

## Christ Church C of E Primary Academy

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### November/December 2025 Newsletter

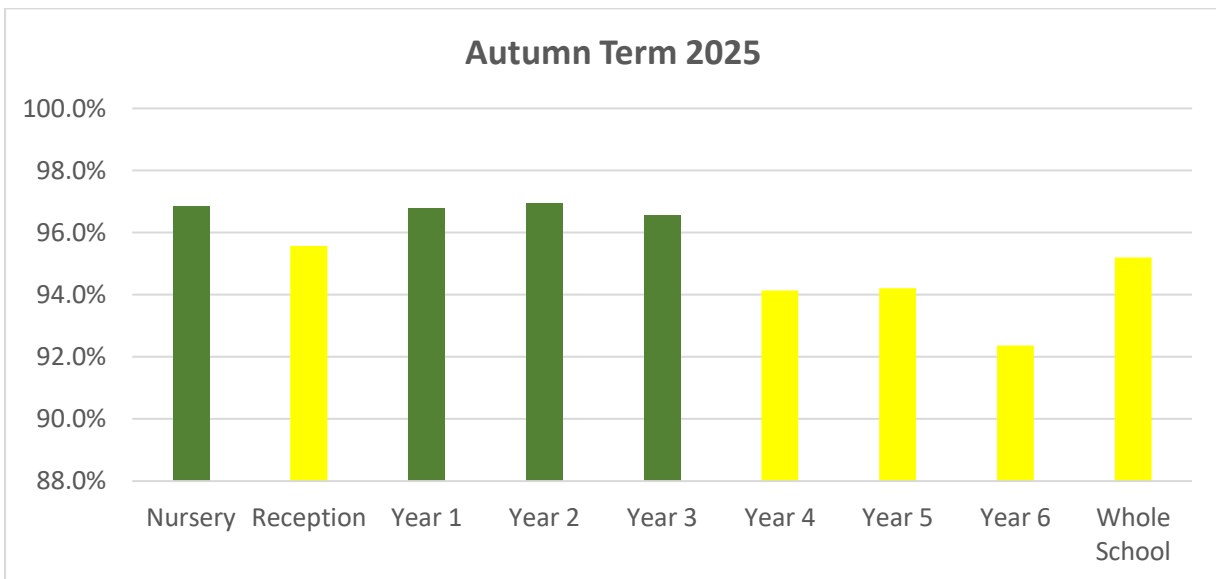


#### Happy Christmas!

Everybody at Christ Church CE Primary Academy would like to wish you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back safely to school at the start of the new term.

#### Attendance

After lots of illness just before the October half term holiday our attendance has slowly started to improve. Let's hope that the improvements continue as we move into the new year. Well done to nursery, year 1, year 2 and year 3 for achieving above 96%.



We will administer Calpol or other medication if needed but if your child is really poorly or has been sick or had diarrhoea, please keep them at home until they are better.

#### Punctuality

An increasing number of children are arriving 5 or 10 minutes late each day. This does not affect your child's attendance but it does mean that they miss out on learning activities which start at the very beginning of



the day. The school gates open at 8.40am and all children should be in school by 8.45am.

### Parent Workshops

Thank you to everybody who has attended one of the many family workshops that have taken place this term. Feedback was really positive and I know the children loved working alongside you. Look out for information in the new year for more opportunities to come into school and find out how we teach reading.



### Thank-you

A huge thank you for all of the support you have given to our fundraising events this term. You have raised an amazing £770.50. This will go towards our playground refurbishment.

£173.00:- Nativities and Carols

£546.00:- Raffle and Christmas Sale

£51.50:- Christmas Jumper Day



### Gritting Policy

Thankfully despite the rainy and windy weather we haven't yet had any icy or snowy weather. If we do have heavy snowfall and need to close the school for health and safety purposes, we will inform you as soon as possible by Class Dojo and the text messaging service. If we are able to open, please keep to the gritted paths which will allow safe access to all classrooms.

### School Life

There have been a number of exciting activities that have taken place this half term:

- Mental Health Day
- The Day the Crayons Quit Family Learning with Year 1
- Bee Active enrichment day, Laser Tag
- Film Night
- Times Tables Rock Star Launch Day
- Year 2 Visit to Stanley Head



- Year 6 attended the Armistice Service in Fenton
- Year 1 Local Walk as part of their geography topic
- Year 4 visit to Chester as part of their history learning
- Bee active Combat Dodgeball: 17/11/25
- Squash and Squeeze Family Workshop with Y2
- City 7s Assembly
- Carol singing at The Limes Residential Home



These are just a few of the many exciting activities that take place in school each term.

