Christopher Reeves Church of England Primary School

'Living Our Values'

Newsletter – 13th 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,

It has been a busy week at Christopher Reeves with lots of additional extra-curricular activities going on. On Monday we welcomed a number of prospective families to our open morning. It is always wonderful to show people around our great school and demonstrate all of the wonderful things we get up to. On Wednesday (Remembrance Day) we visited the memorial at St Mary's Church to take a moment to remember the soldiers that fought and died in the wars. This was a sombre occasion but the children certainly showed our core value of respect and we were very proud of the children that laid the crosses of remembrance next to the memorial.

Today we have been raising money for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone that came to school wearing spots or yellow to help raise much needed funds for children less fortunate than ourselves. We are also so proud of the children that have raised funds by doing a sponsored event. We know a lot of effort has gone into this and we are looking forward to hearing all about what everyone has been up to. We will update you with the total raised in the coming weeks.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This half term the children are thinking about the value of Responsibility. This has linked really nicely with the fundraising that we have been doing for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone that has donated to such a worthy cause.

"*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…

Leaders from around the world are meeting in Türkiye for COP31, to discuss how to protect our planet from climate change. **Question:** Is it fair that some countries have to do more than others?



Online Safety - Should You Upload Photos of Children Into AI?

AI image tools are becoming increasingly popular, allowing people to change backgrounds, enhance photographs or create entirely new images. But what happens when we upload photographs of our children into these tools?

SWGfL has published some useful advice encouraging parents and carers to think about what happens to an image once it has been uploaded. Some questions worth considering include:

- Where will the photograph be stored?
- Could it be used to train an AI system?
- Can the image be permanently deleted?
- Does it contain identifying information, such as a school uniform or location?
- Could the image be copied, altered or misused?

This doesn't mean that every AI image tool is unsafe, but it is worth understanding how a service uses photographs before uploading them, particularly when those photographs are of children.

The SWGfL guidance provides some practical advice to help parents make more informed decisions.

Link:

SWGfL – Should I Upload Photos of Children Into AI?

Voice 21 Conversation Starter…



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…















Celebrations

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

Acorns Class – Ariana Cochior and Aria Caushaj

Willow Class – Alice Bolton and Ben Jardine Wight

Juniper Class – Autumn Burnett and Elsie Doré

Oak Class – May Drury

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

Messy Church

Last Friday, we held our first Messy Church at Christopher Reeves. We had a number of families that came to join us for the activities. Our next Messy Church will be held after school on Tuesday 2nd February. We hope many of you will be able to join us. These are some photos of the fun we had last week…











Year 6 Letter to the Queen

Year 6 children received a new book from the Queen last week and have been thoroughly enjoying reading it. They have written letter of thanks to the queen which are wonderful.







