School Development Plan 2026-2027 – overview for families

Working Together to Help Every Child Shine

At Christ Church Primary School, we are proud of the caring, ambitious and inclusive community we have built together. We continually reflect on how we can make our school even better for our children, and our School Development Plan outlines the key priorities that will guide our work throughout the year. These priorities are designed to ensure every child thrives academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Inclusion: Ensuring Every Child Can Succeed

At Christ Church, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to achieve their very best.

This year, we will continue to strengthen support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), disadvantaged pupils and children who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL). We will focus on identifying needs early, providing effective support and ensuring all children can access an ambitious and inclusive curriculum.

We will also continue to develop our specialist provision, strengthen communication and language support, and ensure every child is given the tools they need to become confident, successful and increasingly independent learners.

Teaching and Learning: Achieving Excellence Across the Curriculum

High-quality teaching remains at the heart of everything we do.

During the year ahead, we will continue to improve outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics while further enhancing our wider curriculum. Particular attention will be given to:

- Improving writing outcomes across all year groups.
- Introducing and embedding CUSP Mathematics.
- Strengthening handwriting and spelling.
- Providing greater challenge for higher-attaining readers.
- Building on our strong phonics provision.
- Expanding the use of technology, including iPads across Years 1 to 6.
- Developing assessment systems that help teachers identify and address gaps in learning quickly.

Our aim is to ensure every child leaves Christ Church with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for the next stage of their educational journey.

Attendance, Behaviour and Wellbeing

Children learn best when they attend school regularly, feel safe and are ready to learn.

We will continue working closely with families to ensure children attend school every day possible and arrive on time. Alongside this, we will further develop our Behaviour and Relationships approach, helping children build resilience, independence and self-regulation skills.

By maintaining high expectations and providing strong support, we aim to create calm, purposeful classrooms where every child feels valued and ready to succeed.

Early Years: Giving Children the Best Start

The early years lay the foundations for future success, and we are committed to providing the very best start for every child.

Our priorities include:

- Developing communication and language skills.
- Strengthening early reading and phonics.
- Enhancing outdoor learning opportunities.
- Supporting children's independence and early writing development.
- Ensuring smooth transitions from Nursery to Reception and from Reception into Year 1.

Through rich learning experiences, nurturing relationships and high-quality teaching, we aim to inspire a lifelong love of learning from the very beginning.

Personal Development: Creating Memorable Experiences

We believe education is about much more than academic achievement.

This year, we will continue to develop opportunities that help children grow in confidence, character and aspiration. We will launch the Fioretti Trust 100 (FT100), ensuring every child experiences a wide range of enriching opportunities during their time at Christ Church.

We will also expand pupil leadership opportunities, encourage participation in clubs and wider activities, and provide experiences that help children become active, responsible and confident members of their community.

Our Christian Vision and Values

Our Christian vision and SHINE values remain central to everything we do.

Throughout the year, we will continue to nurture children's spiritual development and strengthen opportunities for reflection, worship and service. We want our children to understand the importance of kindness, respect, courage, hope and compassion, and to carry these values with them throughout their lives.

Our vision continues to guide how we learn, work together and support one another as a school family.

Working in Partnership

The partnership between home and school is one of the most important factors in a child's success. We greatly value the support of our families and thank you for the vital role you play in your child's education.

Together, we will continue to provide an outstanding learning environment where every child feels valued, challenged, supported and inspired to shine.