



Christ Church C of E Primary School

AUTUMN TERM 2025



Headteacher's Message

Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a restful summer and enjoyed some quality time with your families.

As we begin a new school year, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for the generous gifts and kind messages we received at the end of the summer term. Your thoughtfulness meant a great deal to the staff and was very much appreciated, though not expected.

It's been lovely to see the children return with such energy and positivity. Last week, they took part in a whole-school art project, which has really helped everyone settle back in while enjoying something creative and collaborative. Each class has been exploring a different artist. They have been learning about these people and their art. They have also created art work inspired by the artist they have been studying. Please see below some of the outcomes from the Art Project.



This term during our collective worships and around school, we're focusing on the value of **Resilience**. We are encouraging one another to keep going when things feel tough and to support each other through challenges.

Our memory verse is from **John 10:10**: *"I have come that you may live life in all its abundance"* It's a great reminder that we are all called to live with hope, joy, and purpose.



We're looking forward to the term ahead and everything it will bring. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

With every blessing,

Ms Reid

Head Teacher



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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. The children need to place their labelled packed lunches in the fridge located in the Breakfast Club room.

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** as 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 our school family safe.





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A message from the School Chaplain, Rev Dom

Welcome! Or Welcome back, if you've been here before.

Welcome is a funny word. A lot different from hello or hi.
It was first recorded as being used in the 1300's and is very similar to the way European countries greet their guests. A word made up of 'a pleasure or joy' or 'choose' and 'for my guest to arrive'.

At home we may have a welcome mat beside the door, we may offer our guests a seat, a drink and our attention. But how do we do it at school?

Staff welcome children, young people and families at the gates and welcome them inside.
Children welcome visitors to their school or classroom with a cheery Good Morning.
And classes will welcome new people by supporting them with a buddy or friend.
I wonder how parents welcome new parents, or children welcome new children.

Welcome is a powerful thing in the Bible – life-changing sometimes.
Not only do we hear of Abraham and Sarah welcoming God into their tent, or Jesus being welcomed at the house of Zacchaeus, but the disciples are told to go out into the neighbourhoods and bring good news and be welcomed into people's homes.

As we start a new school year – what will you Welcome? Take pleasure, make a choice to invite into your home, your life, timetable?
How will you welcome the positive things that bring you joy and turn away those things that steal it?
How might you support and pray for our schools that they may continue to be welcoming and that our new starters will feel welcomed by everyone?

Lord God,
We thank you for our schools, homes and communities.
We pray that they may be welcoming to those who need to know they are loved, accepted and valued.
Help us to welcome into our lives the things that bring us joy.
Help us to turn away those things that bring us sadness and doubt.
O God, as you welcomed all people, let us welcome you into lives that we make the world a better place.
Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry





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UNIFORM

Clothing	Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (other colours are not permitted); a white 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!



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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.

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, Ms Lamont or Ms Graham**. There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom and school doors, 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://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.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/>



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
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Safeguarding Team



Miss Graham
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Mrs Gibbs
Federation Deputy Headteacher
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