



Christ Church
CE Primary School

Growing and Learning Together in Christ

Head of School: Mrs K James

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Dear parent/carers,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every Wednesday. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' (Walshaw Sports Club) each Wednesday, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple! What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive at school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk or wheel the remaining journey. (Walshaw Sports Club)

If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest of the way (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk What is a WOW badge?

There are 10 badges to be earned from October 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' each Wednesday.

WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to Walk with Joy, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: livingstreets.org.uk/recycling Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

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