



# Christ Church Cathedral School News

— 4th July 2025 —



## Note of thanks

Before you rush off to enjoy the well-deserved summer break, we want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for making this such a wonderful and successful school year.

We also must say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to some of our amazing staff who are leaving CCCS this summer:

Mrs Schiller

Mr Bagnall

Ms Lambert

The Revd Philippa White

Mrs Terry

Thank you so much for all you have done for this school over the years. You will be missed more than you will ever know!

# School Calendar

School Diary: Monday 1st Sept - Sunday 7th Sept

## MONDAY 30

Inset Day

## TUESDAY 1

Inset Day

## WEDNESDAY 2

First day of Term

## THURSDAY 3

## FRIDAY 4

8.45: Cathedral Assembly - Speaker: TBC

## Parent's Association



Last Friday, our Parents' Association hosted a wonderful 'End of Term Parent Drinks' in our new Pavilion - this beautiful space is already earning it's keep!

The evening was a great success as we welcomed over 30 parents from across all the Forms to celebrate the end of another great school year. It was a joy to see so many faces, all kindly greeted by Mr Murray on arrival.

Many thanks must go to our fabulous catering team, who whipped up the most magnificent canapes. A special thank you also goes out to Aidan and Felix, without whom the evening would not have been possible.

The PA will host more events in the new academic year, so look out for those invitations!

# Early Years News

## A leisurely stroll through Christ Church

On Wednesday, Nursery went on a gentle stroll around Christ Church. We saw Longhorn Cows basking in the sunshine and sharing a cool drink with passers-by, walked along the river and then stopped for a well-deserved snack!



# Pre-Prep News

## Storytime with Pre-Prep

Last week, Pre-Prep embarked on an enchanting journey to the Story Museum, where every corner whispered tales of wonder and imagination. Our adventure began as we stepped into the Magic Common Room, a place adorned with glowing stained-glass windows, flowing velvet curtains, and mystical images tucked into cabinets. It was a room where the very essence of storytelling seemed to come alive.

James, our insightful guide, reminded us that every great story begins with a captivating setting. As we brainstormed together, ideas flowed: peaceful, soft, green grass underfoot - perfect for setting the scene of our own tales.

Breaking away from tradition, we learned from James that a story doesn't always have to start with "Once upon a time." Inspired to innovate, we crafted beginnings like "Once upon a silly, scary time," injecting new life into age-old narratives.



Our journey continued with the talented storyteller, James, who brought to life the classic tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruffs. With puppets, a wooden bridge, and boundless imagination, James challenged us to identify the subtle changes he made to personalise the story. Empowered by his performance, it was our turn to weave stories of our own. In my group, we transformed the goats into fish, the grass into plankton, and the bridge into an underwater tunnel guarded not by a troll, but by a menacing shark.

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Venturing deeper into the museum, we explored the Whispering Wood, where Alice in Wonderland-style doors beckoned from tree stumps and trees sang tales of old. Each portal offered a glimpse into fantastical worlds waiting to be explored.

The Treasure Chamber awaited next, a realm of creativity where we crafted paper dragons, listened to dragon music, and discovered how dragons breathe ice in Chinese folklore. Our quest concluded with the challenge of finding the elusive Dragon Smell Boxes.

Finally, we entered the Enchanted Library, a haven steeped in literary history. Passing through a Narnia wardrobe, we glimpsed C.S. Lewis' actual desk and peered into the rabbit hole that Alice fell through. Here, the magic of storytelling was tangible, inspiring us to create stories that transcend time and place.

As we returned to school, we carried with us the magic of those whispered stories and the promise of new adventures yet to be written.

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# Enterprise Day 2025

## Entrepreneurs of the future

Tuesday was Enterprise Day, and the boys threw themselves into it with amazing energy and creativity. Working in teams, they set up brilliant stalls and competed (in the friendliest way!) to attract the biggest crowds.

From refreshing cold drinks and delicious milkshakes to chess challenges, beat the goalie, laser tag, quizzes, and water pistol duels - Merton Field was buzzing with fun and entrepreneurial spirit!

We're so proud of the teamwork, collaboration, and support the boys showed each other.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to cheer them on in the scorching heat!



# Music News

## Friends and Family Concert - Wednesday 2nd July

You have to experience the Friends and Family Concert to understand the explosion of musicality and joy that this legendary event draws out from the whole school community.

Participation is completely voluntary and - most importantly - organised by pupils themselves, so I was thrilled to see so many performers there and such a huge range of music. There were original compositions, children who accompanied each other, fresh arrangements created by boys for their friends, and every participant imaginable: parents, brothers, sisters, staff, Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior!

