WELCOME

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY

(Part of The Key Educational Trust)

Tuesday 30th June 2026

Mrs T Thorn
Principal

WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

HEAD OF KS2 – Mr Hodson

5JC	Mrs Croasdale
5KA	Mrs Atkinson
5ST	Mrs Taylor
5TC	Mr Cannon
5VH	Mrs Henshaw

KEY STAFF

Assistant Principals:

Mr Curzon

Mrs Dawson

Mrs Nicholson-Ward

SENCO:

Please see Mrs Thorn

Pupil Support:

Mrs Stangroom

Admissions/Pupil Transport:

Miss Fenton

WELCOME FROM MINNIE!

Minnie is our school dog and she is very excited to welcome you to Christ Church Academy!

Early Risers / Home Learning Clubs

The School is open 07:45am every day for pupils attending the Early Risers Club.

Home Learning Club runs every day from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

A booking form is sent out in advance of each half-term. This provision must be pre-booked and pre-paid in order for your child to attend.
Costs are £8 per session.

School Transport
Tel: 0300 111 8007

400	Barlaston
401	Hartwell / Spot Acre / Moddershall / Oulton Heath
402	Gayton / Fradswell / Milwich / Coton Hill / Dayhills / Cotwalton
404	Barlaston / Tittensor / Swynnerton / Cold Meece / Yarnfield
409	Hilderstone / Stone Heath / Milwich

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Cold Meece	404
Coton Hill	402
Cotwalton	402
Dayhills	402
Fradswell	402
Gayton	402
Hartwell	401
Hilderstone	409
Milwich	402 / 409
Moddershall	401
Oulton Heath	401
Spot Acre	401
Stone Heath	409
Swynnerton	404
Tittensor	404
Yarnfield	404

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Tel : 0300 111 8007

and select the option for 'School Admissions and Transport'

Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

Please pick up a flyer if you need to contact School Admissions regarding Transport.

FOOD!

Our School Dining Centre is available for pupils to purchase food twice a day.

At breaktime there are snacks such as toast, waffles and oatcakes.

School meals are available every day (£3) menus are always available on the website including Gluten and Milk-free menus. Alternatively, pupils can bring sandwiches.

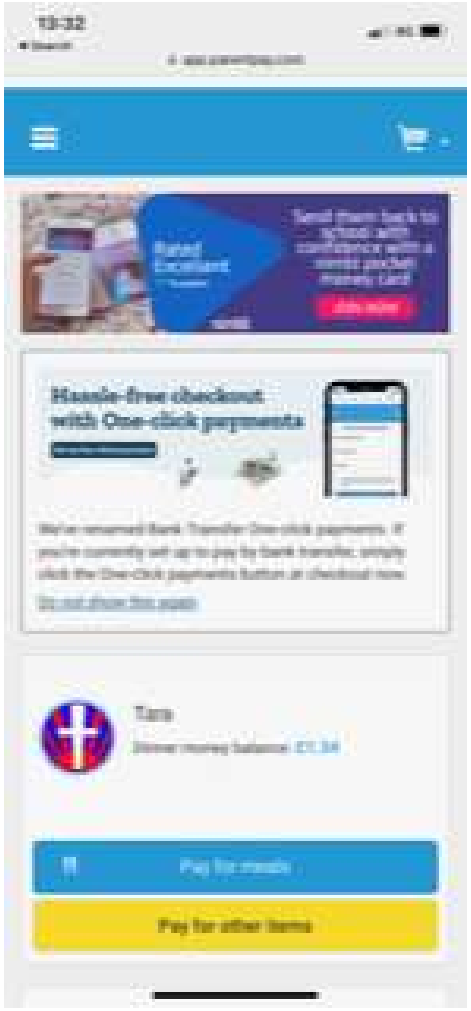
WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL.

PARENTPAY

We are a cashless school.

All meals and extra-curricular activities are paid for on ParentPay.

You will be issued with your ParentPay log-in details shortly.



SCHOOL APP - MCAS

What is MCAS?

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a portal that can enable parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser mobile app. This facility allows exclusive access to **key academic dates, attendance information** and the personal details the school holds for you and your child. Your school may have launched some or all of the following modules which are available in MCAS:

- Assessment
- Dinner Money
- Online payments
- Reports
- Attendance
- Clubs / Trips
- Parents Consents
- Pupil Details
- Behaviour
- Homework
- Parents Evening
- Timetable

ATTENDANCE

In the case of absence, you must contact school EVERY day via the School Office before 9:00am. You will also need to provide evidence of all medical appointments.

