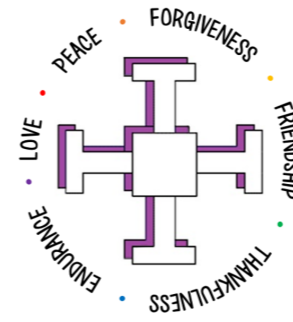


# Diary Dates

Monday 10th February:	Year 6 to Condover
Friday 14th February:	Break Up Half Term
Monday 24th February:	School Open
Friday 11th April:	Break Up Easter, 1:15pm
Monday 28th April:	School Open
Monday 12th May:	SATS Week Year 6
Friday 23rd May:	Break Up Half Term
Monday 2nd June:	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4th June:	School Open
Friday 18th July:	Break Up 1:15pm



**CHRIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**

**JANUARY 2025**



Hello All,

I hope you are well and managing to fight off the latest strand of Flu that seems to be around.

First off, apologies to parents in Year One for postponing the ELS sessions. Unfortunately, both class teachers have been off school this week and it would be unfair to ask the staff who have been covering to lead the sessions. I hope to be able to rearrange the sessions in the next couple of weeks.

For those parents in Reception and Year Two who attended the ELS sessions, I hope you found them useful and informative. ELS is a little different to RWI (which we used to use) and is certainly different to how Phonics looked a few years ago. As I mentioned last week, one of the best things to support your child is to help them practise 'blending' skills. For those of you who attended the sessions, you will know each sound is spoken with robot arms and then the word is put together with a clap! Have a go at doing it at home. Parents in Year 2, as you know, your children's reading books that are matched to their phonic ability are now digital and can be accessed via 'Oxford Owl'. If you have lost the login, please ask your class teacher. From next week, your children will also be bringing an 'interest' book home that is a little above their reading standard. This is to be a shared book at home, where you can read together, take it in turns and enjoy a story in its true form together. Please remember, the children are working hard in Reading to earn a 'Golden Token' for the Book Vending Machine. The more they read, the more tokens they will get!

## Parking and Near Miss

This week there was a very near miss on Harden Road, involving one of our pupils. Our pupil was riding her scooter to school along the footpath on Harden Road when a parent in a car mounted it to park. Luckily, the pupil managed to get out of the way and was not hurt. My message is clear, if you feel you need to drive to school and are going to park on Harden Road, please ensure you check there are no children on the footpath. Some of our pupils are very small and the blind spot that a lot of modern cars have over the bonnet means you would not see them.

I have also received numerous complaints from local residents about their driveways or garages being blocked by parents. Apparently, this can be from as early as 2:00pm. All the local residents are entitled to access their own homes, so please do not park in a way that stops this. It should also be remembered, that Bloxwich Leisure Centre agreed to let parents park on their car park when dropping off and picking up. The walk from their would be a little over 5 minutes and would allow your child to experience walking to school, which I feel is so important for Primary School Pupils.

So please, think about where you are parking, especially as the vast majority of parents live well within a mile radius of the school.

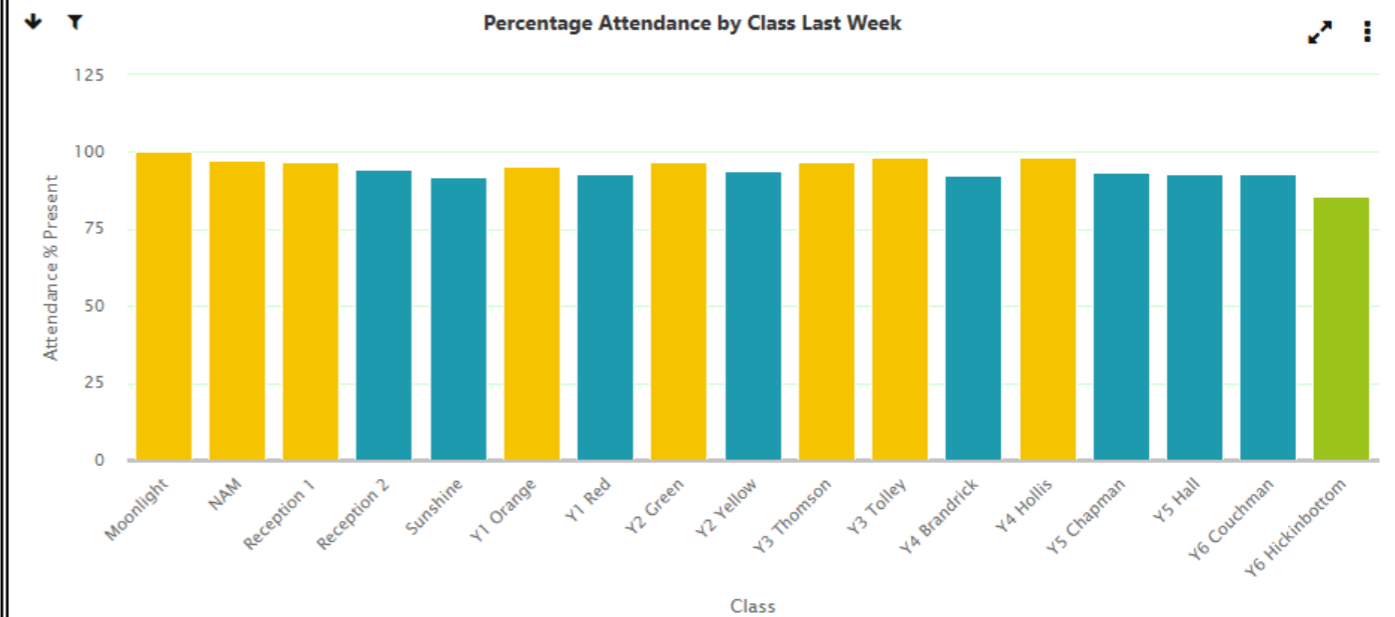
## Positive Start

I just wanted to share what a positive start the children have made to the New Year. I have spent a lot of time in classes over the past two weeks and the atmosphere and work being produced has been amazing.

Alongside that, Mrs Kent, the CEO of St Barts MAT popped in to say 'hello' on Wednesday. We went for a tour of the school and she was really impressed with how calm the school was, especially as it was nearly lunchtime. Key Stage Two pupils were introduced to Mrs Kent and made her feel very welcome.

If you would like to know more about St Barts, there is a link on our website.

## Attendance



Above are the class attendances for last week. Fantastic to see eight of the classes having attendance over 95%. A special 'Well Done' to Moonlight Class who achieved 100%. I think a 'Hot Chocolate' treat is in order for the children in that class.

A polite reminder, if your child is ill and will be missing school, please call the office and either leave a message on the answer phone or speak to one of the ladies.

If we do not receive a message, the Educational Welfare Team will be asked to visit your home. This will also happen if your Child's attendance was below 90% last academic year, even if you have called in.

An additional reminder, random days off for a child's birthday or a day out will be automatically marked as 'unauthorised' and could then be provided as additional evidence if court proceedings are followed.

**Thursday 27th February**

**School Disco**

**Comic Con/Fancy Dress Theme**