### Applications for our Nursery and Reception Classes 2026

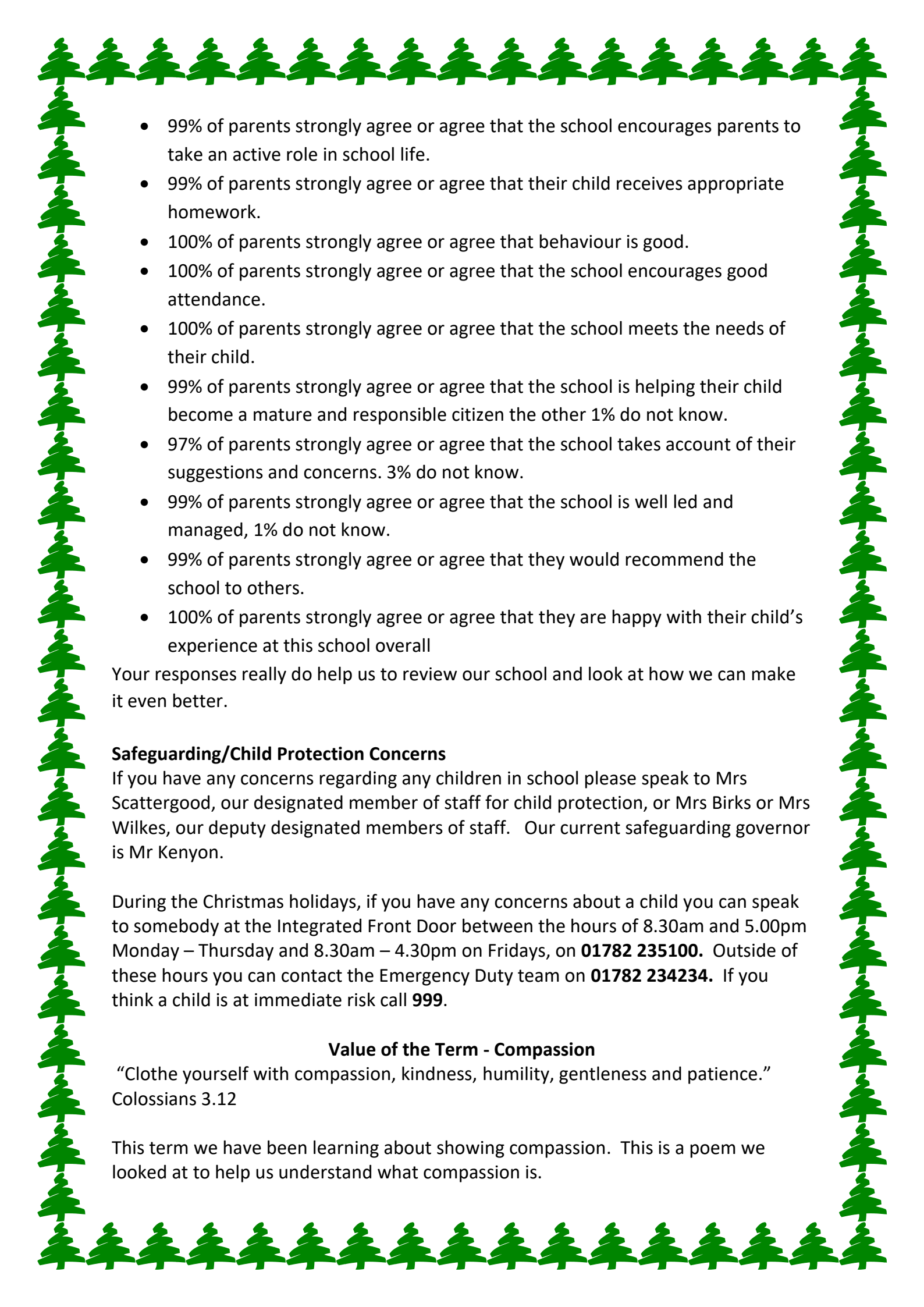
Paper application forms are available at the office for our reception class.

Applications for Nursery 2026 applications can now be made online by clicking on the nursery admissions link at <https://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions>

### Parental Survey

Thank you to everybody who completed one of our questionnaires. Please see a summary of the responses below:

- 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that their children enjoy school.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school keeps their child/children safe.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school informs them about their child's progress.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child is making enough progress.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the teaching is good.
- 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school helps them to support their child's learning.

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- 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school encourages parents to take an active role in school life.
  - 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that their child receives appropriate homework.
  - 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that behaviour is good.
  - 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school encourages good attendance.
  - 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school meets the needs of their child.
  - 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school is helping their child become a mature and responsible citizen the other 1% do not know.
  - 97% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school takes account of their suggestions and concerns. 3% do not know.
  - 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that the school is well led and managed, 1% do not know.
  - 99% of parents strongly agree or agree that they would recommend the school to others.
  - 100% of parents strongly agree or agree that they are happy with their child's experience at this school overall

Your responses really do help us to review our school and look at how we can make it even better.

#### **Safeguarding/Child Protection Concerns**

If you have any concerns regarding any children in school please speak to Mrs Scattergood, our designated member of staff for child protection, or Mrs Birks or Mrs Wilkes, our deputy designated members of staff. Our current safeguarding governor is Mr Kenyon.

During the Christmas holidays, if you have any concerns about a child you can speak to somebody at the Integrated Front Door between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday – Thursday and 8.30am – 4.30pm on Fridays, on **01782 235100**. Outside of these hours you can contact the Emergency Duty team on **01782 234234**. If you think a child is at immediate risk call **999**.

#### **Value of the Term - Compassion**

“Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”  
Colossians 3.12

This term we have been learning about showing compassion. This is a poem we looked at to help us understand what compassion is.

**Compassion is...**

- Costly caring
- Offering help
- Making a difference
- Putting others first
- Always listening
- Sensitive to suffering
- Service in action
- Interested in others
- Offering care and concern
- Noticing a need.



**Diary Dates**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: School closed  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026: School opens for the spring term  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February: Last day of the half term  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February: School closed

*Learning with God and Each Other to be the Best We can Be*