



Newsletter Friday 20th March 2026



Christ Church Primary SW9
invites your children to our:

EASTER DISCO!

KS2: Wednesday 25th March

KS1: Thursday 26th March

4.30PM-6.00PM

Food and drink will be provided

This event is sponsored by the
PTA and free for all our children.

We are really looking forward to our Easter Discos – it's set to be a brilliant evening of music, dancing and fun!

Just a few quick reminders to help everything run smoothly:

- **The discos are for Christ Church children only** (sorry adults and older siblings – no sneaking onto the dancefloor this time!)
- There will be two discos - KS2 (Y3 - Y6) on Wednesday and Reception and KS1 (Y1 and Y2) on Thursday. **Children should only attend the disco for their own key stage.**
- **Discos start at 4.30pm.** Children must be collected from school at the usual time of 3.30pm and then may return to school for the disco at 4.30pm. **Children must not be left at school until the disco starts unless booked in to a Club.**
- To keep everyone fully focused on their best dance moves, **mobile phones are not permitted.** If you wish your child to bring a phone because they are walking home alone please let us know and we will collect the phone on arrival and safely return at the end.
- **Please make sure you collect your child promptly at 6pm, no later please.**
- **If you would like your child to walk home alone, just send a quick email to the school admin account to let us know.**

Don't forget that next week is the last week of term. We will be celebrating in Church on Thursday morning and school closes at 1.30pm on Friday.



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Easter Service

Thursday 26th March 2026 at 9.30am

Christ Church, Brixton Road



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**LAST DAY OF
SPRING TERM
FRIDAY 27TH
MARCH 2026
SCHOOL CLOSSES
AT 1.30PM**

**ALL SCHOOL EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
HERE ON OUR WEBSITE**

**ALL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES CAN
BE FOUND HERE ON OUR WEBSITE**



Christ Church Bike Bonanza

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bike Bonanza today, particularly those who kindly donated outgrown bikes.

Your generosity will help ensure more children and families in our community have access to safe, good-quality bikes to enjoy.

Many thanks to Dr Bike and peddlemywheels.com

Contact us:

0207 735 1343 or admin@christchurchschool.cc

Don't forget to check out the website: www.christchurchschool.cc

RED NOSE DAY 2026



We had great fun celebrating Red Nose Day!

Thanks everyone for taking part.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ZEPETO

AGE RESTRICTION
14+

FOR SALE

ZEPETO is a fast-growing app blending social networking with a virtual world experience – attracting around 20 million monthly users, with 15% from Europe. Players create 3D avatars to explore immersive environments, play games and interact with others; however, with minimal safety controls, anonymous chat and monetised content, ZEPETO poses a number of online safety concerns that parents and educators should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

Hi there...

CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMS' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.

LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.

CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.

We have been made aware of a serious safeguarding incident in another local primary school involving the app ZEPETO.

A pupil was contacted by unknown individuals online and encouraged to move to private messaging, where they were pressured to share inappropriate images and later received threatening messages. This was reported to the police and addressed by the school.

We remind all parents and carers to monitor children's online activity, check privacy settings, and talk regularly about staying safe online. Please reinforce that children should not communicate with people they do not know, should avoid moving conversations to private platforms, and must speak to a trusted adult if something worries them.

As a reminder, many social media platforms, including WhatsApp, have a minimum age of 13, and are not appropriate for primary-aged children.

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Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this spring Lambeth Council will be hosting our Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related school meals.

The programme will run from **30 March to 10 April** and is designed to give local families on benefits-related free school meals access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the spring holidays.

Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

You will be able to book up to 4 sessions per eligible child on our Eequ booking system from 2 March at 2pm.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below. I hope your family can take full advantage of the spring programme. If you'd like to learn more about what Lambeth Council has on offer to support with the increased cost of living, such as food vouchers, free childcare and access to pre-loved school uniform, visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ben Kind – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education



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MINDFUL CONVERSATIONS: BLACK COMMUNITIES TALK DEMENTIA & BRAIN HEALTH

Are you 40+ and from a Black African or Caribbean background, living in London?

Join our Brain Health Workshops — an open, welcoming space to talk wellbeing, brain health, and dementia in Black communities.



What Will Happen in the Workshops?

- Guided discussions about brain health, memory, and wellbeing.
- Creative activities to encourage reflection and conversation.
- Space to share your views on what brain health support should look like in Black communities

What We Offer:

- A welcoming and respectful space where your voice matters.
- The chance to shape a community exhibition on brain health.
- A delicious Afro-Caribbean lunch.
- £30 honorarium to thank you for your time.



Where: Academy of Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London, W1B 1QH

When: 28 March | 25 April | 23 May 2026 (Participants attend one session)

Time: 11:00 - 15:30



Interested in joining? Scan the QR code or fill out our expression of interest form: <https://bit.ly/mindfulconvos>
For more information, contact Project Lead Dr. Nathasia Muwanigwa: n.muwanigwa@ucl.ac.uk or on 07762013893



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