Very many thanks to the vast roll-call of performers (and huge supportive audience) who joined us in the Walton Hall for such a special night. SB



# More from Music

## Solemn Vespers



Last Saturday saw a service of Solemn Vespers celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Christ Church. The musical accompaniment consisted entirely of music written by Christ Church musicians over the centuries (including Taverner, the first Organist) and music that was commissioned especially for the occasion by Errollyn Wallen, Master of the King Music.

Our Cathedral Choristers joined the Choirs of New College, Magdelene and Frideswide Voices on Tuesday evening for a concert in the Town of music by Bach and Handel. The choristers of all choirs delivered a barnstorming performance, regardless of it being the hottest day of the year so far.

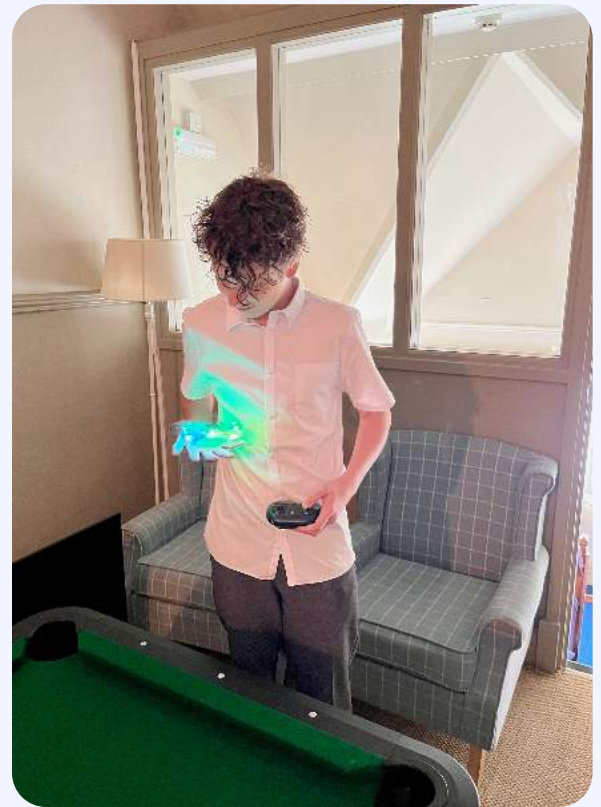
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# In the Boarding House

## Congratulations Hugo!

Congratulations to Hugo who is this terms' recipient of the House Prize. This is awarded each term to the boy who has excelled to a particularly impressive degree - no small achievement with such impressive boys, and we are all very proud of Hugo for standing tall among his peers! JR



# Farewell Form 8

We can hardly believe the time has come to say farewell to our Form 8 boys who are moving on to their senior schools. It has been a joy to watch you all grow into the wonderful young men you are today. As you embark on this exciting new chapter, remember that CCCS will always be your home.



Trust



Carson



Ivan



Splendour



Benjamin



Carl



Teghena



Hugo



Gordon



Cosme



Henry



Russell



Troy



Thomas

# Farewell Mrs Terry

## Mrs Terry - 38 Years at CCCS!

We said farewell to Mrs Terry this week, after 38 years of flute and recorder teaching at CCCS.

Mrs Terry has been a stalwart of the Music department; always positive and kind, but with a real knack for pushing boys to achieve at the highest levels. Her remarkable ability to be equally at home at every level of school life - whether preparing pupils for Grade 8 exams and Eton auditions, or directing Pre-Prep ensembles with patience and creativity - will be very sorely missed. I am so grateful to Mrs Terry's pupils for joining her at a celebratory tea to mark her retirement. We hope she will stay in touch, and visit us at lots of future music events! SB



# CCCS Playhouse

## MACBETH



On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of witnessing not one, but two outstanding performances of Macbeth in the picturesque setting of Merton Field. In the afternoon, the entire school made their way to the field for the matinee, followed by an evening performance for parents and families. Blessed with sunshine, guests enjoyed the show and then lingered to soak in the scenery over beautifully prepared picnics, before returning to school for the Friends and Family Concert. What a day to remember! A huge congratulations to all the actors for their exceptional performances!



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“Ed-wood” presented “Splendor” with this cute handmade leaving gift - a wooden dormitory. Opening the blue door reveals a message for Splendour. (Get it?!) Our boarders make lifelong friendships in the Boarding House and it’s lovely to see their budding friendships.