Christopher Reeves Church of England Primary School

'Living Our Values'

Newsletter – 20th 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 another busy week at Christopher Reeves with lots of additional extra-curricular activities going on. This week we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week across the school, thinking carefully about what our school golden rules for kindness would be. We will be sharing these with you in the coming weeks as the children have been working hard on them. The children have also been thinking about what constitutes bullying and the fact that unkindness becomes bullying when it is repetitive, targeted and intentional. Children have been taught that if they are concerned, they should always confide in a trusted adult who will be able to help to sort things out.
The children have also taken part in the NSPCC assemblies and targeted lessons this week. These have been well received by all of the children and will be followed up by workshops next week with volunteers from the NSPCC.
We are heading into a very busy season in school so please take note of the dates for your calendars below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Mrs Mustoe in the school office. 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…

John Lewis has released a new Christmas advert telling the story of a grandmother struggling to find gifts for her grandchildren, reminding us what makes giving gifts so special.

Question: Does a gift need to cost money?



Online Safety - GTA 6 – What Parents Need to Know

Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA 6) was released on 19 November, and there's a good chance many children and teenagers will already have heard about it.
The game has a PEGI 18 age rating, but that doesn't mean younger children won't encounter it through friends, older siblings, social media clips or livestreams.
The Breck Foundation has published a useful guide explaining what parents should know about the game. It includes advice about:

- Understanding the game's age rating and content.
- Checking PlayStation and Xbox parental controls.
- Managing spending and access to games.
- Talking about gaming and online interactions.
- Recognising potential concerns around contact with other players.

The guide is useful even for parents who have no intention of allowing their child to play GTA 6, particularly because children may still encounter content from the game elsewhere online (particularly YouTube).
Link:
Breck Foundation – GTA 6: What Parents and Carers Need to Know

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…

As part of their DT learning, Oak Class have been making playground prototypes. They sketched some designs for a new piece of playground equipment, then designed it using 3D modelling on the iPads using Tinkercad. They are now making their models.









Celebrations

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

Acorns Class – Forrest Braxton and Florence Marsh

Willow Class – Amy Ciesielska and Ivy Honour

Juniper Class – Archer Kirkpatrick and Andrea Gyimah

Oak Class – Thomas Bolton

Well done to all of these children



Children in Need

On Friday the 13th of November, our school took part in the Run Pudsey challenge for Children in Need. The challenge was to raise £26 by completing sport activities such as cycling, running and walking 26 miles or more. Last Friday, School Council set up activities on the field and playground for everyone to take part in. In total we raised £1561.70

Everyone who took part did a brilliant job as every penny counts however we would like to give a special mention to Timmy, Jensen and Evelyn for raising over £200 each.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to Children in Need Run Pudsey.

From Ophia and Ena
School Council





Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd November – Juniper Roman Day
Wednesday 25th November – Oak Greek Day
Friday 4th December – PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th November – Acorns Christmas Performance (9.15am and 5.30pm)
Friday 11th December – Rock Steady Concert (2.30pm)
Tuesday 15th December – Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 16th December – Willow and Juniper Christmas Performance (2.30pm and 5.30pm)
Thursday 17th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December – End of term service at St Mary's (9.15am)

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