



Church Hill Middle School

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this coming half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPraise. There are a lot of sporting fixtures this term that do not include all pupils: Please note that you will be contacted if your child has been selected to take part.

Thursday 29th February to 2nd May (Weekly 2 hour sessions) - Understanding Your Child Parent Group, with Starting Well Partnership.

Friday 1st March - Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition- selected students

Tuesday 5th March - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Netball Tournament - selected students

Friday 8th March - Girls' Football Festival - selected students

Monday 11th March - Year 8 Netball Tournament - selected students

Thursday 14th March - Keeping children safe online workshop

Friday 15th March - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala - selected students

Tuesday 19th March - Year 6 Netball Tournament - selected students

Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd March - Year 8 residential to Condover Hall

Thursday 21st March - Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament - selected students

Parents' Evenings

Apologies to those families who have struggled to book with certain members of staff. This issue has now been rectified.

To book with Miss Elvins, Mrs Khan or Miss Greenwood, please use the KS2 booking page for Parents' Evening. Any further issues with this, please contact your child's teacher who can book the slot for you.

Reminder of how to book:

Tuesday 5th March (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 6th March (3.30 - 5.30).

To book your slots with your child's teachers, please log on to EPraise, click the community tab, followed by Parent's Evenings.

Please note the following:

- KS2 parents' evening slots are 10 minutes, to allow for the teacher to discuss multiple subjects.
- KS3 parents' evening slots are 5 minutes in length.

Workshops

We are going to be putting on a selection of workshops for parents and carers throughout the remainder of the year.

Workshops:

Thursday 14th March (3.30-4.30) - Keeping Children Safe Online with Mr Legg

Wednesday 17th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Vocabulary with Mrs Wilson

Wednesday 24th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Reading with Mrs Khan

Please let us know by sending an EPraise message to your child's teacher if there is something specific you wish to know more about. This could be linked to your child's learning in school, ways to support their learning at home, support for challenging or worrying behaviours or something else. We are here to help and are keen to work with you and support where we can.

Parental Survey.



Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our school improvement agenda, we ask that you complete this short online survey about your child's experience at Church Hill Middle School.

If you have more than one child at the school, you may complete more than one survey or just complete one for both children. We ask that you complete the survey by Friday 16th February.

Your feedback is valuable to us, and we thank you in advance for sparing the time to complete it.

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Interhouse Competition!



KS2 Awards

KASE Award

Holly Dawson – 5OC

For a continued fantastic effort in all lessons. Holly made excellent progress in her test week, I was particularly impressed with her spelling score, 20/20!!!

Finnley Fuller – 5CB

For a much improved, focused approach to his learning in all areas since coming back from half term. Finn has come back with his usual bubbly, happy self but has also ensured he maintains his focus in all his lessons – great work!

Anna-Martha Gapper - 5MP

For always being brilliant! She is determined, engaged, hard-working and a brilliant asset to the year 5 team.

Matilda Standing - 5PC

For simply being such a lovely and amazing student to have in class. Matilda is actively engaged in all lessons; she is resilient and has the maturity to self-direct her time when she completes a task.

Emily Arnold - 6MD

For being extremely engaged in all lessons, offering helpful insights and being a purposeful learning partner to everyone.

Thomas Lakins - 6MH

Thomas has showed a super improvement in the overall quality of his work. He is now applying his learning from across lessons and including subject specific vocabulary within his writing. A huge well done for advancing your writing!

Zsafia Somogyi – 6JE

For being extremely engaged in all lessons and for trying her best at all times. She is an excellent listener and always contributes excellent answers in lessons. Keep up the effort and hard work Zsafia!

Max - 6BD

For being switched on and focused in lessons, particularly in English where he is doing his best to take on advice and improve!

Oracy Award**Jack White - 5OC**

For contributing more and more to classroom discussions and the learning environment and has done this with far more confidence.

Joshua Mills – 5CB

For always being brave when giving his contributions to the rest of the class. Josh can always be relied on to give some brilliant and relevant explanations and always tries his best.

Isabella Lowe - 5MP

For her outstanding contributing in math discussions. Fraction and decimals is not always easy, but she has worked hard by getting involved and always putting her hand up! Great work.

