

# The KET Newsletter

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## Welcome from the CEO

It has been a really wonderful start to the school year.

It has been great to have children back in schools after the summer break. A special welcome to all the new children who have joined the KET family.

I am delighted by how well everyone has settled into their new schools, made friends and got involved in school life.

This newsletter offers a quick insight into the early weeks of the term and highlights some of the super activities and learning that the children have enjoyed.

The autumn term is always packed with exciting opportunities, and I look forward to sharing more of them with you in our December edition!

Full steam ahead . . . !



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## Christ Church Academy



**CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY**  
*Excellence in Education*

## Autumn Term Highlights

Huge congratulations to our amazing Year 7 pupils who raised an incredible £1,509.48 for the **Dougie Mac Hospice** with their recent cake sale!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event – whether you baked, bought, or simply enjoyed a slice (or two)!

**£1,509.48**



In Pursuit, our faith-based lunchtime club, we had a wonderful time exploring the timeline of the Bible — tracing key moments and stories that shape our understanding and faith. It was a fun and meaningful session filled with curiosity, conversation, and community.



Our **Year 5** classes had an unforgettable day at **Kibblestone Camp** this week! Each class spent a full day with their form and form tutor taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities, including Jacob's Ladder, crate stacking, fire lighting, and even axe throwing.



The children showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and courage as they tackled the challenges and supported each other along the way. From climbing high on the ladders to learning new survival skills, everyone came away with smiles, muddy boots, and plenty of great memories.

It was a brilliant day of adventure, laughter, and learning outside the classroom!



CCA's brilliant **Design & Technology** link governor, Mr Banham, visited 7RS for an inspiring talk as part of their Structures project!

As the class prepared to take on their bridge-building challenge, Mr Banham – a skilled Civil Engineer – shared insights into his career, offering expert advice on designing, planning, and building strong structures.

His talk highlighted the importance of teamwork and problem-solving – two key skills the pupils will be putting to the test!

We're so grateful for Mr Banham's time and support in helping bring real-world context into the classroom!

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**CCA on Tour** was back on the road this month, visiting local first schools to give Year 3 and Year 4 pupils a taste of life at middle school! The children got stuck into a range of fun, hands-on activities led by our fantastic staff, from creative challenges to team games and problem-solving tasks. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and excitement as pupils tried new things and met some of the teachers they might see again in the future.

Everyone had a brilliant time, and we can't wait to welcome them to CCA soon!



Meet our **newly qualified Peer Mentors!**



After completing their training, they celebrated with a bring-and-share lunch and were proudly presented with their certificates and badges on Friday 10th October. In total, 21 mentors qualified - and we're excited to share that 12 of them will now go on to train as **HOPE Ambassadors**, supporting mental health and wellbeing across our school

We're so proud of their dedication and commitment to helping others!

CCA received an extremely generous £1500 cheque from **Stone Lions Club** towards our new Wellbeing Chalet!

Thanks to your amazing support through non-uniform days, donations, and fundraising, we raised over £2000 — unlocking the Lions' matching pledge!

A huge thank you to Stone Lions and our incredible school community for making this happen 🧡 Let the chalet dreams begin! 🏡🌟



On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, KS2 marked **Roald Dahl Day** in true Dahl fashion! Pupils wrote on yellow paper with pencils while snuggled under blankets — just as the famous author did. It was a wonderful day brimming with creativity, imagination, and inspiration!



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## Christ Church First School



CHRIST CHURCH C.E. FIRST SCHOOL

The start of the year has seen our new Reception children settling into school. They have started well and are making great progress. All of our Reception children are already reading word books, which is really impressive and we are very proud.

They enjoyed mindfulness sessions for World Mental Health Day and raised funds for Wear it Yellow for Younger Minds. We raised £115.00.



We also welcomed two new school pups: Maggie and Ozzy who are brother and sister.



We have been busy throughout the school. Year 4 welcomed staff and children from Christ Church Academy as part of the Arts on Tour programme and they enjoyed a clay workshop and a French experience. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

They also welcomed staff from Walton Priory Middle School for a short science session looking at Van de Graaff generators.

Our Harvest Service in church was on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The children performed well and we were treated to songs, poems and instrumental pieces. We collected donations for the Stone Food Bank which will be delivered before half term.



We held our Open Morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October and we had children from Year 2 to Year 4 showing our visitors around their school. They did an excellent job and the school was really busy. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive too.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk around the town.

Children in Years 1-4 completed a 2 mile walk around the town, exploring the River Trent and the canal. Reception children walked to Stonefield Park. We are still to collect all the money so we are not sure how much we have raised yet but we are most grateful for the generosity of our families.



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Year 3 visited the British Ceramics Biennial at Spode in Stoke. We always look forward to this event as we are a Clay School and thoroughly enjoy the hands-on workshops. This year was no exception.

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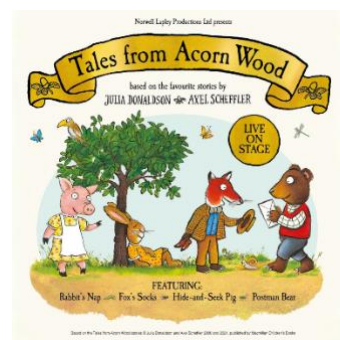


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The children had a tour of the exhibition, seeing work by Johnny Vegas and they took part in a practical workshop session where they were making clay bricks by combining layers of different materials. They really enjoyed the experience and their work is now on display at the BCB.