Holidays: According to the Government, holidays should not be taken in term time unless in exceptional circumstances – you must contact us about this.

In line with County Council guidelines, holiday requests for during term-time will not be authorised and will be subject to a fine.

If we believe you to be on holiday we will carry out a home visit.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

It is important that parents/carers advise us if their child is absent from school as soon as possible but **before 09:00am.**

Reporting an absence is simple, even out of school hours - please see information below.

- Phone – 01785 334900
- Email – office@cca.staffs.sch.uk
- Via the School App

Please ensure you have downloaded the school app to stay up to date with what's going on at the Academy.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Regarding matters in school, the first person that you should contact is your child's Form Tutor who you will meet shortly.

You will receive a welcome email from them in the first week.

Please remember that staff are all teaching and therefore you will not get an immediate response to your email. We will always try to reply within three days.

Safeguarding – If you have an urgent safeguarding concern, please ring and ask to speak to:

- Mrs Dawson (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- or myself (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have high expectations of our pupils and they must be smartly dressed for school and adhere to our Uniform Policy.

Please note only the school blazers and PE tops are branded.

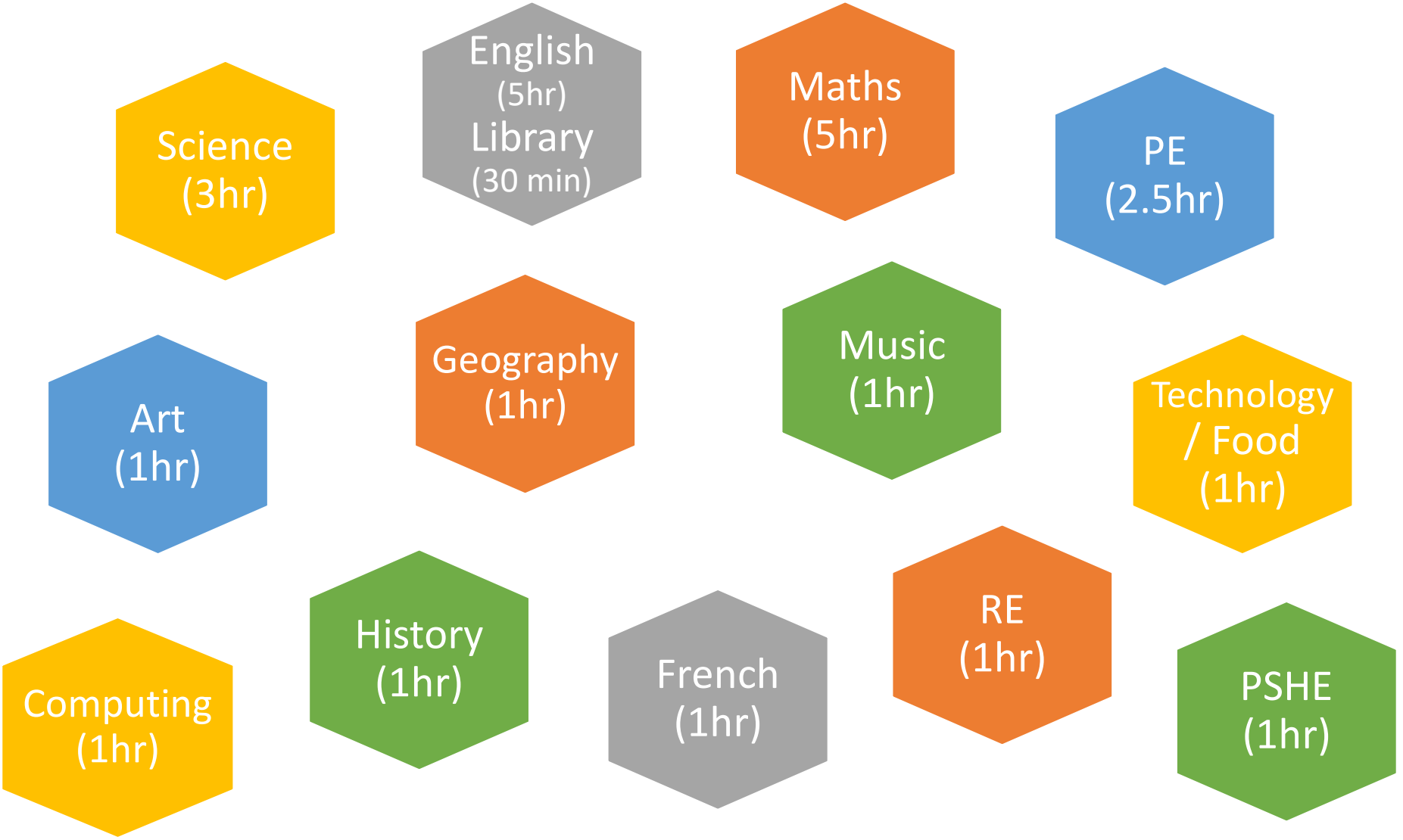
MOBILE PHONES

We appreciate that pupils may need to bring a mobile phone to school when they start in September.

