



Christ Church
CE Primary School

Growing and Learning Together in Christ

Head Teacher: Mrs S. Howard

14th November 2024

Autumn 2 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the staff at Christ Church school, especially Mrs Hudson and Mr Beck my Assistant Headteachers, for enabling our school to run smoothly and effectively whilst I was working part-time last half term. I have enjoyed being back in school full time, mixing with the children and teaching again this half term.

I have a few messages to share in this newsletter and important dates for the build up to Christmas.

Please do keep checking our Weekly Newsletter, sent out on a Friday, to stay current with all school news. If it doesn't open from the link on your phone, then it is always posted on the website.

The Sycamore Trust is now six schools, with a number of schools keen to join. The schools in the Trust are ourselves, St Thomas's, Holy Trinity, St Stephens, St John's and Radcliffe Hall.

We are supporting our children's well-being and SEMH needs using the SCARF resources this year, not My Happy Mind. This means that the MHM parent portal will not be available. However, many resources to support parents are available on the Bury LA Thrive padlet:

<https://padlet.com/ThriveinBury/thriving-in-bury-for-parents-carers-mjo8ec23zmy8knyh>

Once again, our Friends have been supporting the school by organizing super events- welcome disco, quiz and curry night and using the funds raised to provide resources for the benefit of all our children. The pupils have recently started using 30 new ipads in classes and the Friends Committee have also offered to pay the cost of the coaches to the Pantomime this year. This means a saving for our school budget, as we usually subsidise the coaches, so parents are only being asked to pay for tickets.

Our budget remains very tight with the number of children in school falling- please do explore whether you are entitled to Free School Meals/Pupil Premium, even if briefly. Also, do promote Christ Church as the school of choice for Reception and Nursery starters in September 2025!

Many thanks for the many warm welcomes I received on my return,

Mrs S Howard

2nd December Reading Breakfast Ash class

5th December pm EYFS to Bury College Christmas play (letter sent)

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Christmas School Events

6th December Non-uniform for Christmas Fair- details to follow

9th December 2pm Christmas Nativity with Wiggle at Christ Church **All family welcome**

Christmas Film Night 3.30-5pm In the school Hall. All children must be collected. Bring something comfy to sit on! Ticket needed

10th December KS1 Nativity 2.15pm **Two adults per child- no ticket needed**

11th December Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at 1pm, Middleton Arena Y1-6
Leave school at 12, early lunch- all packed lunches for dinners today, return 4.30pm

Christmas Crafts with parents 9am Elm class

12th December KS1 Nativity 2.15pm **Two adults per child- no ticket needed**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day- **children change their school jumper for a Christmas jumper and bring £1 for Save the Children**

Author visit Elm, Year 3

13th December Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair- details to follow

16th December Christmas Movie night 3.30-5pm **In the school Hall. All children must be collected. Bring something comfy to sit on! Ticket needed**

18th December Christmas Party Day **Each class will organise party food donations, children can come in their party clothes, older children can change after lunchtime if they prefer**

Friends Christmas Fair after school, details to follow

19th December Christmas Dinner Day **Order by 6th December £2.60 See newsletter for link to order Children can wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper (not full non-uniform)**

KS2 Christmas Service at Christ Church 2pm

Up to 2 adults per child welcome to attend Christ Church for 2pm. Children can be collected from there or will be walked back to school

20th December School Finishes 2pm

Please support our events, if you can, so that they can all go ahead!

Holiday Club is on 2nd and 3rd January 2025, more details to follow on Newsletter, go to Funtime Sports website

6th January Spring Term starts