are extremely dangerous. You will have received information from the admin teams, but we will continue to remind you about this allergy to ensure that all members of our school community are safe.

Please do not send your child into school with;

- Any nuts
- Nutella or other chocolate spread containing nuts
- Peanut butter
- Snacks/ cereal bars containing nuts

Always check the ingredients of any food you are sending into school – , trips, international events, class party food, gifts for staff, packed lunches or anything else to be certain that they do **NOT** contain nuts. Sometimes it is not obvious!

We thank you all for your cooperation and support with keeping out school family safe.





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Useful Information and Expectations

UNIFORM

Clothing	Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (other colours are not permitted); a white or royal blue polo shirt/ blouse; royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper In summer pupils may wear grey shorts or a blue checked dress.
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – These must be black only
Jewellery	Small studs and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time. No necklaces.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Shoes and trainers should be black.



Golden Rules

They are as follows:

1. Do be gentle – don't hurt anybody
2. Do be kind – don't hurt people's feelings
3. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth
4. Do work hard – don't waste time
5. Do look after property – don't waste or damage things
6. Do listen to people – don't interrupt

Pencil Cases and Other Items From Home

Children should not bring in pencil cases, pencils, pens or other items from home; only school equipment can be used. This is to ensure fairness to all children.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day – no glass. It needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name and filled with **water** only..

Photos

Please do not take photos of other children in school. Photos of your child taking part in collective worships, singing etc, should not be put on social media.

Party Bags

We will not be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate birthdays. If your child has a birthday and you are looking to provide the class with a treat, why not buy a book for the class - inscribed with their name!



Social Media

We have an instagram account which we use to promote our school and to share with our families all the amazing learning and experiences that we offer our children. Please follow us – Christ Church Primary School Greenwich



BREAKFAST CLUB

We have spaces available in our breakfast club. This runs daily from 7.30am-8.40am each day. If your child requires a place at our breakfast club. Please telephone the office and speak to Miss Parsons for more information and to reserve a place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SIMPLY PLAY

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – **NOT** the school office.

Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces. Contact:

Matthew Johnson

Telephone: **020 34788567**

Safety Reminders



For the safety of every one, please use the footpath that passes by Robert Owen when coming into school. Cars and delivery vehicles use the carpark throughout the day making it dangerous for pedestrians to be walking through the car park. We regularly remind the children of this. If your child walks to school by themselves, please support us by reminding your child to do this.

Parents and carers are also reminded that only staff cars and delivery vehicles are allowed into the school carpark. Please do not use the carpark to drop off or collect your child / children.



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SAFEGUARDING



Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a pupil?

If so, make sure you speak with a member of the safeguarding team.



Mrs Amao
Assistant Headteacher
Federation Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Eggleston
Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Lamont
Home-school Link Worker
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Sheath
Safeguarding Governor



Miss Reid
Headteacher
Safeguarding Team



Miss Graham
Assistant Headteacher
Safeguarding Team



Mrs Gibbs
Federation Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Team

Greenwich MASH
Line - 02089213172

Greenwich LADO – Laura Lumbis
02089213930 (mobile 07896781040)
Childrens-LADO@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Keeping Children Safe



Safeguarding

Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Ms Reid.

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see **the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Eggleston ASAP**. If she is not available, please see Ms Reid or Ms Lamont or Ms Graham.

There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to.

For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website
<https://greenwicksafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

Please talk to your children about how they can keep safe using their mobile phones and other electronic devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>