To end the half term, children in Reception and Year 1 have visited the Crown Wharf Theatre to see Tales from Acorn Wood by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The children had a great time and completed activities based on the book.



## ADMISSIONS

### FOR SEPT 2026 ENTRY

at First or Middle Schools

### Opens on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2025

**Contact us today if you would like to arrange  
to come and have a look around!**

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**OULTON FIRST SCHOOL**

*Hand in hand Learning together*

We have had a really busy half term which began with us welcoming Rocco our new school dog. Rocco attends school 3 days a week and welcomes pupils to school in the morning as well as providing therapy to pupils...and staff! He is a very well behaved Cavapoo and is providing much joy and comfort to the whole school community.



## EYFS

Pupils in EYFS have settled well into school, are learning new routines and becoming more independent by the day. They have enjoyed harvesting vegetables from our growing area and made soup which was served at our recent open morning.



In family worship, Reception pupils were provided with a Bible from Rev Kingman and Peter Cuthbert, families and children's worker.

## KS1

Pupils have focused on the Great Fire of London topic and enjoyed a trip to Ford Green Hall where they had a tour of a Tudor house, dressed up in costumes and met Samuel Pepys. Work back at school has included a recount of their trip and creating Tudor houses from boxes and craft materials.



## KS2

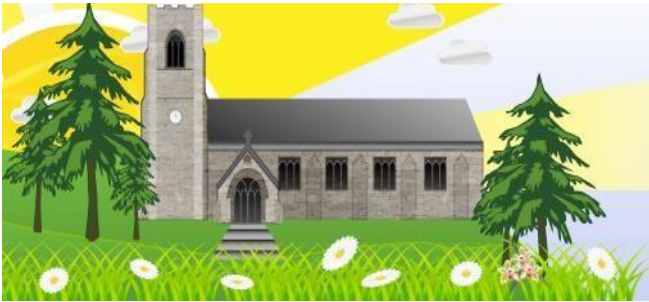
'Romans' has been the topic in Key Stage 2 and pupils enjoyed a visit to Wroxeter Museum, Shrewsbury, to gain further knowledge. Pupils have also experienced forest school at Kibblestone International Scout Camp, a favourite activity being Den Building.

## Harvest

Harvest was celebrated at school, rather than church on 3rd October due to the weather! Families kindly provided donations to Stone Food Bank again this year. Two of the KS2 school councillors accompanied Mrs Melling to the food bank to take the donations and were interested to find out more about the community centre which they then reported back to school.



### St Mary's, Mucklestone.



### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



The Charity family circle organised a MacMillan coffee afternoon. They created posters to go around the school and invited parents and members of our community to attend. We had a great turn out and raised £120 for the charity.



### Harvest

We had a wonderful Harvest Service at St Mary's church in Mucklestone. It was lovely to hear the children sing, look at the artwork, listen to prayers and to find out the meaning behind Harvest. Thank you to those who donated food items which have gone to Market Drayton Food Bank.



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## Art

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about Stone Age to Iron Age. They created coil pots with Mrs Mannering in the art lesson. They designed their pot, created their coil pots using air drying clay and then painted their pots once they were dry. The children really enjoyed getting messy!



## Class 4 Family Finish

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed having their parents come into class for their family finish. The children created autumnal crafts which included origami toad mushrooms and autumn garlands.



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## St Peter's, Caverswall



The school started off the year with a fitness team building day as we were all in new classes. The children were taught a variety of playground games in their classes and learnt to work together as teams.

Specifically other children were given training to lead those games.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival took place on 9<sup>th</sup> October at St Peter's Church. It was led by Ingmar, our Y4/5 class. Children throughout the school bought gifts of food from home to donate to our local food bank.



*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17: 7-8*



This year we choose to support World Mental Health Awareness Day in school by coming in yellow accessories. Mrs Bagshaw, our mental health lead, led an assembly helping the children to understand the different lived experiences of people throughout the World. We are proud at St Peter's to support children in school to be happier in themselves through our 'myhappyminds' program. Our mental help parent working party also ensure that at St Peter's we try and make coming to school as smooth and anxiety free as possible.

## St Peter's Rock Stars



Children at St Peter's work throughout their time here to become 'Rock Stars'. They do this by completing a range of challenges that we have chosen as a school that helps them grow in character. This half term The Y3/4 class were tasked to create a Bonfire Night 'Health & Safety' poster for their H&S stamp. They did a fabulous job.

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Rowan, our Y5/6 class, shared their learning about the Tudors with the whole school and their parents in a class assembly.

They re-enacted the invasion by the Spanish Armada, sang a song about 'Horrible Tudors' and also learnt about how the Church of England started.

Parents loved being invited into school and sharing such an important topic with the children.

## Y6 Transition to Blythe Bridge High School

**Our children went up to explore and take part in some transition activities with the high school. They loved their day there and came back with a range of skills.**



Competitive sports are very important to the children. They work and train so hard that when we take part in different sports we are as successful as we can be. So far, the children have taken part in Y5/6 football and Y5/6 handball where we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in both. We also took part in Y3/4 rugby and won all three matches. Well done everyone!



## Open Morning

We had a fabulous Saturday morning showing off our school. The children who came in to support us and show parents what we get up to were amazing. Please follow the link to the video about our school.

<https://youtu.be/ut4rwJGWZN4>

