



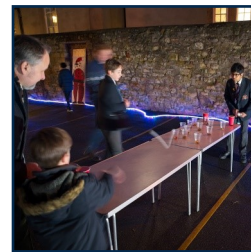
Christ Church Cathedral School


Friday 15th December 2023




MONDAY 8th January	
9.00	School Office Opens
TUESDAY 9th January	
9.00	School Office Opens
6.00	CC/CP: Return
6.00	CC/CP: Parents' Meeting (WWH)
WEDNESDAY 10th January	
	Forms 3 & 4 Swimming
8.25	Hilary Term Begins
THURSDAY 11th January	
FRIDAY 12th January	
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, speaker The Headmaster
	CC: IN
SATURDAY 13th January	
2.30 - 7.00	Be a Chorister Afternoon
SUNDAY 14th January	<i>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>

CCCS Christmas 2023 Light Show




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WONDERLINGS




**Discovering Christian faith
through story and song**

Free weekly sessions with refreshments
for pre-school children (from birth) and their adults

Mondays in term-time from 15 January 10-12 noon in the Priory Rooms ➡

For more details contact wonderlings@chch.ox.ac.uk



You're never too young - or old - to wonder

At a Wonderlings session you will find friendly faces and warm hearts ready to greet, support and encourage you and your little ones through the joys and challenges of the pre-school years.

What to expect:

-  Gathering time with free play – settle your feathers and make yourself at home.
-  Circle time with Bible-themed activities – singing, dancing and playing instruments.
-  Story time with thought for the day – board books and journalling
-  Refreshment time with a cuppa – food for body, mind and soul to send you on your way.

Come to Christ Church through Meadow Gate and follow the curved path.

The door into the Priory Rooms is first on the right through the arch.



Wonderlings is a new initiative to encourage young families to engage with Christ Church Cathedral and its community, enabling them to benefit from all it has to offer as a distinctive and sacred place. The road of church-based, child-centred parent and toddler sessions and services is well-trodden; Wonderlings takes a different approach with guided content to support and refresh the adults as well as nurture the children.

We took our inspiration from one of our stained glass windows in the Latin Chapel, depicting the infant Jesus in the arms of Mary. In his left hand he cradles an orb containing images of a church, a tree and a river thought to have resonances with Frideswide and the church at Binsey. With a little leap of the imagination, we saw a snow-globe. Who hasn't shaken a snow-globe and wondered as its world transforms through swirls of colour, shape and movement? Time twirls, the mind a bubble of contentment; spirits spiral with joy. So it is when we engage in creativity. The experience changes us, and the tingle lives on even after the dance has ended. We are all born with the capacity to wonder, but as we grow older it so often gets lost, buried under heaps of busy-ness, responsibility and emotional baggage. We hope that a Wonderlings session will awaken a sense of curiosity and awe in everyone, whatever their age and stage.

Linguascope



We would like to bring to your attention that we have recently renewed our subscription to the award-winning platform, Linguascope: <https://www.linguascope.com>, a website offering interactive resources in French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, Arabic, Russian, Polish, Welsh, Scottish Gaelic, Maori, and English.



To login to the platform, boys need **username: cccschool** and **password: Monet24**. The interactive activities are also tablet-friendly, with iPad and Android apps that pupils can install on their mobile devices: ([https:// www.linguascope.com/apps](https://www.linguascope.com/apps))

We encourage all boys to log in to Linguascope as often as they can over the Christmas holiday.

Practising little and often is key to rapid progress. SL and AE-W

Lost Property



Please may I remind you to ask your children to take a look in the large Lost Property Box outside the Walton Hall for any belongings they may be missing.

We have a selection of small items in the School Office, namely, a set of three keys, two pairs of glasses, a Fitbit watch, a set of Oboe reeds, some headphones, a flexible ruler and a yellow spiral ruler.

And... **Troy has lost his grey age 14 trousers!**

Thank you. LK

Form 3 News



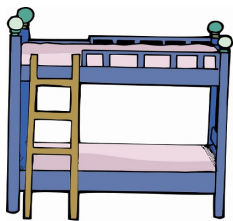
Form 3 have enjoyed learning about the Romans this term. This week, we put into practice what we have learned about Roman military formation, lining up in different ways with our shields (and thoroughly routing Form 7 on their way to their Form Room). We discussed why



different formations would be good in attack or defence, and in particular why the testudo (or 'tortoise') would be helpful against arrow attacks. This will be particularly useful information when we visit the real Cirencester amphitheatre in January - to show off our skills where the real Roman soldiers trained.