Walter Newman - 5PC

Walter has been extremely engaged in all lessons this week and contributed some fantastic, thought-provoking ideas that have increased discussions in class.

Demi-Mae Harrison - 6MD

For contributing more to discussions and learning to be ready when called upon more regularly to share with the class during lessons.

Oscar Mayo-Hadden - 6MH

Wow, an incredible improvement with Oscar's enthusiasm and participation in lessons. In almost every lesson Oscar is one of the first to put his hand up and contribute into the learning. His improved enthusiasm has helped to support the quality of his work and cohesion throughout. A huge well done!

Csaba Kupas – 6JE

For working hard on his listening and speaking skills. You have been showing improvements in your listening skills this week and are really trying with your learning. You have also been joining in more in class by putting your hand up to answer questions. Well done Csaba!

Szymon - 6BD

For growing contribution and enthusiasm in lessons and getting involved in class discussions.

Value Award - Aspiration

Leah Solway - 5OC

For returning to school after absence and putting in 100% effort to complete her biography in English.

Blake Williams – 5CB

For aspiring to be the best learner he can be. Blake always tries his best, puts 100% effort into his work, asks for help when needed and is just an all round hard worker!

Mitchell Webb - 5MP

For aspiring to be the best version of himself.

Siannah Bytheway - 5PC

For always seeking to improve her math skills. Siannah works her hardest in all math lessons and actively seeks extra homework in maths to help improve her skills.

Rowan Doughty - 6MD

For always being willing to work collaboratively with every other child and doing so with a smile!

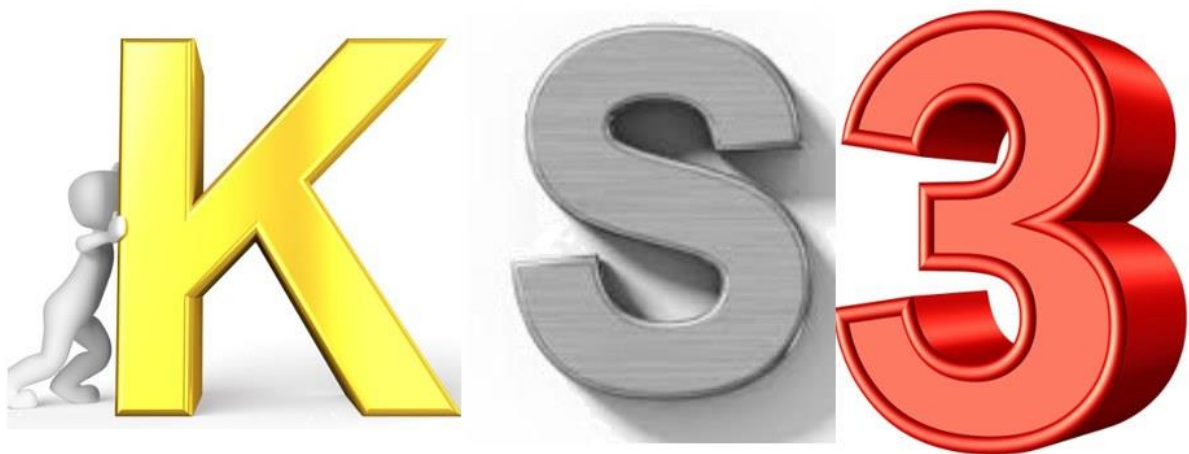
Amelia-Rose Pullen – 6JE

For aspiring to be the best learner she can be and for being curious about her future. She has started to think about what she wants to do and is curious about the qualifications she needs in order to get there. Keep it up Amelia!

Deli - 6BD

For challenging her targets and smashing them! Keep up the good work, especially in your writing!

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



Tutee of the week



7BP – **Harry Graham** for not only completing 1 but 2 designs for the door competition.

7AP – **Coral Poolton** for always trying her best.

7SK– **Ava Egan** for always being a model pupil who is an excellent role model for her peers.

7SF- **logan little** for his focus and determination in lessons.

8JD – Lois Lynch for always being polite, kind and well-mannered. Furthermore, she works hard and always does her best to complete the tasks she is set.

