



Newsletter

No 3 – 3rd October 2025



Succeed ~ Happy ~ Independent ~ Nurtured ~ Excited
with perseverance ~ with respect & honesty ~ and courageous ~ with compassion~ with teamwork



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful autumnal morning – I had the privilege of going to the cross country today and I must say the children were a true reflection of our school vision “be the best”.

In line with county guidance we have reviewed our Attendance Policy. Please can I remind you all that your child’s attendance is paramount and every minute really does matter. For more information please click the link [odst-attendance-policy-2025.pdf](#)

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.

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: 97.6%



Tuesday 7th October – the School Nurse Team will be visiting for influenza vaccinations. If you have not already done so it is important that you first read the information in the the [Flu Leaflet Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school.

1. Then **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
2. **Enter** the Unique School Code OX141816
3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination.



Succeeding with perseverance



“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 last week went to:

 Poppy for always trying her best and showing kindness to others and Woody for always moving his learning forwards.

 Rupert for being engaged and contributing in lessons.

 Harry for being a great maths buddy during lesson time.


 Jasper for hard work and enthusiasm


 Henry for SHINING and being the best he can be in all his work.

 Woody for always SHINING and being polite at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:

 Otilie for being enthusiastic and working so hard in all she does.

 Daisy for always showing kindness and being a role model within the class and school.

 Finlay for me for always trying his hardest and producing fabulous work.

 Nico for excellent maths work.

 Maddie for being a role model with positive attitude and a big smile on her face.

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!



MILLIE & RALPH



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:
Blake, Daisy, Lottie & Millie
For

Being a great good Samaritan and so kind and caring to others, including the Playground Leaders.



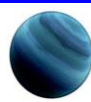
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE HOUSE WINNERS AT THE END OF TERM





WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO







Millie was the WHOLE School Learning Hero for always being extremely kind and thoughtful to others and Ralph for being an all round role model and representing the school beautifully at sport events.

Well done 😊

Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

6 th October	7 th October	8 th October	9 th October	10 th October
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Sports Club	 Whole School Flu Vaccinations  Oak Class Swimming	 Willow Class Rutherford Appleton Labs 3.15pm Hartist Club	Hartist Lunchtime Club Footykids Lunchtime Club	Girls Football Lunchtime Club
13 th October	14 th October	15 th October	16 th October	17 th October
U11Burford Partnership Football Tournament 3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Sports Club	 Oak Class Swimming	3.15pm Hartist Club	Hartist Lunchtime Club Footykids Lunchtime Club	Girls Football Lunchtime Club  5.30pm
20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
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Harvest

The whole school came together celebrating and gave thanks for the harvest with Reverend MacInnes at church this week.

Each class enjoyed their own celebrations including poems, rap and art. Maple learned about how people give thanks for food and the changing seasons, and created beautiful autumn art using natural materials. Pictures include a pumpkin, an acorn, colourful leaves, and even spiky a hedgehog made from Maple leaves! The children enjoyed sharing their artwork and reading their Harvest thank-you words during the service.



for all the generous donations for the local food banks.



At our school we have a spirituality garden that we would like to maintain as a beautiful space for children to reflect and pray. We are, therefore, requesting donations of daffodil bulbs and crocus bulbs to flourish next spring.

Please drop off at the school office and thank you for your support.



We are delighted to announce we raised

£232



One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things. The greatest illusion," said the mole, "is that life should be perfect.

Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can.

We often wait for kindness...
but being kind to yourself can start now.

School Council

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you for your amazing donation!

We successfully received your payment of £194.91

st. Christopher's



Parents' Association

Bring a bag to school
 this term for our

School Textile bank

Everything you donate raises
 funds for our children.

- ✓ Clean clothing
- ✓ Pairs of shoes ✓ Bras
- ✓ Bags ✓ Belts



Care and Give Collections play a key part in preserving the environment for future generations. If you're having a clear out at home, please consider donating to our clothes bank in the school car park. Last year, as a school, we raised £80 for school by donating 268kg.

Uniform is not accepted due to the clothes being distributed to communities in other parts of the world. Please instead donate uniform in good clean condition back to school and we will re-distribute these as part of our second-hand uniform stalls at the end of each term. Please bag sizes separately to help our volunteers when setting up.



Ready to make new habits as a family?

Our free 10-week Beezee Families programme starts soon!

- Get healthy eating tips and free recipes
- Unlock the power of small changes
- Start moving more as a family



Where:

Starts Tuesday 14th October, 4.30-6.00pm for 10 weeks
 Madley Park Hall, Witney, OX28 1UE

Secure your FREE place today!

@ HelloOxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

☎ 03332 208952



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.



INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

We have the below programmes available for 2025!

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 28th - Fri 31st October

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

EVENING PROGRAMME FOR AGES 6-13

'Developing the individual'

Burford School Astroturf Pitch, Cheltenham Rd, OX18 4PL
 (Astroturf trainers only, no boots or studs)

Dates: Every Tuesday throughout the year

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Cost: First Session Free

To secure a place for your child, email tomspeers@footykids.org

Coaches are qualified to a UEFA B & FA level 2 standard, and are DBS checked!

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

www.footykids.org [✉ tomspeers@footykids.org](mailto:tomspeers@footykids.org) [f Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/footykids)



open day

WEDNESDAY

19TH NOVEMBER 2025

The school will be open
to visitors from
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.