



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

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Reports – Your child's annual school report is now ready and available to view via the My Child At School (MCAS) app under the 'Reports' section. Please do take a look and celebrate your child's achievements with them; we are very proud of them all.

Red Nose Day – A sea of red was in school for Red Nose Day today. Thank you to everyone, including Little Explorers, who joined in and raised £255.44



Christian values – Love is one of the Christian values that underpins our vision statement. We talk about this quote from The Bible, 'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs'.

Reflection – [Peace \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Local roads – We have been advised that some of the roads adjacent to the school are being resurfaced next week. Please pay close attention to the official signs and park considerately at drop off and collection time, utilising the social club car park where possible.

Accelerated Readers – Well done to these children who are the top readers in each year group. Yr 6 - Martha B, Lily G and Rowan S. Yr 5 is Daniel P, Imogen W and Daisy E and Yr 4 is Peter S, Emily P, Ella C and Bea G and Yr 3 is Bowie W-V, Matilda L and Jaxon S. They should be really proud of their achievements!

Science – The focus has been on Science this week and creating memorable learning activities for the children. Mexico, Japan and South Africa class have been thinking about colour changing potions and popcorn! USA and SL have been thinking hovercrafts, loudspeaker balloons and bottle rockets, blowing up balloons, raisins and lemonade. New Zealand and Ireland class focused on the hovercrafts, loudspeaker balloons and rain makers to catch rain. KS1 learnt about friction and watched a bottle rocket experiment. Early Years did an ice cube experiment, turning orange juice into slush and learnt about the anatomy of an apple.



Mexico, South Africa and Japan

Science - Colour Changing Potion

We chopped a red cabbage into pieces and placed it into a jug, along with some boiling water. We waited ten minutes for the water to cool. Next, we poured cabbage water through a sieve into another jug. We added cold water and noticed that the liquid was a dark purple. Then we poured the potion into three glasses. We added drops of white vinegar to one glass and watched it turn bright pink! We then stirred some bicarbonate of soda into another glass and saw that it turned blue. The liquids changed colour because of the amount of acid in them. Acidity is measured using the pH scale. Strong acids have a pH of around 1, while strong alkalines (the opposites of acids) have a pH of around 14. Cabbage juice contains anthocyanin, which changes colour if something is an acid or alkaline. Acids such as vinegar turn the cabbage juice pink, while bases such as bicarbonate of soda turn it blue or green.

Whizz, Bang, Popcorn!

We placed popcorn kernels into a sieve and watched as Mrs Parsons held them over the fire at forest school. After a short while, we began to hear some mini explosions as the kernels started to puff out. We learnt that the kernels turned into popcorn as a result of a change in pressure. Inside each kernel is a tiny area of moist plant tissue surrounded by a hard shell, called a hull. When the kernels are heated up, the water (a liquid) turns into steam (a gas) which causes a build-up of pressure inside them. When the hard shell cannot take the pressure any more, it goes 'pop' and turns into the white fluffy pieces of popcorn that we eat.



Swimming Gala – It was a pleasure to attend the Sussex Swimming Gala at The Pavillions. Well done to Daniel, Olivia, Anna and Olly who were awarded a second place in their race. Seb, Rex W, Gemma and Martha should be recognised for the energy and commitment they gave to the race. It was a hard competition and they all gave their best.

Football - The Year 5 boys' football team travelled to Tanbridge House for the latest of the Horsham District Primary Schools tournaments. The boys got off to a flying start with three very comfortable victories (3-0, 2-0 & 3-0) with Freddie B, Noah J, Oscar D and Teddy M on target. The boys then came up against their toughest opponent yet in the fourth game against Southwater A. After absorbing a huge amount of pressure in the first half, Oscar D scored a stunning goal shortly after the break to make it 4 wins from 4. A close 0-0 draw in the final pool game against Leechpool A saw the boys top their group and move on to the semi-finals and Southwater B. A close game which ended 0-0 had to be decided through a penalty shootout. In sudden death, Southwater B just edged it sending the boys to the 3rd/4th place play off where they met Leechpool A again. The boys recovered from the heartbreak of the penalty shoot out disappointment and registered a 1-0 win to finish in third, the highest placed finish of any St Mary's team in the last 4 years. Very well done to the whole squad - Freddie B (c), Noah J, Toby H, Olly G, Teddy M, Rex E, Kingston W, Jack B, Oscar D.

Celebration assemblies - Spring term – Our last assembly will be on Thur 21st Mar for India class at 9am.



