Christopher Reeves Church of England Primary School

'Living Our Values'

Newsletter – 6th November 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,
Welcome back to a new half term! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week hearing about their adventures during half term. I hope you all managed to get a well-deserved rest.
We are looking forward to a fun filled half term with lots of exciting events and learning opportunities that have been planned. Some of these include Anti-bullying week starting on Monday 16th November with Odd Socks Day on **Tuesday 17th November**, Children in Need on Friday 13th November and of course all of the Christmas celebrations towards the end of this half term. Please check the school calendar for dates and times so that you can make arrangements to attend. We would love to see you all there.
We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This week the children have been learning about the importance of having a growth mindset. The children considered the difference between a growth mindset and a fixed mindset and how they can change outcomes for themselves through having a positive mindset.

"*The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love*." Psalm 147:11

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience**

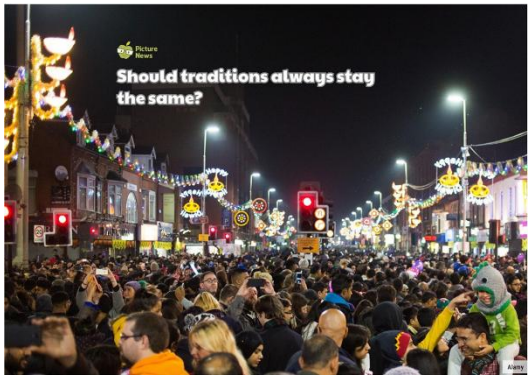
Who can I contact?

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, behaviour or safeguarding, please contact the following members of staff:
SEND – Mrs Laywood-Hill (Willow Class)
Behaviour – Mrs Clark (Juniper Class)
Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Clark

Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about next week is…

Diwali celebrations in Leicester return this November. It's one of the UK's biggest Diwali festival locations, with music, dancing, colourful lights and family activities.
Question: Should traditions always stay the same?



Online Safety - Talking About AI With Children

Artificial intelligence is becoming an increasingly familiar part of children's lives, whether that's through chatbots, homework tools, games or the apps they use every day.

As AI becomes more common, it's important that children understand both what it can do and where its limitations lie.

Internet Matters has produced a useful **Talking About AI** guide for families, with age-appropriate conversation starters and activities to help parents explore AI with their children. The guide encourages families to talk about how AI works, question the information it produces, consider privacy and develop healthy habits when using AI tools.

It's a practical resource for parents who may not feel particularly confident about AI themselves but want to help their children use it safely and responsibly.

Link:

Internet Matters – Talking About AI: A Guide for Families

Voice 21 Conversation Starter…

When have you used a growth mindset when you have faced a challenge or setback?

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Dates for your Diary

All dates for the school year can be found on the school website. Please click HERE to access them

Christopher Reeves this week…

Willow Class have been busy creating abstract art with a background wash.









Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Reception Class and Year 4 with 100% attendance.

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

Acorns Class – Ava Johnson and Ellie O'Shea

Willow Class – Minnie Wilcox and Emelia Hart

Juniper Class – Evelyn Fildes and Aurelia Chance

Oak Class – Jackson Newson

Well done to all of these children





BBPCF Annual Survey 2026 – Have your say

Bedford Borough Parent Carer Forum (BBPCF) is asking parents and carers of children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND to complete its Annual Survey 2026.

It takes around 5–10 minutes and gives parent carers the opportunity to share what is working well, where families are experiencing barriers and what they feel needs to change.

The experiences shared through the survey provide important evidence that BBPCF can use when representing families and working with local services and decision-makers.

You do not need a formal diagnosis and you do not need to be a BBPCF member to take part.

As a small thank you for your time, after completing the survey you can choose to enter a prize draw for the chance to win gift vouchers or a gift bag.

The survey closes Friday 20 November 2026.

One survey should be completed for each child or young person with SEND.

Complete the survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZYP99F