



Our value this term: Forgiveness

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Easter at CCJ

We are all very egg-cited for our Easter Egg Hunt this afternoon! Ticket sales have been fantastic and the children are looking forward to searching to receive their Easter egg prize! We will also be doing a stay and play for an hour after school, where there will also be a cake sale happening as well as our Easter Raffle. It should be a lovely community event. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the sun comes out! Everyone is welcome.

We have been amazed to receive so many fantastic cake entries for the competition. There have been so many creative designs and they all look delicious! We will be announcing the cake competition winners next week, who will all win an Easter egg. The winners have been selected from the categories of sweetest, funniest, best cupcake, best cake LB and best cake UB. All cakes will be on sale at the cake sale after school. Thank you as always to our wonderful Friends of CCJ for running the event.



Weekly Celebration Certificate

Each week, one pupil from each class is awarded a celebration certificate for going above and beyond. This week's winners are:

Starlings	Noah
Swallows	Charlie
Woodpeckers	Feyza
Robins	Charlie / All Robins
Wagtails	Ellen
Jays	School trip
Puffins	School trip
Kingfishers	Joash
Kestrels	Poppy
Falcons	Hlengiwe



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP BY JIGSAW THORNBURY 27th March, 9am CCJ School Hall

JIGSAW Thornbury is a charity that works with all children and young people with additional needs or disabilities, and their families. We provide friendship, support, compassion and fun, along with innovative services that empower them to connect, fit in and thrive. Everything we do is driven by the passion of our staff and volunteers. As well as being life changing for the young people and families we assist, our services are invaluable for the wider community too. We enhance inclusion by helping everyone understand the challenges that those with additional needs face and the unique strengths and qualities they bring. No need to book, just pop in for a chat and we will provide the coffee and biscuits!

Mrs Eatwell and Mrs Groves



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Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mariam, Aamna and their family for their very generous donation this week. As part of Ramadan they very kindly gifted everyone in the school a bottle of water and the staff some delicious figs. These were much appreciated; thank you for your generosity.



South Glos Wraparound Childcare Survey

In the spring last year, the government announced that it was providing additional funding to expand the access to wraparound childcare to make it more affordable, available and flexible. This relates to childcare before and after school to support working parents. All local authorities will receive a share of £289 million to help map out and accommodate the needs of parents, families and carers in their locality. The local authority will be able to use their allocated share of funds to test different ways that they can increase wraparound care options to meet identified demand. We will be working to support schools and private, independent and voluntary providers to increase the wraparound care options that they provide.

We are interested in hearing your views on wraparound childcare in South Gloucestershire. If you are a parent of a child aged 0-11, we need your help to tell us how and where we should plan extra provision for wraparound care to be most convenient to residents, parents and carers across South Gloucestershire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EeVwzdm77g>



Take Ten



Don't compare: every child is unique and develops at their own pace. Resist comparing your child to others and focus on their individual strengths and progress.

Boundaries are essential: set clear and consistent boundaries with love and kindness. This doesn't mean being harsh, but providing structure and guidance to help your child feel safe and secure.

Self-care matters: you can't pour from an empty cup. Prioritize your own well-being so you can be the best parent you can be. Take time for yourself, manage stress, and seek support when needed.

Embrace imperfection: you're not going to get it right all the time. Apologize when you make mistakes, forgive yourself, and remember that learning and growth are ongoing processes for both you and your child.

Enjoy the journey: parenthood is a unique and extraordinary adventure. Savour the good moments, be present in the little things, and find joy in the everyday interactions with your child.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Eatwell

Well Done!

Buddy from Robin Class has been playing rugby for Cleeve Rugby Club for the past 6 months. He loves tackling, scoring trys and the team spirit. Last Sunday he won star player of the week. Well done Buddy!



Easter Experience at Christ Church, Downend

On Saturday 24th March from 10am-12pm, there will be the opportunity to come to church to take part in a self guided Easter Experience Journey - an opportunity for the children who visited to show their families what they did or for the children in other year groups to come and see what it was like.

On Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March we have Messy Easter from 10am-11:30am. This will take place on Friday at Christ Church and Saturday at the Church Centre, Quakers Road.





Lower Band Roman Museum Trip

Vincent Year 4

On our school trip, first we got on the coach and I played happily until someone commented, "I need a sleep." When we woke up, we had arrived so we walked to the baths where there was relaxing music. Although it didn't smell that nice, it had water noises and a projected pool.

After that, we went to the Amphitheatre where we had a gladiator fight, that was cool.

Tilly Year 3

We went the museum to go to lunch and we had to shut our eyes when walking through the museum. When we got to the other side of the museum, we skipped to a little hut where we had lunch. While we were lining up from lunch, we saw a cute cat wandering around the garden.

Next we hopped to the museum and split up, I went to the museum first and I loved seeing all the replicas of art. I can't believe I saw a real roman sword. When it was time to swap, we went to dress up at the barracks. The armour was so heavy, I can't believe they marched 20 miles in it every day! We sat on the beds that they used to sleep in, they are so uncomfortable since they are made of hay.

At the very end, we had a workshop with the Romans! Half of us were rich romans and half of us were poor servants, I was lucky because I was a rich roman and we were at a dinner party. The slaves would have given us different foods and if we wanted it we would clap, and if we didn't we would wave.



Next Link Easter Egg Appeal

Thank you to all who donated easter eggs to the Next Link charity. If you would like more information about the charity and what they do **please see their website [HERE](#)**. Thank you so much for always supporting these appeals.

Easter Service

Next week we will be holding our Easter Service at Christ Church, Downend. This will be held at 10am on Monday 25th March. Parents and carers are welcome; it will be lovely to see you there.

INSET DAY

Thursday 28th March

CCJ dates for your diary ...

March

Mon 25th – Easter Service

Tues 26th – Cross Country @ Collegiate

Thurs 28th – INSET DAY

Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

Sun 31st – Deanfield Payment 2 Deadline

April

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5

Tues 30th – Deanfield Payment 3 Deadline

May

Mon 6th – Bank Holiday

Mon 13th to Thurs 16th – Y6 SATS

Thurs 23rd – Lower Band Sports Day (PM)

Fri 24th – Upper Band Sports Day (PM)

Fri 24th – End of term 5

Fri 31st – Deanfield Final Payment Deadline



Unique Voice Holiday Programmes will be running this spring holiday at Christ Church CofE VC Junior School.

Make friends, create and play!

- Places are fully funded.
- Hot lunch, dessert and snacks included.
- Drama, creative games, outdoor play and arts and crafts.
- Welcoming, fun and inclusive holiday provision.

To register your interest contact Pippa Osbourne. If you have any questions contact Becky Hale, Unique Voice Community Manager, at beckyh@uniquevoice.org/0117 428 6240

Unfortunately at this time, we are unable to support children who require 1:1 support at our programmes.

Where?
Christ Church CofE VC Junior School, Pendennis Rd, BS16 5JJ

When?
Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th April
10.00am - 2.00pm

Can my child attend?
Children must be aged between 5-11 years and in receipt of benefits-related Free

This provision has been supported by funding from South Glos Council via the DfE.