After a hard half-hour's military drill, we repaired to the classroom for a well-earned Roman feast. We practised our table manners (reclining only - no sitting up allowed!) and enjoyed grapes, olives, bread with fish sauce, and dormice, all washed down with the finest Sicilian red wine (sugar mice and Ribena of course). Deliciosus! AF

Flexi-Boarding



We offer flexi-boarding for £63.00 per night.

If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact Mrs Kemp:

registrar@cccs.org.uk.

Our Cathedral Choristers Performing Handel's Messiah at St Edward's School with The Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra





BBC 500 Words Competition

We have received the following notification from BBC:

"Congratulations! We're pleased to say that the following boys made it through to the next stage of BBC 500 Words:"

- *War of the Worlds - by Thomas Xia*
- *The Weightlifter Who Pretended - by George Robards*
- *Concrete Man: An Origin Story - by Kalel Lakhani*
- *The Lake of Crocodiles - by Hugo Abecassis-Loyer*
- *Murder on the Atacama Express - by Gabriel Owen*

We received thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. You should be very proud! We'll be back in touch with an update when we have selected our shortlisted stories in January."



D.T. Corner



He's Been!





Scan if you would like to donate

We provide **170 households** with regular food, toiletries, and baby supplies, and deliver **nearly 100 emergency food parcels** a week. We help out around 800 of our neighbours with essential items every month.



COP28: Year 3 CCCS pupil speaks out at Conference in Dubai

The UN's annual climate change conference, COP28, was held in Dubai, UAE, last week – bringing people from 197 countries together in the hope that agreements can be reached on measures to tackle global warming. Children, from all over the world, attended to voice their deep concerns for the future in the face of climate change.

One of our pupils, Lucas in Year 3, was invited to share his thoughts at COP28. His talk was broadcast live on the UN website. Lucas, age 7, said that the extreme weather will impact his ability to do things he loves, like playing Football and Tennis: 'When there is a heatwave, I can't go out to play Football'.

Lucas also spoke about how climate change and wildfires will threaten wildlife across the globe. His favourite animal, the honey badger, will find it harder to forage for earthworms or access water.

The world's 2.4 billion children are bearing the brunt of the climate crisis – an emergency that is taking lives, eroding children's rights, and threatening their future.

Lucas concluded his presentation with an important message, "Our earth is important and fragile. We must save our earth."



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Meet and Greet: Tony Sun - Parent of Patrick (Form4)

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? When I was a child, my imagination for myself was that I would be a professional basketball player for China. I was inspired by the NBA basketball players, and I wanted to do everything that they did in the races. However, as I grew up, I was introduced to a completely different path. I've been working in the hospitality industry for more than 23 years. My dream of becoming a basketball player was left behind in my childhood, but I always keep practising and I join in games with friends, which has become an important part of life at present. I always tell Patrick: "Follow your heart, never give up your dream and lose your passion in life."

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? I really like the idea of leaving your work, daily chores, and routines behind, traveling with your family on vacation. If we could, I'd like to go back to Crans Montana in Switzerland and stay in a charming hotel called Petit Paradis. This was the place where I first met my wife Shu and we embarked on a journey from there.

Who is your idol? Without a doubt, my father was, and still is, the most influential person in my life. My father taught me the importance of morality, discipline and honesty and showed me how to become a humble, empathetic person, and how to form good and reliable relationships with others.

Favourite city or town and in which season? Amsterdam in April is the best time to see the tulips - also it is a good time to visit flower markets, beautiful architecture, as well as urban design.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? I would like to stop the violence. There is too much violence and abuse around the world. "Violence brings only temporary victories; violence, by creating many more social problems than it solves, never brings permanent peace."

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Tuesday play time. We watch a movie together or play chess and some board games.

Favourite book? War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy. What an epic piece! It is the longest novel I've ever read. Through it, you see how small and blind humanity is, and how massive and unknowable the world is.

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be? I'd like to learn to play a musical instrument if time allows. So that I could play a duet with Patrick one day.

Any advice on to relax at the weekend? Going to church on Sundays really makes me feel very relaxed and peaceful. Meeting up with friends is another highlight of the weekend. Shu loves cooking and she cooks amazing food. We often invite friends over to have a great meal together.

A duet with Patrick sounds like a fantastic idea, in fact he is probably in a position to teach you to play as well. So now is the time to get your lessons in before you start forgetting things - or he gets too busy with teaching other people. You may miss your slot Tony, so get playing! Tuesday play time sounds like lots of fun, and I love the fact that it is a midweek event, it breaks up the monotony of the seven days and puts a positive step in your stride going forwards. It is a bit of a tease to tell us all about Shu's delicious cooking, I can really only imagine how good it must be, you are lucky to be well fed, it certainly is the way to a man's heart.

Have a great weekend!

Kathryn