8MO – Ethan Griffiths for being consistent, hardworking, kind to others and continuing to grow in confidence each week in lessons. You are a star :)

8FG - Cory Finn for always being helpful and reliable. No matter what, Cory always tries his best and gives everything 100% even if it is something he struggles with.

Subject Stars of the Week



DRAMA – Elsie Harris, Alfie Hanman, Jessica Williams, Phoebe Andrews (7JL) for super effort, focus and attention on the assigned task for dance with excellent attempts at the key features of African dance. **Charlie McCrea & Mickie McCormack (8FG)** for pushing yourselves out of your comfort zone and trying something new.

GEOGRAPHY – 7SK for such an amazing first lesson with you, high respect, levels of engagement and great questioning. **Ashleigh-May Craig 8JD** for just producing consistently high levels of work with ease. The work you produced in the level of time you have was phenomenal.

HISTORY – Hudson Eckloff 7BP for always being engaged and enthused in lessons which constantly leads to great qualities of work being produced. **Chloe Coggins 8FG** for great recall when recounting historical events we learned about in year 7.

MATHS – Sophie Lewis For always being engaged and eager to learn. **Jack Morris** For working hard in lessons. **Imogen P, Summer, Chloe** For challenging themselves in lessons always wanting to complete the challenge work.

ART - Sophie Lewis (8JD) for her wonderful caricature studies. **Isla McKeon (7BP)** for her wonderful pastiche of Christopher Marley

DT - Bethany Spacie 7SF for her enthusiasm for cooking and always wanting to improve her skills. Bethany is great at talking about what she is learning and the importance of safety.

ENGLISH – Leo Mountford (7AP) for his outstanding effort during our assessment lessons this week. Due to recently joining our school, Leo has missed a large amount of lessons where we have explored Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. However, this has not stopped him from using the lessons he was present in to make a strong start to his assessment piece. Well done Leo! **Ashton Turner (8MO)** for his focused planning and start to his essay this week. Ashton has listened to advice after previous assessments to ensure that this essay is concise and focused. Great job Ashton!

MUSIC - Ashleigh-May Craig (8JD) for her detailed presentation about one of her favourite bands – Weezer. **Ashton Turner (8MO)** for his knowledgeable and in-depth presentation on Harry Styles.


P.E – Romain Whyte (8MO) for great demonstrations and modelling to the rest of the class the techniques for passing in volleyball. **Jessica Spires (7AP)** for proving that perseverance and not giving up leads to an improvement of skills needed for a specific sport.

R.E - Igor Chrzanowski 7SK for being more engaged in his lesson this week and giving thoughtful and well worded responses.

Church Hill Jam Club



 **Exciting News: Jam Club is Now Available at Church Hill Middle School** 

We are excited to announce the launch of Jam Club at **Church Hill Middle School** 

Jam Club is a vibrant and dynamic music program that offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of music, develop their musical talents, and experience the joy of playing in a band. Led by professional musicians, Jam Club provides a supportive and inspiring environment where students can explore their passion for music and unleash their creativity.

What to Expect from Jam Club:

- 🎸 **Interactive Band-Based Learning:** Students will learn to play instruments such as drums, guitar, bass, keyboard, and vocals while collaborating with their peers to create music together.
- 🎵 **Exciting Performances:** Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to showcase their musical skills and talents in exciting performances and concerts.
- ⭐ **Fun and Engaging Lessons:** Our experienced instructors are dedicated to providing engaging and enjoyable music lessons that inspire creativity and foster a love for music.

