



October 2026

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Newsletter



Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic first term we have had at Churchill! It has been wonderful to see the children working so hard, embracing new learning and demonstrating our values of Adaptability, Resilience and Togetherness. I have certainly worked my way through a record number of Headteacher Stickers this term, which is a lovely reflection of the effort, progress and achievements taking place across the school!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended parents' evening. I hope you were as proud as we are of the children's learning and the progress they have made this term. It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from families, and our teachers really appreciated being able to read your kind comments. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher directly to arrange an alternative meeting.

Our sporting teams have also been busy, with both our Herald Cup football team and Shepway Girls team representing Churchill brilliantly. It has been fantastic to see such positive teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout their fixtures.

We were also incredibly grateful for the wonderful donations received for our Harvest Festival. Thank you to all our families who contributed so generously. It was lovely to welcome volunteers from Hawkinge Community Fridge and hear more about the fantastic work they do to support people in our local community. The donations were gratefully received, and it was a lovely opportunity to remind our children of the importance of kindness, generosity and looking out for others. Thank you for helping us make a difference together!



Our Early Years children deserve a special mention, too. They have settled into school so well and are becoming increasingly confident, independent and enthusiastic learners. Whenever I visit their classrooms, they are always so excited to show me what they have been learning and share their achievements. What stars they are!

We also welcomed families to our first open morning for children starting Reception in September 2027. Our Year 6 tour guides were absolutely fantastic, speaking confidently about their experiences at Churchill, sharing their memories and helping our visitors get a real feel for life at our school. The feedback from visiting families was incredibly positive, and our Year 6 pupils should be very proud of the wonderful impression they made.

As we reach the end of Term 1, I would like to thank our families for your continued support and partnership. It has been a really positive start to the year, and I am incredibly proud of our children and all that they have achieved.

I hope you all enjoy a restful and happy half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2 November, ready for another exciting term of learning, new opportunities and wonderful experiences together.

Have a wonderful half term!

Kind regards,
Zoe Stone #teamchurchill





Attendance for Term 1

Red - 97.9%	Ruby - 98.2% 
Orange - 96.4%	Amber - 93.4%
Yellow - 97.8%	Gold - 90.4%
Green - 93.2%	Emerald - 96%
Blue - 94%	Sapphire - 94.9%
Indigo - 92.5%	Jet - 93.8%
Violet - 95.9%	Amethyst - 95.7%

Class Attendance Heroes

A huge shout-out to our Year R children, who have achieved the highest class attendance this term! What a fantastic start to their Churchill journey. We are so proud of how well they have settled into school life!

A big well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance each week and to those who have had our Superhero Teddy in their classroom. You are all attendance stars!

Our new attendance mascots have been a real success, helping us to promote HERO – Here, Every day, Ready, On Time! 

Remember, every day in school matters. Being in school regularly makes a real difference to children's learning, friendships and wellbeing.

Well done, everyone, and let's keep up the great work in Term 2!

School Uniform

We have a large amount of uniform in our lost property box in the school entrance. Please do pop in and have a look to see if anything belongs to your child. Lots of items are unnamed, so please remember to label all uniform and belongings to help us reunite lost items with their owners. Thank you!

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Diary Dates:

November

- Monday 2 November – First day of Term 2
- Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 November – Year 6 PGL Residential
- Wednesday 11 November – Year 6 Remembrance War Graves Visit
- Wednesday 11 November – Year 4 Author Visit at Quarterhouse
- Friday 13 November – Children in Need
- Wednesday 18 November, 6.15pm – PTFA AGM
- Friday 20 November, 9.15am – New Reception Open Morning
- Friday 27 November – PTFA Tag Day for Christmas Fair Tombola

December

- Friday 4 December, 4–6pm – PTFA Christmas Fair
- Wednesday 9 December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 9 December – Choir Visit to Sheppey Secondary (EKC) for Christmas Panto
- Friday 11 December – Reception Christmas Showcase
- Monday 14 December – Year 1 and Year 5 Christmas Showcases
- Tuesday 15 December – Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Showcases
- Wednesday 16 December – Year 2 and Year 6 Christmas Showcases
- Friday 18 December – Last day of Term 2

January

- Tuesday 5 January – First day of Term 3



THE CHURCHILL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOWCASES 2026

Get into the Christmas spirit with our festive performances!



FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER



RED & RUBY CLASS



9:15am - 10:15am



2:00pm - 3:00pm



MONDAY 14 DECEMBER



ORANGE & AMBER CLASS



9:15am - 10:15am



2:00pm - 3:00pm



INDIGO & JET CLASS



10:30am - 11:30am



4:30pm - 5:30pm



TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER



EMERALD & GREEN CLASS



9:15am - 10:15am



2:00pm - 3:00pm



BLUE & SAPPHIRE CLASS



10:30am - 11:30am



4:30pm - 5:30pm



WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER



YELLOW & GOLD CLASS



9:15am - 10:15am



2:00pm - 3:00pm



VIOLET & AMETHYST CLASS



10:30am - 11:30am



4:30pm - 5:30pm

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Festive
Performances



Christmas
Songs



Seasonal
Celebrations



The
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