Vine leaves – Delilah (SL) for perseverance in her reading. She has been consistently working hard on her independent reading and she perseveres with even the very thick books, reading them until the end ready to complete a quiz on the Accelerated Reader scheme. **Liam (Jap)** for being supportive of younger children in his role as a buddy. He is kind and shows compassion to others. **Rosa (Jap)** for persevering when she has found her work tricky. She has picked herself up and bounced back to succeed. **Alexa (Ire)** and **Miller (Ire)** have voluntarily tidied the cloakroom every day this week without being asked to by an adult. Thank you for thinking of others and being so helpful. **Josh (Ire)** has also voluntarily tidied the book corner this week and picked up lots of rubbish around the classroom without being prompted by an adult. Thank you for thinking of others, and being so helpful. **Jayden (Ind)** for showing service by always keeping our classroom tidy. **James (Ind)** for sharing his wisdom and friendship by helping other children learn in our class. **Teagan (Ind)** for showing courage and wisdom by reading aloud to other children. **Olivia (SA)** and **Rowan (SA)** for justice and humility as you showed courage by speaking up about a situation and stood up for others by making the right choice.

Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM

- **Monday 18th March** – Weald and Downland Museum – Italy and India
- **Tue 19th and Thur 21st Mar** – Parents' Evenings 3.30 – 6pm – these will be back in school with a book look at the same time, so please be aware of this.
- **Friday 22nd March** – Thailand/UK to church
- **Mon 25th Mar/Tue 26th Mar** – Easter Play Y3/Y4 – Perform to parents 2pm in main hall
- **Tues 26th Mar** – Bake Sale/Tombola on the playground for Y6 fundraising
- **Thur 28th Mar** – Last Day of term – Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Eucharist (Easter bonnet competition)
- **Monday 15th April** – INSET Day – school closed for the children
- **Tuesday 16th April** – Children return to school
- **Monday 22nd April** – Tea and Chat parents 2 – 3pm – 'Helping your child to manage their emotions'
- **Thur 25th April** – Residential meeting for Y5 children going to Cobnor 3.30pm
- **Tue 30th April** – Residential meeting for Y6 children going on PGL Marchant's Hill 3.30pm
- **Thur 9th May** – Year 4 Multiplication Test Parents meeting 3.30pm

Chartwell's Hot School Meals – Please see the cut off dates below for ordering hot school meals – please do talk to your children about what is being ordered as sometimes what they will eat at home differs to what they will eat in school.



April Cut off Dates

Thur 04/04 for w/c 15/04
Thur 11/04 for w/c 22/04
Thur 18/04 for w/c 29/04

Achievements



Caitlin T (Mex) –
moved up to Stage
5 gymnastics



Elena S (UK) –
moved up to Stage 3
swimming.



Violet H (Ind) – went
to Minami-con and
won a prize for her
amazing costume



St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Sunday 17th March 2024



Let's Celebrate!

Miracles

An Open, Informal Service for All Ages.

*You are invited to join us for tea and
cake before our service starts.*



3.30pm - Tea and Cake

4pm – Let's Celebrate



| <u>Support</u> | <u>Information</u> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Money</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check if you are eligible for benefits: Benefits - Citizens Advice• Use a free budget planner: Money Helper Budget Planning• For debt support please contact Horsham Debt Advice on 01403 258040 or advisor@hdas.co.uk or Citizens Advice for debt support 0808 278 7969 or Christians Against Poverty https://capuk.org/ 0800 328 0006• Check council tax support Council Tax Support check. If you are worried about council tax payments, please call 01403 215100• If you are on Universal Credit, please check social tariffs for mobile and broadband Ofcom social tariffs• Southern Water offer social tariffs. Southern Water's vulnerability team are ready to help on 0800 027 0800 or email @HereToHelp• Help Through Hardship can offer support if you are worrying about the essentials. Call 0808 208 2138 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm• Horsham Matters can offer support with food and energy 0300 124 0204 or info@horsham-matters.org.uk |

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| <p>On Universal Credit already, or received a migration notice from the DWP?</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you receive a letter from the DWP about migrating to Universal Credit, call Help to Claim about questions or concerns: Help to Claim: 0800 144 8444• If you are on Universal Credit, please check available social tariffs for mobile and broadband in your area Ofcom social tariffs• You might be eligible for a Southern water tariff. Southern Water's vulnerability team are ready to help on 0800 027 0800 or email @HereToHelp Also ask them about the Priority Register if you have children 5 or under.• If you pay for childcare while you go to work, Universal Credit can pay some of your childcare costs. Universal Credit childcare support |
| <p>Energy support</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You might be eligible for fully funded energy efficiency improvements to your home. Visit energy-efficiency home improvements Warmer Homes• Call LEAP energy support on 0800 060 7567 if you are struggling with bills.• www.westsussex.energy.co.uk offers grants information, advice and support. |
| <p>Water Support</p> | <p>Southern Water has a range of social tariffs. Check if you are eligible! Call: 0800 027 0800 or email @HereToHelp https://www.southernwater.co.uk/account/what-if-i-can-t-pay-my-bill</p> <p>They also have a grant available for white goods that have broken.</p> <p>Also ask to go on the Priority Register if you have children 5 or under or a medical condition. This will also link to the energy Priority Register.</p> |

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| <p>Childcare</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tax Free Childcare is underclaimed. Up to £2000 a year is on offer for childcare/school clubs! https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare• To see the entire range of childcare options: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/• For Universal Credit childcare support: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs |
| <p>Other Support available</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pension Credit is an underclaimed benefit. Call 0800 99 1234 to find out more or visit Pension Credit: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)• Turn2Us is a grant finder for small pots of money. Check for funding https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/• The Support For Families with Disabled Children (SFDC) provide a wide range of grant items to families in England with a low-income, who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person. Find out if you're eligible. https://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/am-i-eligible/ |



Horsham
District
Council

DID YOU KNOW?