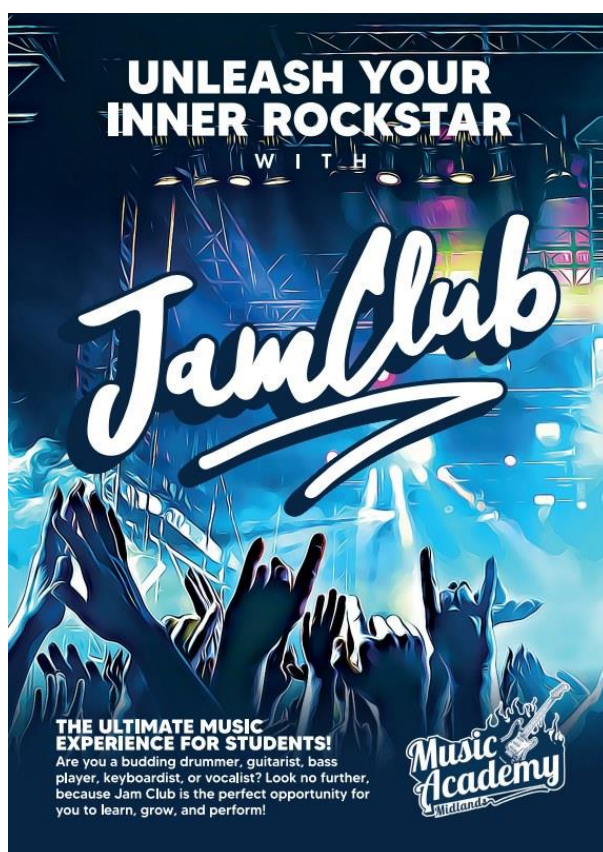
Jam Club is open to students of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced musicians. Whether your child is a budding rockstar or simply curious about music, Jam Club has something to offer for everyone!

How to Enrol:

Website: <https://www.musicacademymidlands.com/jam-club>

Phone: 0121 630 3653 Email: info@musicacademymidlands.com

Join Jam Club today and let the music begin!



ROCK & POP BAND BASED MUSIC LESSONS

With our band-based music lessons and supportive instructors, you'll be able to take your musical abilities to the next level in a fun and inclusive environment. Don't miss out on this chance to unleash your inner musician and start your musical journey today!

Learn From Professional Musicians
At Jam Club, you'll receive expert instruction and guidance from our team of professional musicians. With years of experience and a passion for teaching, our instructors will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to take your musical abilities to the next level.

No Experience Required
At Jam Club, we believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn and grow as a musician, regardless of their experience level. Whether you're just starting out or a rockstar legend, our experienced instructors will create a fun and supportive environment that caters to your skill level.

Weekly Band-Based Lessons
At Jam Club, we understand the importance of consistent practice and growth. That's why we offer weekly 30-minute band lessons. This structure ensures that you receive the education and guidance you need to continuously improve your musical abilities. And with the support of your band mates, you'll be able to work together to create truly amazing music.

Amazing Performances Experiences
Jam Club provides you with the opportunity to showcase your musical skills and talent on stage. At the end of each term, you'll have the chance to perform in a live show, giving you the experience of playing in front of a real audience. These amazing performance experiences will help you gain confidence, build your stage presence, and take your musical abilities to the next level.

Drummers
Beat the drums of success as a Jam Club's drummer.

Guitarists
Strum your way to musical greatness as a Jam Club's guitarist.

Keyboardists
Hit the right notes as a Jam Club's keyboardist.

Singers
Sing your heart out and soar to new heights as a Jam Club vocalist.

Bassists
Bass your way to the top as Jam Club's low-end magic.

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Jam Club Workshops

This week, our KS2 children had an opportunity to experience these Jam Club sessions in their music lessons. All children had the chance to explore the keyboard in more detail, whilst some even got the opportunity to play drums, guitar and bass guitar.

We had some amazing performances and can't wait to hopefully see some of these children signing up to Jam Club, and performing more in the future!







Church Hill PE Department on 'X'



Remember to follow us on 'X' (formally twitter) to keep up to date with all things PE and sport here at Church Hill!

@ChurchHillPE

World Book Day 2024!



On Thursday 7th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day across school. We are encouraging both students and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters and we will be awarding prizes for best dressed from each year group on the day. Please don't feel the need to spend huge amounts of money on costumes; creating costumes from clothes/things you have at home is all part of the fun! Pupils will be joining in with book inspired lessons throughout the day and we look forward to sharing these with you after the event.

We will also be running a competition across the school which will be starting on Friday 9th February 2023. Please see the poster below:



World Book Day 2024



This year, we are running a competition alongside World Book Day. We are asking for you to design a **book cover inspired door design** for each of our classroom doors.

We will be selecting one winner per class and the winning designs will then be created and be on show around the school. Each year group will have an overall winner and they will be awarded a £5 book voucher to spend!

Entries will need to be submitted to Mrs Wilson by Tuesday 27th February 2024. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Competition!