



Living Our Values

Christopher Reeves Church of England Primary School

'Living Our Values'

Newsletter – 23rd October 2026

"Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We find ourselves at the end of the first half term of the school year and what a wonderful half term it has been with plenty of learning and exciting opportunities that the children have been able to engage with. I have been particularly impressed with the way the children have settled back into excellent learning habits and especially with their learning behaviours. I am sure that this will continue into the new half term. It was also wonderful to welcome so many of you to our termly parents consultations. Thank you to everyone that attended. We hope you found it informative and a good chance to speak with your child's class teacher about how they are getting on this academic year.

I hope that you and your family will all have the opportunity to enjoy the half term break and take some time to recuperate. A little reminder that the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November following the scheduled INSET day on Monday 2nd November.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This half term the children have been learning about Respect and the importance of this core value. The children have thought about what this looks like in everyday life and how they can show respect as they go about their daily lives.



Respect



Responsibility



Resilience

Who can I contact?

If you have any queries about your child and their education, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be available at the classroom door each day at the start and end of school.

If you need to speak with a member of staff about SEND or behaviour, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Laywood-Hill (Willow Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Clark (Juniper Class)

Online Safety - Helping Children Stay Safe While Gaming

Online gaming is an important part of many children's lives. It offers opportunities for fun, creativity and friendships, but many games also allow children to communicate and play with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom has produced practical advice for parents through its **Parents Power Up** campaign.

The guidance uses three simple steps:

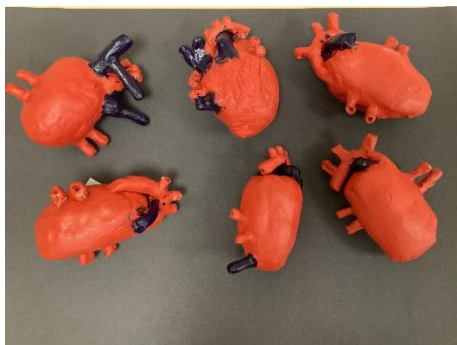
- **Check** – Review your child's account details, age settings and who they can communicate with.
- **Chat** – Talk regularly about the games they enjoy, who they play with and anything that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Change** – Review parental controls, privacy settings and communication options as your child grows.

This is a particularly useful resource for families approaching half-term, when children may have more time to spend gaming.

Link: [Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online](#)

This week at Christopher Reeves

Year 6 have been painting their clay heart models created last week...



Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about after half term is...

Nine new emoji characters, including a pickle, a lighthouse and a monarch butterfly, have been approved by the Unicode Consortium.

Question: How can emojis help us to communicate?



Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Year 1 and Year 5 with 100% attendance.

The children in the Golden Book this week are.....

Acorns Class – Edward Challen and Brody Binns
Willow Class – Maisie Burton and George Nolan
Juniper Class – Jojo Buckman and Hattie Collier
Oak Class – Ena Bogust

Well done to all of these children



Supporting Children with Additional Needs When Something Goes Wrong Online

Children with additional needs may not always recognise when an online situation has become unsafe, or they may find it difficult to explain what has happened.

They may also communicate distress differently, become overwhelmed by questions or worry about losing access to a device or online activity that is particularly important to them.

This short video gives parents practical advice on supporting a child calmly when something has gone wrong online and helping them feel able to share what has happened.

Link:

[YouTube – Supporting children with additional needs when something goes wrong online](#)



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OPEN MORNINGS

For children starting reception
class in September 2027

Come and see our wonderful
school in action.



**Tuesday 13th
October &
Monday 9th
November**



09:30 AM



Tour the school
Meet teachers
Ask questions



To Book your place:
01933 353531
admin@crls.org.uk

Hinwick Rd,
Podington,
NN29 7HU

POWER

to the PARENTS

keeping our children **SAFE**

Do you ever worry about:

- Exploitation and grooming
- Social media
- Peer pressure
- Mental health and emotional well being
- School, friendships, relationships
- Keeping communication open at home

What you get:

- Practical advice
- A safe space to ask questions
- Guest speakers and specialist knowledge
- Tips you can use straight away at home
- No judgement
- Honest conversations and support

Every Monday 5pm to 6pm

via Teams

Free
to attend



Open
to all parents
& carers



Messy Church After School

Friday 6 November

3.15pm - 5pm

**Bible-based fun, craft, and a
snack for families**

To book your place, contact the
school office.

