Christ Church Upper Armley CofE Primary School Newsletter

17th November 2026



Abbey Trust Primary 100 Words

Oracy will:

Value your voice

Improve your vocabulary

Develop your language and expression

Achieve | Category | Consequences



1st - Reception and KS1 Movie night

3rd - KS2 Movie night

8th - KS1 Nativity in Church for parents
8th - Christ Church cooks Christmas

9th - Christmas dinner for children - special menu

14th-16th - Herd Farm residential for Y6
14th - 16th - Years 3,4,5 Christmas Party

17th - Carol Service 9:15am in Church
17th - Y6 Christmas party

18th - Last day at school. New term begins 4th January.





Last week, the whole school came together for a special Remembrance Service, where we reflected on the sacrifices made by veterans and members of the armed forces in conflicts throughout history. The children showed great respect and maturity as they participated in a minute's silence, taking time to remember those who have served and continue to serve their country.







Michael Rosen Inspires Year 3 Writers!

Year 3 had an exciting time learning about the famous children's poet and author, Michael Rosen. The children researched his life and discovered many of his popular poems and stories.

As part of our learning, the class took part in an online workshop led by Michael Rosen. The children listened carefully as he shared ideas about poetry, storytelling, and using imagination in writing.

Inspired by his advice, the children read poems aloud with expression and confidence. They also enjoyed creating their own pieces of creative writing, using exciting vocabulary and imaginative ideas. There was lots of laughter, enthusiasm, and fantastic learning throughout the session.

The workshop helped Year 3 to see that writing can be fun, creative, and full of possibilities. We are very proud of the wonderful poems and stories they produced!



Year 5 news



In PE this half term, we have been developing our rugby skills and learning a range of techniques. We have practised passing, catching, dodging and working effectively as a team. Through a variety of games and activities, we have improved our confidence, teamwork and understanding of the rules of rugby. We have enjoyed challenging ourselves and applying our new skills in match situations.

Year 2 news



Year 2 have been inspired by the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy, creating their own stunning autumnal pictures using natural materials. The children ventured outside and collected leaves, twigs and other seasonal treasures. They carefully arranged these items to create their own beautiful autumnal pictures, thinking about colour, pattern and texture. The pupils showed fantastic creativity and teamwork, producing unique pieces of artwork that celebrated the beauty of the season. We were incredibly impressed with their imagination and the care they took in creating their natural masterpieces.





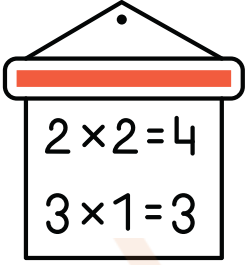



Christ Church
Cooks
Christmas
Our Families
Our Diversity
Our Community
Different
Food
Brings Us
Together
Come and share your favourite dish
with our school community, or just
come and taste the delicious food.
Tuesday
8th December
2.45 - 4.00pm
School Hall
Good
Food
Good People
Brighter
Community
Celebrate
Share
Learn
Make Friends
Many Cultures
One Table
One Community


ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November
ODD SOCKS DAY
Wednesday 18th November
Be Kind
Include Everyone
Choose Respect
Stand Together



Year 4 news



As we begin this half term, Year 4 have settled back into school life extremely well and have approached their learning with enthusiasm, confidence and a positive attitude. The children are thoroughly enjoying their weekly swimming sessions, where they are developing important water safety skills as well as building their confidence and stamina in the pool.

In English, we have been exploring the key features of instructional writing, identifying how clear and precise language helps readers follow a set of instructions successfully. Over the coming weeks, the children will use these skills to plan and write their own instructional texts.

In Mathematics, a particular focus continues to be on developing fluency and confidence with times tables. To support this important aspect of learning, we have introduced our new Times Tables Passport across the school. This initiative is designed to encourage and motivate children to practise and master their multiplication facts, helping them to make rapid progress and become more confident mathematicians.

We are very proud of the way Year 4 have embraced both their learning and wider school experiences so far this half term, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress in the weeks ahead.



WYNESS Workshop - Offer

Neurodevelopmental Early Support Service
Empowering Children & Families

Workshop 1 -Sleep challenges
Understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have difficulty sleeping

Workshop 2 - Food sensitivities
Understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have sensitivities with food

Workshop 3 - Managing behaviour and emotions
understand how to support neurodivergent children and young people who have difficulty regulating their emotions and behaviour

Workshop 4 - Support in education
Understand what support is available to neurodivergent children and young people in school

Workshop 5 - Parent Welbeing
Understand how to look after yourself whilst caring for a neurodivergent child or young person

Book your workshop here

https://forms.office.com/e/brdFAPhKmt

WYNESS workshops offer an informative introduction to understand some of challenges our children, young people and families experience, Our Workshops are informal and are built on lived experience, offering information and strategies to support families. **Please note** we are not trained Therapists or Medical professionals. Support to access services is provided in the content of each Workshop.

Year 6 news

We have another busy and exciting half-term ahead in Year 6! The children have made a fantastic start to their final year of primary school, and we look forward to building on this during Autumn 2. There will be plenty of challenging learning, creativity and Christmas excitement along the way.

Maths

This half-term, children will develop key fraction skills needed for Year 6 SATs and beyond. They will learn to simplify fractions and confidently add, subtract, multiply and divide them, including mixed numbers. Regular practice and secure times-table knowledge will be essential.

English

We will complete our work on Holes by writing a detailed character description of Trout Walker. We will then move on to a creative writing unit, using a novel studied in Year 5 as inspiration to write the opening of a sequel, focusing on character, atmosphere and style.

Art

Our topic is Identity. Children will explore how artists represent identity, experiment with different media and techniques, and create their own self-portraits.

History

We will finish our work on Chronology, strengthening children's understanding of key historical periods, people and events, and how they connect.

Design & Technology

Children will design and make their own play park, considering purpose, users and structure before creating a final product.

Computing

After producing impressive stop-motion animations, Year 6 will explore what it means to be a Digital Leader, learning how to use technology safely, responsibly and positively in preparation for secondary school.

SATs Preparation

Weekly SATs practice will continue in a calm and supportive way, helping build confidence and identify areas for improvement. Regular reading, times tables and homework remain invaluable.

Autumn 2 is always a special half-term, and we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together alongside all of our learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
The Year 6 Team

REMINDERS

Our School Day

7:30am - Breakfast Club (application only)
8:00am - Free Breakfast Club (application only)
8:30am – School gates open
Children arriving after the gates close, at 8:50am, should come to the office with an adult to ensure they are signed in to get their attendance mark and give their lunch choice.
3:05pm – School gates open

Attendance (absences and appointments)

If your child is going to be absent from school, for any reason, please report this before 9am. We ask that you provide letters/texts about appointments. There are two ways you can report absences and appointments:
by email - ccua-attendance@ccuaprimary.co.uk (please do not use any other email to report absences)
by telephone - 0113 2638606 (messages may be left on this number)

Uniform and Clothing

Please ensure your child's name is in clothing they wear to school so lost clothing may be returned to the correct child.

Our school uniform is available from My Clothing - www.myclothing.com

Contact details

Please remember to let us know of any changes for your child's address, telephone numbers, or medical information so that your child's records can be updated.

Parking

Please help us to keep all our children safe by parking carefully, away from street corners, zigzags and yellow line markings at the beginning and end of the school day. Everyone should be able to see clearly to cross the roads safely.

School Office

The school office is open from 8am-3:30pm.