



Message from the Principal

As we head into the Easter break, I'd like to thank you all for your continued support this term. Our pupils have worked hard and shown great enthusiasm across all areas of school life. A special well done to our girls' and boys' football teams for their fantastic efforts and teamwork this term – you've made us all proud!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the 10X Challenge and Chocolate Bingo recently. Your generosity and involvement helped raise an impressive amount for the school, and it was wonderful to see the community come together in such a fun and positive way.

Wishing you all a happy and restful Easter holiday! Mrs T Thorn, Principal

Diary Dates



April 2025

28 School Opens

May 2025

05 Early May Bank Holiday
06 Y8 French Trip Parent Mtg
07 Careers Fayre
12-15 Y6 SATS
19-23 Y8 French Trip
26-30 Half Term

June 2025

02 School Opens
09 Y6 Stanley Head Parent Mtg
10-12 Y4 Science/DT/PE Afternoons
12&13 KS2 Fathers' Day Breakfast
18 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
23-27 Y6 Stanley Head Trip
23&24 Y4/Y8 Transition
24 New Parents' Evening

July 2025

02-03 Transition: new starters (not Y4)
04 Non-Uniform Day
05 Stone Rocks
09 Celebration Evening
11 Reports Issued
16 Y8 Leavers Church Service (pm)
17 Y8 Leavers Disco
18 10:45 Church Service & Last Day



We extend our heartfelt wishes to all pupils, families and staff for a blessed and joyful Easter. May this sacred season bring renewed faith, hope, and peace to your hearts and homes.





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Maths

Year 6 pupils have been putting in a lot of effort and focus during their SATs preparation this term. Their hard work and determination are really starting to pay off and we wish them well as they approach the assessments next month.

Here is a puzzle to think about over the Easter holiday...



DT Food

It's been a busy half term in the food room with most students undertaking their first cooking practical of the year. Year 5 have been making healthy breakfast pots focussing on the knife skills of a bridge hold and claw grip. Year 6 have made muffin pizzas focussing on the use of the grill. Year 7's focus has been on presenting dishes using the 6 elements of design: balance, space, colour, flavour, shape and texture. We have seen some very professional outcomes. Finally, Year 8 started their unit developing dough making skills with frying pan pizza.

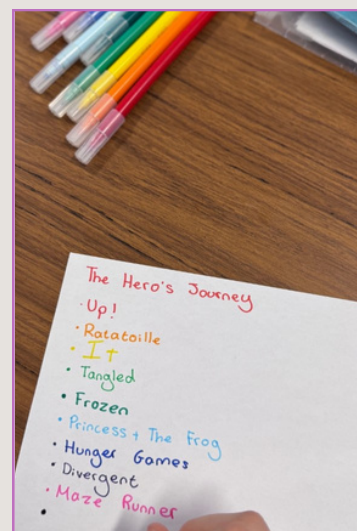


DT Graphic Design

In March, Year 7 visited a place full of delight, where cocoa beans take flight. We followed the smell, of sugary delights, oh so swell. With rivers of chocolate, smooth and grand, I'm a factory, a heavenly land. The Cadbury trip was awesome! Pupils took part in an interactive workshop focusing on chocolate packaging design, got to sample some of the sweet treats and even had time to completely buy out the gift shop!

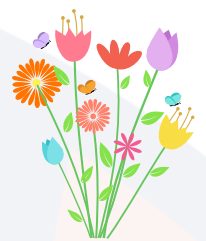
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As part of our Excellence Programme, a number of Year 8 pupils took part in a seminar this term. Focused on the idea of 'The Hero's Journey', they discussed and debated how the Christian story has shaped literature over time.





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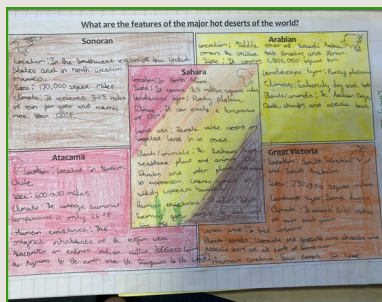
English



It's been a busy half term in the English department! We have enjoyed World Book Day celebrations, the return of our Library Coffee Mornings, participation in lots of competitions and visits down to Stone Library now the sunshine has reappeared! Y6 are working hard to prepare for their SATs examinations after the break and all the other year groups are looking forward to exploring new texts after the holidays! The English Team wish you a wonderful Easter break and remember, keep reading!



Geography



It's been another action-packed term here in the Geography department. Year 5 have been working hard on their Perilous Peaks topic with a particular focus on mountain weather and the positive and negative impacts of mountain tourism.

The hot desert environment continued to be high on the agenda for Year 6 who have enjoyed learning about animal and plant adaptations in the desert. If you get time in the Easter break, why not try to nurture your own cactus at home!

Year 7 have continued with their Crumbling Coasts topic where they are now experts on coastal processes and landforms. We'd love some coastal selfies if you're venturing to the coast during the break!

Finally, Year 8 have been transported to Kenya where they have studied climate and population.



Music



A massive well done to the **Sticky Pigeons** this term. Winner of Entrust Battle of the Bands Rising Rockers category and a superb performance at Alleyne's first Rock gig. Look out for them headlining Stone Rocks on Sat 5th July.

