



# Newsletter

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## CCJ Easter Egg Hunt + Stay & Play

We will be holding our ever popular Easter egg hunt once again on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Tickets will be £3.50 for one of the trail maps and everyone who completes it will get an Easter egg prize. We will also be doing a stay and play for an hour after school, where there will also be a cake sale happening. It should be a lovely community event! Tickets will go live on Parent Pay by the end of today and you are very welcome to buy one for younger (or older!) siblings who are not in CCJ. Any offers of help would be VERY much appreciated. Please let Mrs Osborne know if you are free to help on the cake stool or dishing out the winning eggs.

## Annual CCJ Easter Cake Competition

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our annual CCJ Easter cake competition once again this year. Children are welcome to make a cake or cupcakes with an Easter theme which need to be brought in on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. After school we have our CCJ Easter egg hunt, a stay and play and cake sale. We will be announcing the cake competition winners who will all win an Easter egg! There will be categories of sweetest, funniest, best cupcake, best cake LB and best cake UB.

## Next Link Annual Easter Egg Appeal

The next Link Easter Egg Appeal is open again. Please donate Easter eggs and gifts for children spending this Easter in Safe Houses after fleeing domestic abuse. Your support every year has been outstanding, thank you all so much for always making sure they receive these reminders that people care. Donations can be brought in up to and including Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

*Thank you so much, Mehala and Mkhai (Puffin Class)*



## Weekly Celebration Certificate



Each week, one pupil from each class is awarded a celebration certificate for going above and beyond.

This week's winners are:

<b>Starlings</b>	<i>Jowan</i>
<b>Swallows</b>	<i>Mikael</i>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<i>Finley</i>
<b>Robins</b>	<i>Seb</i>
<b>Wagtails</b>	<i>Max</i>
<b>Jays</b>	<i>All of Jay class</i>
<b>Puffins</b>	<i>Elle-May</i>
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<i>Evie and Jessie</i>
<b>Kestrels</b>	<i>Freddie</i>
<b>Falcons</b>	<i>Anyia</i>



## Take Ten



Feelings are OK, even the big ones: Validate your child's emotions instead of trying to fix them. Let them know their feelings are normal and acceptable, even anger or sadness.

Connection is key: Prioritize genuine connection and understanding over rules and control. Be present with your child, listen actively, and offer empathy. Stop the battle of wills: Power struggles don't work. Shift the focus from control to collaboration and problem-solving. Offer choices and involve your child in finding solutions.

Let them play rough and dirty: Play is how children learn and explore. Allow for messy, unstructured play that encourages creativity and resilience.

*Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Eatwell*



## Road Safety Reminder

Unfortunately, we are having reports of unsafe parking near and around CCJ. We would therefore just like to remind everyone about road safety. Please allow a few extra minutes to park and walk and please **do not** park illegally across driveways, in private car parks or in our school gates! As always, we are aware that the vast majority of parents are thoughtful and considerate, but we have a few drivers who still think the rules do not apply to them. If you see any dangerous driving or parking, I would urge you to take a photo and submit it to our local PCSOs via the link below:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/staple-hill-and-new-cheltenham>

Please also take the time to speak to your children about crossing the road safely, cross with them if you can and ensure that a piece of their clothing or bag is a bright or reflective material.

## Year 5 Shepton Mallet Prison Trip

An email has gone out regarding next week's trip for Year 5 children to Shepton Mallet Prison. This school trip is on Friday, 22nd March and is within school hours so children will arrive at the normal time and be back before the end of the school day, depending on traffic.

Children will need to arrive at school at the normal time, wearing school uniform (including suitable clothing such as hats or coats) and need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

## Welbeing Bees Cake Sale

Last Friday Mrs Eatwell & the Wellbeing Bee's had a lovely morning making 'bee' cakes to sell after school at their cake sale.

The sale raised a brilliant £69.95! They were raising the money for CCJ Wellbeing books.

Also a huge thank you to Miss Hunt and Mrs Roseblade who helped too.



## Local Authority Wraparound Childcare Survey

In the Spring last year the government announced that it was providing additional funding to expand the access to wraparound childcare; to make it more affordable, available and flexible. This relates to childcare before and after school to support working parents.