Phones must be turned off and kept in their locked locker during the school day and must not be used on the school site.

Any phones being used on site will be confiscated and home will be contacted.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN EACH WEEK



EXTRA-CURRICULAR

(Sample of clubs from Summer 2026)

ACTIVITIES TO BE CONFIRMED FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

THE KEY EDUCATIONAL TRUST

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Monday	Lego Club Choir Table Tennis
Tuesday	Pursuit: Journey in Faith Book Club “Readaxation”
Wednesday	French Club Chill-Out Club Indoor Cricket Table Tennis Maxi Maths Club
Thursday	Darts Club 3D Printing Club Cheer Club Gamer Girls
Friday	Dodgeball Drama Club

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday	Inspire Dance Orchestra Pickleball Dungeons and Dragons
Wednesday	Art Club
Thursday	Rock Band Code Club Excel Dance Rounders

DATES / PARENTAL CALENDAR

Important dates are placed on a calendar which we will be sending to you.

2026-2027 CALENDAR ON A PAGE

SEPTEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

01 Inset Day – School Closed
02 Pupils Return

OCTOBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

02 Inset Day – School Closed
26-30 Half Term

NOVEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

02 Pupils Return
27 Inset Day – School Closed

DECEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

21 Dec-04 Jan Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

04 Inset Day – School Closed
05 Pupils Return

FEBRUARY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

15-19 Half Term

MARCH 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

26 Good Friday
29 Easter Monday
30-9 Easter Holiday

APRIL 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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12 Pupils Return

MAY 2027

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

03 May Day Bank Holiday
31 May Bank Holiday
31-4 Half Term

Term dates are on the website and the 'calendar section' is regularly updated.

Christ Church Academy

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Term dates are set on the basis of 195 days and five inset days are allocated from within the agreed dates. Tuesday 1 September 2026 is already fixed as an inset date by Staffordshire County Council.

Autumn Term 2026

Inset day:	Tuesday 1 September 2026
Term starts:	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Inset day:	Friday 2 October 2026
Open morning:	Saturday 3 October 2026 (am)
Holiday:	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026
Inset day:	Friday 27 November 2026 (school closed)
Term ends:	Friday 18 December 2026
Holiday:	Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Inset day:	Monday 4 January 2027
Term starts:	Tuesday 5 January 2027
Holiday:	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027
Term ends:	Thursday 25 March 2027
Holiday:	Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April 2027
Easter Sunday:	Sunday 28 March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term starts:	Monday 12 April 2027
May Day:	Monday 3 May 2027
Holiday:	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
Inset Day:	Monday 7 June 2027
Term ends:	Wednesday 21 July 2027
Holiday:	Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1 September 2027

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Residential Trips
- School concerts and Stone Rocks
- Careers opportunities – WaterPlus visits
- Drop down days – focussed on wider curriculum
- Author visits
- Sporting opportunities
- Fundraising – Macmillan Coffee Morning, Harvest, Christmas Shoe Box and many more!

PUPIL SUPPORT

Peer Mentors (Y8 pupils) You will see them around school - they offer...

- Break drop-in sessions if you feel lonely
- Support with friendship issues
- To play games with you or help you make friends at break
- There to talk to when you are lining up before school
- Support for every Year 5 and Year 6 form

Other support in school:

- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Sports Leaders
- Walks with Minnie
- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Gardening Club
- Young Carers
- Lunch Club (by invitation)
- Lego Club
- Mrs Stangroom Pastoral Support
- Mental Health First Aiders
- School Nurse Visits
- RRP Trained Staff
- External Counselling with Young Minds
- Chill Out Club
- 'Readaxation'
- Wellbeing Chalet
- SEN Interventions
- Librarians
- Senior Prefects
- Reset Room

MEET YOUR CHILD'S FORM TUTOR

5JC	Mrs Croasdale	Room 4
5KA	Mrs Atkinson	Room 3
5ST	Mrs Taylor	Room 11
5TC	Mr Cannon	Room 27
5VH	Mrs Henshaw	Room 2