Claiming **FREE** school
meals means up to
£1,455 for your
school each year!



In West Sussex, extra holiday activities
and food programmes are available
to those claiming free school meals
through West Sussex County Council,
so please apply!



To check if you are eligible and find out
how to apply, **scan this QR code** or
visit **www.westsussex.gov.uk** and
search '**free school meals**'.





HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CAMPS

Billingshurst tennis club camps for ages 3-18yrs 9am-12am, all shots covered from forehands and backhands to serve and volleys! With lots of fun tennis games

April 8-12th/July 29-2nd/August 5-9th & 19-23rd

£20 Per Day £90 for 5 Days

foxytenniscoaching@icloud.com

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CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

OPEN MORNING
INVITATION
SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Year 7, Year 9 and Sixth Form Entry



CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

Co-educational boarding and day school for students aged 11-18.

Christ's Hospital is a remarkable school; it is the UK's leading charitable school and the country's most generous bursary charity. The school was established in 1552 and provides free or substantially reduced cost places to over 630 of its 900 students each year – this is more than any other organisation in the UK. Through first-class education and exceptional pastoral support, Christ's Hospital provides each student with stability and the opportunity to thrive and fulfil their potential. 98% of students go on to university and leavers take with them the confidence and resilience they will need to achieve success at university and beyond and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Christ's Hospital welcomes day students who are within a commutable distance of the school. Day students enjoy all the advantages of a top boarding school with access to an exceptional broader curricular programme.

What is so special about Christ's Hospital is the extent of the resources on offer: outstanding teachers and pastoral staff, a broad range of activities including societies like the Medics Group to help with university applications as well as extensive and impressive sports facilities. When students start at Christ's Hospital they are encouraged to join in and have a go, discover new hobbies, make use of the wonderful facilities on site and ensure they get the most out of their time at the school.

Boarding students' fees are assessed according to family income, so that it is a child's ability and potential to benefit from a Christ's Hospital education that determines their selection. This results in a social and cultural diversity that enriches our school community and offers our students unique opportunities as we prepare them to take their place in the modern world.



OPEN MORNING BOOKING FORM

SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

If you would like to find out more and to attend our April 2024 open morning please complete the slip below and return it to us (address overleaf) or make a booking online via our website: www.christs-hospital.org.uk

Christ's Hospital will only use this information for the purposes of admission administration. If you would like more information about how we store and use your personal data, please see our Privacy Notice which can be viewed at: www.christs-hospital.org.uk/privacy-notice. Alternatively we can send you a copy of the Privacy Notice – please contact our Data Protection Officer, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0YP

Name of parent:

Address (where the applicant currently lives):

County:

Postcode:

Email:

(This will allow us to send you a confirmation and details of the day).

Telephone:

Child's Name:

Date of Birth:

Male M Female F

Current School:

Are you interested in a day place or boarding place?

D/B

Are you interested in a Year 7, Year 9 or Sixth Form Place:

Year 7

Year 9

Sixth Form

Sibling/s whose details you would like retained on our database for future admissions:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Male M Female F

Current School:

Number Of People Attending Open Morning:

To ensure you get the best out of the morning, places are limited to each applicant plus two family members.

ADMISSIONS TIMETABLE - SEPTEMBER 2025 ENTRY

Non-bursary boarding and day applications can be made throughout the year

Year 7 and Year 9

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| Friday 13 September 2024 | Deadline for 2025 bursary applications |
| Friday 27 September 2024 | Initial assessment invitations sent to candidates |
| 12 & 19 October 2024 | Initial assessment dates (candidates attend one of these) |
| W/C Monday 11 November 2024 | Initial assessment results |
| Thursday 9 and Friday 10 January 2025 | Residential assessment |
| W/C Monday 17 February 2025 | Residential assessment results |
| Monday 17 March 2025 | Deadline for acceptance |

Year 12 (Sixth Form)

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| Monday 28 October 2024 | Deadline for 2025 bursary applications |
| Saturday 16 November 2024 | Initial assessment |
| W/C Monday 25 November 2024 | Initial assessment results |
| Saturday 7 December 2024 | Interviews for selected candidates |
| Saturday 7 December 2024 | Scholarship assessments for selected candidates |
| W/C Monday 16 December 2024 | Offers made |
| End of January 2025 | Confirmation of scholarship awards |
| Friday 7 February 2025 | Deadline for acceptance |
| Mid-August 2025 | GCSE results to be confirmed |

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