All local authorities will receive a share of 289 million pounds to help map out and accommodate the needs of parents, families, and carers in their locality. The local authority will be able to use their allocated share of funds to test different ways that they can increase wraparound care options to meet identified demand. We will be working to support schools and private, independent, and voluntary providers to increase the wraparound care options that they provide.

We are interested in hearing your views on wraparound childcare in South Gloucestershire. If you are a parent of a child aged 0-11 we need your help to tell us how and where we should plan extra provision for wraparound care to be most convenient to residents, parents and carers across South Gloucestershire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EeVwzdm77g>

We very much appreciate your time in completing the survey as it will ensure the local authority has a clear map of your future or current needs and the provision you use. We are very grateful for your support in completing the survey by Friday 22 March.

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## Young Carers Awareness Day

Just wanted to say a big thank you to all the amazing people that have supported our Caring Crew over the last two years. We are so lucky to have your help & support! You have all made an incredible difference to our children here at CCJ. Please do let us know if you run a local business and you can help us in the future. Tracy.eatwell@gmail.org.uk

Earlier in the week, to raise awareness we had a Young Carers assembly and a wonderful forest school session today led by our very own Miss Wallbridge! We were also joined by some of the young people from Warmley Park, Vicki Houselander (Young Carers school development worker) and even Downend Voice came along to take our photo for the paper!

A special thanks to all the wonderful people that have made the last two years so special for our Caring Crew children;

*British Guide Dogs Foundation, Karen's Love to Dance, Bristol Starbright Cheerleading, Mad Hoops Basketball Jenny Urqhart local artist, Luke's Lego, Miss Wallbridge's Forest School, Mindful Creations, Mrs Groves' Mum helping year 6 cooking, CCI letting us use their swimming pool, William Court, Avon Fire Service Cleeve Tennis Club, Warmley Park School & Bristol Bears.*



## Friends of CCJ Mothers Day

Last week the Friends of CCJ held a Mothers Day Shopping Experience and Raffle. It was lovely to see the children excited to purchase gifts for their family.

We would like to say thank you to the Friends of CCJ for all their time and hard work. A fantastic £541 was raised in total! Well done!



**PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP  
BY JIGSAW THORNBURY  
27<sup>th</sup> March, 9am  
CCJ School Hall**

JIGSAW Thornbury is a charity that works with all children and young people with additional needs or disabilities, and their families. We provide friendship, support, compassion and fun, along with innovative services that empower them to connect, fit in and thrive. Everything we do is driven by the passion of our staff and volunteers.

As well as being life changing for the young people and families we assist, our services are invaluable for the wider community too. We enhance inclusion by helping everyone understand the challenges that those with additional needs face and the unique strengths and qualities they bring.

No need to book, just pop in for a chat and we will provide the coffee and biscuits!

*Mrs Eatwell and Mrs Groves*

## CCJ dates for your diary ....

### March

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Easter Experience  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 9am–Robin class assembly (*parents welcome*)  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Shepton Mallet Prison Trip (Y5)  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Easter Service  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country @ Collegiate  
**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY**  
**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 4**  
Sun 31<sup>st</sup> – Deanfield Payment 2 Deadline

### April

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 5**  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – Deanfield Payment 3 Deadline

### May

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday**  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATS  
**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – End of term 5**  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> – Deanfield Final Payment Deadline





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## Unique Voice Holiday Programmes will be running this spring holiday at Christ Church CofE VC Junior School.

Make friends, create and play!

- Places are fully funded.
- Hot lunch, dessert and snacks included.
- Drama, creative games, outdoor play and arts and crafts.
- Welcoming, fun and inclusive holiday provision.

To register your interest contact Pippa Osbourne. If you have any questions contact Becky Hale, Unique Voice Community Manager, at [beckyh@uniquevoice.org](mailto:beckyh@uniquevoice.org)/0117 428 6240

Unfortunately at this time, we are unable to support children who require 1:1 support at our programmes.

### Where?

Christ Church CofE VC Junior School, Pendennis Rd, BS16 5JJ

### When?

Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th  
April  
10.00am - 2.00pm

### Can my child attend?

Children must be aged between 5-11 years and in receipt of benefits-related Free

This provision has been supported by funding from South Glos Council via the DfE.



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