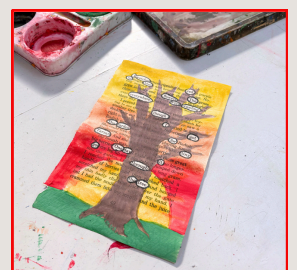
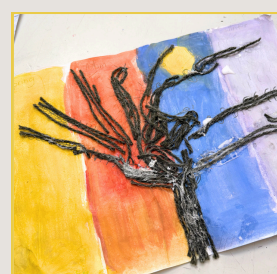
And well done to the KS3 vocal group who performed beautifully at Lichfield Cathedral in partnership with the MusicShare project. We look forward to working with them again in the future. It was a very enjoyable experience for all involved.



Art

It has been a **colourful** Spring Term in the Art Department. Year 5 have been working on 'Animals and Insects', Year 6 have been focusing on 'Landscapes', Year 7 are starting their 'Peace Projects' and Year 8 have produced some wonderful text-based artwork for 'Fairytales and Fiction'.

The recent sunshine has also been an added bonus... allowing us to head outside for some of our lessons!

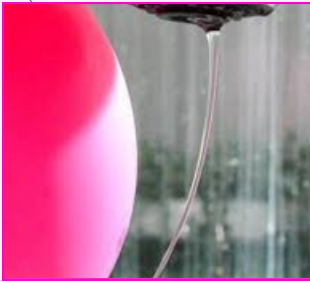




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Science



We have had a great half term in Science; Physics has been the focus of our Year 7 and 8 pupils where we have been investigating Forces and Electricity and Magnetism. Pupils in Year 8 have seen how static forces can bend a stream of water and make your hair stand on end, whilst our Year 7 classes have been learning how to use their mathematics skills to solve problems.



Year 6 have been learning about the classification of Species, we have looked in great detail at some unusual species and compared the differences between the 5 kingdoms. We had a great time investigating mould growth on bread, there were some disgusting results but the children were fascinated!

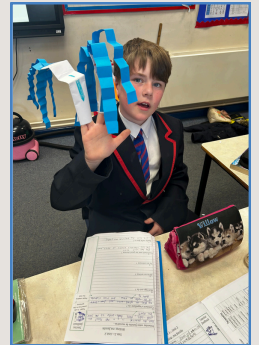
Year 5 have completed their learning on Chemistry and how different materials can be used for different jobs. They had great fun investigating how sugar dissolves; they really showed their skills in the lab!

French

Pupils have enjoyed a busy term in the French department. KS2 have had fun designing 3D towns, making and designing origami houses and creating alien puppet families to introduce family members! Whilst KS3 have performed interviews, written scripts, made props and performed plays...all in French!

Finally, pupils have enjoyed finding about how Easter is celebrated in France. We are really proud of how hard the pupils have worked this term. Next term brings the Year 8 trip to France...we can't wait!

Joyeuses Pâques tout le monde !



PE

We have had an extremely busy half term, with great success in both KS2 girls' and boys' football teams.

This has been recognised with our **Equal opportunities in Football award.**

Well done - we are so proud!



Computing

This term 6SP have been reflecting on their own and other people's digital footprint. They looked at what they liked to do online and thought of a snappy monster name for a monster version of their digital footprint. In groups they created a Lego version of an online personality with features such as huge shopping bags to represent online shopping addictions, lots of arms for a gaming addict or hiding their face to represent a scammer not revealing their true identity.

Rather than a list of 'don'ts' we try to make the children aware that what they are doing online today could affect their future for the rest of their lives. By making the children aware of this impact we hope they will make safer choices and still have fun online.



NOTICES



We have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors at Christ Church Academy. Please contact the school office for more information!

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Pupil Parliament with their Chocolate Bingo event. You have helped them to raise around £800 which will be put towards buying equipment for use at break and lunch times. Keep your eyes open for details of their next fundraising event.



Save the Date

It is never too early to learn about careers. On 7th May, year 8 pupils will be taking part in a 'speed dating' style careers event. Staffordshire University, NCSG, Stoke Sixth Form College, Water Plus, Veolia, Perkins, Colas, Woolcool, NHS, Ministry of Defence, Bentley, Staffordshire Jobs and Careers, Telent, Alleyne's Academy and MPFT Podiatry have already confirmed that they will be attending. All KS3 pupils and their parents are invited to attend after school from 3.40pm to 4.30pm, for a traditional style Careers Fair.



CONGRATULATIONS



Huge congratulations to our year 8 entrepreneurs, who have made over £2,000 profit in their 10X Challenge this year. The standard of the products was outstanding, with one parent stating that the products were better than those they produce in The Apprentice!



Last year, Christ Church Academy signed up all pupils for the **IDEA Award scheme**. This is an internationally recognised digital qualification for adults and children set up by the IDEA charity. Pupils complete a series of courses on digital skills and careers to earn badges. This term CCA have been recognised by the CEO of IDEA for outstanding contribution to the scheme. Our pupils have completed thousands of course badges and this term one pupil completed the 250 point Bronze milestone.

Aaron in 7CKJ is the first pupil in the school to achieve the Bronze award. This is an outstanding achievement and we are all tremendously proud of Aaron's achievement.

We're looking forward to celebrating more certificates in the Summer term.

