



Newsletter

No 5 – 14th November 2025



*Succeed ~
with perseverance*

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

Excited

with teamwork



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week we have had, we started the week discussing anti-bullying where the children looked at this year's theme of "Power for Good". We discussed the importance of speaking out and being heard.

On Tuesday the school enjoyed a walk through the village where they showed respect for Remembrance Day, laid wreaths and said prayers.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day with the Year 6 children at Pioneer, playing laser tag in the rain. I was blown away by their kindness and teamwork whilst having a great time!

Happy Rainy Friday! 🌧️

Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher

EVERY. MINUTE. MATTERS.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

For our pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Absences may be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer. The Absence Policy is available on the school website. [odst-attendance-policy-2025.pdf](#)

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ABSENCE BEFORE 9AM BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01367 860318 AND SELECTING OPTION 1 OR 4 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 96.7%↓



The school walked to the village memorial this week to pay their respects, lay wreaths and share prayers.



Willow Class Art



Happy with Respect and Honesty



"To be the best we can be for ourselves and others"





This is illustrated by the parable the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-27

 Time to **SHINE** at St Christopher's 




"To Be the Best we can be for ourselves and others"
The awards at the end of last term and last week went to:


 Margot for great effort in all her work.

 Milo for challenging himself in all areas of his learning.


 Esme for a brilliant start to the new term.

 Jude growing confidence and perseverance.


 Monty for hard work and being a role model in class.

 Jasper for always being the best he can be in Breakfast Club.


The awards this week went to:

 Zac for persevering and being enthusiastic to learn.

 Poppy in Maple for being respectful, hardworking and enthusiastic.

 Sol for challenging himself with a positive attitude.

 Nancy for SHINING all week!

 Oliver for always being kind to others.

 Sammy for always being polite and respectful at Breakfast Club.

WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO is awarded to one child in the whole school who has gone above and beyond in their learning, reaching high expectations with huge achievement!



Elena & Jack & Poppy



SHINE STARS – each week children and staff can award individuals for showing our vision. The names are written on a star and displayed in the entrance hall on our vision display.

Our "SHINE STARS" are:

Oliver Milly Rosie Zara Lottie Izzy

For

Listening and helping other and cheering others up!



House Points

THE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE:





WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Elena was the WHOLE School Learning Hero because she's always being the best she can be, she's polite and kind and will always try her best, Jack for shining in all that he does. He is a fantastic role model to others, kind, helpful, hard worker, polite etc and Poppy who goes above and beyond with her attitude to learning with enthusiasm that's infectious!

Well done 😊

Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

17 th November	18 th November	19 th November	20 th November	21 st November
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Young Voices Club	 Oak Class Swimming	open day 9.30am – 11.30am  Oak Class Trip to Oxford Science Boys Lunchtime Football 3.15pm Artist Club	Footykids Lunchtime Club 3.15pm Drama Club 	
24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
Burford Partnership of Schools Boccia Tournament 3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Young Voices Club	 Oak Class Swimming	  Oak & Willow Panto Beauty and the Beast Boys Lunchtime Football	Footykids Lunchtime Club 3.15pm Drama Club	
1 st December	2 nd December	3 rd December	4 th December	5 th December
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Young Voices Club	 Oak Class Swimming	Boys Lunchtime Football	3.15pm Drama Club	



🍒🌿 Tuesday 16th December – Cherry & Maple Class 🎁 Thursday 18th December – Ginkgo Class 🌿
 Don't forget to pre-order your school packed lunch via SCOPAY



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IT'S ALL GOOD



Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 11th December 2025**. The menu will be as printed below. This lunch is always very enjoyable and most children take part. The cook, needs to know numbers in advance so **please book via SCOPAY, selecting M for meal in the usual way, by Friday 28th November 2025 at the very latest**. If you book after this date we cannot guarantee a lunch will be made available. Please note there will be no option for jacket potato on this day but brunch bags will be available to order in the usual way.

Menu

Roast Turkey & Chipolata

Vegetarian Option is Vegan Sausage Roll

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

Chocolate Drizzle Biscuit with sprinkles

Please note the following changes:

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Mild Chicken Curry and Mixed Rice, & Vegetables and Plain Flapjack will be served instead of the lunch advertised for this day.



THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

Booking invitations were sent out this week via notifications@primarysite.net. Please check your junk!

Please come to the main entrance and make your way to Old Oak Class Room where your child's class teacher will be waiting. Your child's books will be available to look at as well as an online parent survey. When the bell is rung at the end of each session please make your way promptly to the main entrance of the school to exit.

This will be an opportunity to discuss how well your child has settled into their new year group, their learning and for you to ask any questions that you may have at this point. Please respect that slots are for a maximum of ten minutes.



It was great to see so many spots today as the school celebrated Children in Need.

We have raised an amazing £203 so far! There is still time to donate, if you wish, via the link below.

www.justgiving.com/page/st-christophers-

ce-school-langford-19

THANK YOU!



NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

The School Health Nursing team are here to support families and young people and provide a newsletter with some useful information, tips and links. These were sent to parents this week via notifications@primary site and are available on the school website.

The admissions process for children due to start Primary School in September 2026 is upon us!

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, please log on to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will find the procedure for starting school. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2026**. If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.

open day

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025

We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents and pupils a chance to look around our fabulous school on Wednesday 19th November 2025. The headteacher, staff, governors and St Christopher's Parents Association will be on hand to answer any questions. The school will be open to visitors from between 9.30am – 11.30am

Please "spread the word" and if you have friends and colleagues who are unable to make this date and wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.



CHERRY CLASS NEWS



Cherry Class have had an exciting and action-packed start to the year at St Christopher's!

The children are showing fantastic independence, coming into the classroom confidently and exploring our wide range of resources on their own. Our outdoor area continues to be a firm favourite, especially the large construction materials, where creativity and teamwork are thriving. Every day brings something new!

In phonics, the Cherries are already making great progress with Phase 3, and they are developing their reading and writing skills beautifully. In maths, we have consolidated our early number knowledge and are now exploring larger numbers. We have also been learning about the story of *The Good Samaritan* and discussing how it connects to our school values.

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing *Big, Red Combine Harvester* at our Harvest Festival. We've celebrated Diwali by creating vibrant Diya lamps and colourful firework artwork while learning about firework safety. Forest School has been a fun, muddy adventure full of imaginative play!

Looking ahead, we are excited for our Christmas activities, performing our first nativity, and our trip to see *Where's Father Christmas?* There's so much to look forward to this term!

Ms Brown, Cherry Class Teacher





MAPLE CLASS NEWS



Maple Class have been truly inspired by *The Secret Forest* to create our very own story, *The Secret Forest School!* Our interactive book is filled with beautiful illustrations and imaginative writing, all produced independently by the children. Every page showcases their creativity, hard work, and love for storytelling. I am so proud of each and every child—our wonderful book will be on display for everyone to enjoy at Parents' Evening! Mrs Wymbs, Maple Class Teacher



BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



This week we were invited to the U11 Hockey Tournament at Burford Secondary School. All the children demonstrated great teamwork and won two games, lost one and drew one, scoring 10 goals in total. Well done! Miss Thomas

“It was so much fun and I loved it” Amelia

“It loved it, it was amazing!” Isle

“I loved the communication and teamwork” Will

“It was so fun” Mayra

“I liked scoring goals” Connor

“I liked us getting together and scoring” Jonah

“My team mates supported me when I scored” Henry

“I liked playing a new game I hadn't played before”
Charlie





CHRISTMAS BINGO



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

At Langford Village Hall (GL7 3LW)
Doors Open 7pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm

If you would like to help with prizes please call
Janet (01367 860509) or Tracey 07721696680

Thank you

In Aid of Langford Village Hall
Reg charity 1080040



Excellent Prizes

Refreshments

WHOLE SCHOOL HINDUISM WORKSHOP



As part of our RE Curriculum learning and to celebrate Diwali, the whole school had an exciting opportunity to experience a Hinduism Day workshop which included interactive listening to stories, along with hands on activities which included greeting and garlands, relaxation and reflection and dressing up.



★ YEAR 6 ★

The Year 6 children have had a fantastic week on their residential at The Pioneer Centre enjoying climbing, caving, abseiling, archery and lots of other exciting activities. They have all demonstrated our School Vision of “being the best that we can be for ourselves and others” which has enabled them to SHINE.

