

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

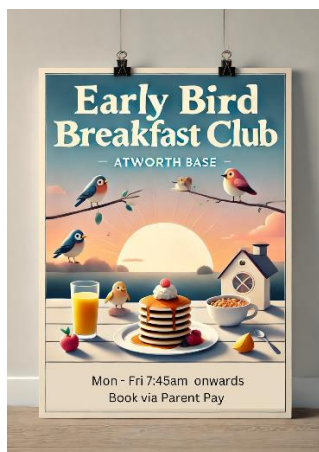
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Dear Parent/Carer

Breakfast Club

We're thrilled to share the fantastic success of our first week of the new breakfast club Early Birds, at school! It has been an amazing start, with really positive feedback from the children ("it's like a hotel"!). It's a lovely atmosphere first thing in the morning; I hope that many of you will be able to make use of it. It's a lovely start to the morning and works well for working parents, as well as a great way to transition into school for any child that might need a slower build up to the school day! Early Birds starts at 7.45am; please book via ParentPay.



Attendance

#EverySchoolDayCounts

Following my meeting with the Attendance Officer from County this week, I am adding a reminder about attendance as we have had some requests for absence. Pupils should ideally be in school every day. Once percentages dip below 95% then concerns do become flagged.

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school per year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school per year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school per year	95%	Slight concern
Equates to 20 days off school per year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school per year	85%	Very concerned

Children's academic progress is linked with attendance, and whilst we understand that illness is unavoidable, some things like dental appointments can be arranged out of school time, or with the minimal amount of time out of school. **If children arrive after the registers have closed in the morning, this is also classed as an unauthorised absence** so being prompt in the morning is important. All **holidays are also unauthorised** and if pupils accumulate **10 unauthorised sessions** (a session is half a day) within a 10 week period, parents can be issued **penalty notices** by the Local Authority, who monitor our attendance. To clarify timings at the two bases: Monkton Farleigh: The gates open at 8.20 and the register is taken at 8.30 Atworth: The gate opens at 8.35 and

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the register is taken at 8.45. If children arrive after the register has been taken, they will be marked as late. **If pupils are 15 minutes late or more, it is classed as an unauthorised absence.**



WOW Days

Thank you everyone for all the efforts put into the two fantastic WOW Days we had this week! Both sites were each a hive of activity – I know the children and staff all enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you so much to all those volunteers who gave up their time to make the day such a success!



Lots of interest in mathletics this week and new faces on every single level! Particularly pleasing to see Kestrels with a 50% certificate rate this week. Well done to everyone who is on the list this week!

Bronze : Florence C, Isla, Martha, Elijah, Iris, Maggie

Silver : Niamh, Ezra, Ella B, George P, Alexis M, Anna, Ruby, Bodhi C, Morgan

Gold : Oliver H, Ted E, Oscar BH, Henry H, Coralie, Christina, Jude, Josiah, George R, Vinnie

Platinum : William J, Joseph, Henry J, Jasper, Anouk, Hattie D, William CJ, Benjamin, Rosemary, Jason

Emerald : Leighton, Oliver CJ, Felix, Jazmyne, Alexis G, Maddox

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Archdeacon Visit

Next week, on Thursday, we have Archdeacon Alan coming to visit us at Atworth. He will be leading a collective worship, and we look forward to showing off the school to him.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend

Best wishes,

Heather

Heather Saunders

Head of School

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BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation



Churchfields the Village School

Your own clothes

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

Your own bags

PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 21st January 2025 by 9am

01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com




CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOLS





CHRIST CHURCH BRADFORD ON AVON

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY - 10.30AM

**YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO A SPECIAL SERVICE
IN WHICH WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND WORK OF
OUR WONDERFUL LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.**



EVERYONE FROM OUR
SCHOOL AND CHURCH
COMMUNITIES ARE VERY
WELCOME!



PARKING AVAILABLE
AT CHRIST CHURCH
SCHOOL OR
SURROUNDING AREAS



MAIGHTY GIRLS THE **MAIGHTY QUIZ**

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Join us for a "mighty" good time as we test your knowledge and raise funds.

At Fitzmaurice School, BOA
Doors Open 7pm to start
7.30pm
Tickets £7 ahead
Bar, snack & prizes.

Book www.mightygirls.co.uk



Any profits will fund our works with young people in Wiltshire and Banes.

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Term dates for 2023/2024

Term 2: Monday 4 November – Fri 20 December 2024	Term 3: Monday 06 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4: Monday 24 February – Friday 04 April 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Friday 21 March 2025 	Term 5: Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May 2025
Term 4: Monday 02 June – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Wednesday 23 July 2025 INSET DAY Wednesday 24 July 2025 	

TERM 3	
Friday 31 st Jan	Year R and Year 6 Health screening
Tuesday 11 Feb	Dance club Bath Forum
Monday 17 Feb	Half term starts
Monday 24 Feb	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 25 Feb	Wow day KS1 at Atworth KS2 at Monkton Farleigh
Tuesday 4 th March	Author visit Catherine Barr
Monday 21 st March	Inset day
Friday 4 th April	Term ends Easter holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 begins

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Bath & North East
Somerset Council

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

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 Bank Holiday

 School Holiday

 Term Time

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At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

13+ Contains mature themes

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, its video collection is based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos are probably not offensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys, both one prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of conspiracy, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent on average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2022. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly-observable nature of like-like videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £3.99 to an eye-watering £136, while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on restricted mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks, ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Block in-app spending

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.

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We are pleased to let you know that we still have places available for the Understanding Goals Of Misbehaviour training delivered by the Behaviour Support Team, on 20/01/2025 (Online Live). Based on Rudolf Dreikur's Theory around Goals of Misbehaviour, this course will explore the use of encouragement and logical or natural consequences rather than reward and punishment. There will be an opportunity to share and discuss the theory and consider how this could support positive behaviour planning within your setting for individual pupils causing concern. You can book onto this course via right choice, using the link below.

[Understanding Goals Of Misbehaviour - Based on Dreikur's Theory \(Online Live\) | Right Choice](#)

The closing date for this training is fast approaching, so we would encourage booking soon to secure your place.

We hope to see you there!

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Bradford Roots Music Festival 2025 returns on Saturday 18th January - banish your January blues with our one-day, indoor Winter get-together celebrating community spirit and joyful music. Packed with music, activities food, dancing and more, this is the ultimate feel-good festival that you just can't miss.

Activities include:

- Five indoor performance stages with original folk, rock, and acoustic music
- Open Mic slot
- Poetry session hosted by Dawn Gorman

- Songwriting workshop with Phil Cooper
- Evening folk jam – The Transatlantic Sessions
- Family-friendly daytime with workshops, choirs, Morris Dancing, and our big Wassail
- Children's arts and crafts session, making folk-inspired wands and headbands between 11am – 3pm
- Food and drink from Meraki and Oak Oven Pizza
- Beer from Kettlesmith's and cider from Honey's
- A circus skills workshop from SASS Circus
- Ceilidh Workshops (2 x 40 mins workshops)
- Junk Percussion workshops (2 x 40 mins workshops)
- Mini Maker's Market
- And much more!

Choose from an All-Day ticket (11am – 10.30pm) or an Evening Session ticket (7pm – 10.30pm). The Transatlantic Sessions take place in the evening only. Tickets can be [booked online here](#), or by calling our Box Office on 01225 860100.

Please find attached a flyer publicising the festival. We would be very grateful if you could share this with any relevant contacts to help spread the word.

Many thanks,

Megan Warmisham



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