



Newsletter

No 1 – 5th September 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers, What a super start to a new school year - the children have all settled in very quickly to their new classes and have already been doing some wonderful learning. I would like to say how impressed I am with the behaviour and attitudes across school this week.

A little reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am and learning starts then too! This year we are focusing on 'EVERY MINUTE MATTERS', as a school we want to achieve the best for and from your children. Please help us by arriving at school on time.

My door is always open if you would like a meeting then please call the school office to book an appointment, Happy Friday 😊

Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Absent from School?

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please don't forget to let us know. Absences are recorded in our registers with the appropriate reason code, i.e illness, medical appointment etc. Where no reason is given the absence is recorded as "unauthorised" and may be investigated by the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please remember that requests for absence should be authorised. See website for Absence Policy for further details.

PLEASE NOTIFY US ABOUT THE ABSENCE BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01367 860318 AND SELECTING OPTION 1 OR 4 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.

Meet the
TEACHER

3.30PM

Monday 15th September – Mr Lenton, Oak Class
Tuesday 16th September – Mrs Clark, Willow Class
Wednesday 17th September – Mrs Wymbs, Maple Class
Wednesday 24th September – Mrs Timms, Ginkgo Class

 Welcome 
To Our School

We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents a chance to look around our fabulous school.

If you have friends and colleagues who wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.



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"

Each week there is a 'BE THE BEST' award for each class. This is a chance to celebrate the children that have followed our school vision and been the best they can be.



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!



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:

Millie for being the best she can be and a role model to others and Reuben for trying new techniques in art.



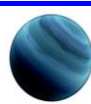
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE









SATURN

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



Diary Dates

8 th September	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September	12 th September
		4.30pm Cherry Class Phonics, Reading & Maths Information Evening 		
15 th September	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September	19 th September
3.15pm Nature Club 3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	School Photos 	 Details to follow Girls Football Lunchtime Club



BREAKFAST CLUB – from 7.30am - you can book and pay via SCOPAY



AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION - Parents and carers can pre-book sessions a term in advance or book in children on an ad-hoc basis via SCOPAY. Sessions run from 3:15pm to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday with options of booking in for the whole session or half sessions and from 3.15pm to 4.30pm on Fridays. If you need a last minute space on the day please telephone the school office (not email) to see if space is available. When arriving and collecting your child/ren, please come to the main entrance and telephone 07760 344085. A member of staff will then collect your child/ren or bring your child/ren to the entrance, as appropriate.



FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025 – We are asking children to wear denim jeans or skirt with their St Christopher's top to school if possible on Friday 19th September 2025 in return for donations to Jeans for Genes. Further details and a link for donations will be sent out separately – no cash please. Thank you for your support.



We encourage children to be dropped off in the morning at the gate but do appreciate some mornings it may be necessary for you to accompany your child in to the school grounds.

Don't forget the office is open from 8.30am if you need to drop off/collect items, make an appointment or have any questions.



The School Photographer from Starlight Images will be visiting on Thursday 18th September 2025 to take portrait photographs of the children, *individually and with their siblings who are currently at the school, as appropriate.*



Parking Around School - As we are at the start of a new term, please may we remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking near the school. From time to time we do receive complaints – please help us keep this to a minimum by not blocking drives, gateways, parking on the corner of The Elms and keeping clear of the zig-zag lines. As previously advised, the Police do monitor the parking situation and you may be fined if you are not parking safely.



OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER IS
C6599 DARRYN MOULDING
cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or
Telephone 101

WELL-BEING Mindful Moment

We keep moving forward,
opening new doors,
and doing new things,
because we're curious and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths.




The School Lunch Company will continue to provide our school dinners. There is a choice of hot meal, jacket potato, or a brunch bag (cheese, ham or tuna). These are free of charge for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme and if you are eligible for free school meals. For older pupils, these can be purchased at £2.70 through SCOPAY. **Please note however, that all school dinners will need to be ordered a minimum of a week in advance.** It might be a good idea, if you know, to book for the rest of the term! Please order, and pay if appropriate, via SCOPAY. If you do not have your login details please contact the school office. If you are new to the school these will be sent out shortly as we have having a few technical issues!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Children whose parents/carers receive the following support payments may be entitled to receive free school meals and the school may receive extra funding.

- Income support/Employment support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Support under the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit - providing that Working Tax Credit is not included and that the annual income for Tax Credit purposes is within the guideline set for the financial year.

If you feel this applies to you, then please call the school office for an application form.



 All Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. We would like to remind everyone not to bring in unhealthy snacks like rice cakes, winders, yoyos, breakfast bars and more. Sugary snacks don't keep you going through the day but fruit and vegetables do!



We aim to be a Nut-Free school. We want to protect children who have allergies to nuts. We will not be allowing nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

Cakes made with nuts

Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please let school know if your child has any known or suspected allergies.



Please note that the school bus service is provided directly by Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for the bus contract – not the school. Below are the contact details for OCC Mainstream Transport Services. If you experience any problems with the bus service provided we would be grateful if you could report them directly to OCC.

Oxfordshire County Council Mainstream Transport Service Tel: 0345 241 2487 option 2

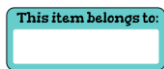
PE KITS & UNIFORM - [PMG Schoolwear - Schools - St Christopher's C of E School - Langford](#)

May we remind parents to send children to school correctly dressed in school uniform and ready for their school learning. Uniform promotes a sense of pride and our vision *"to be the best we can be"* in the school and prevents the children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class. Suitable school shoes should be worn (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish, or wear "cat ears" hairbands. Children will need to bring their coats to school as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

Children in all classes are expected to have their PE kits in school all week. PE kits should be taken home over the weekend for washing, but please make sure it is back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kits. We are now offering a PE Hoodie as part of our uniform. This can be ordered in the usual way via PMG Schoolwear.



School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate. Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. ***We are unable to return items which are not named!***



Please ensure all your child's uniform, water bottles, lunch bags and belongings are named so we can return to you quickly if they are misplaced.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g asthma, that may require medication e.g inhalers, during school hours, then please send in to school in a clear plastic bag, with a photograph of your child along with a completed medical consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

In accordance with our policy, we are not able to administer non prescribed medicine at school (this includes, calpol, soothers, lip balms etc). Prescribed medicines are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any medicines should be handed to an adult as children must not have unsupervised access to medicines. Further clarification and details can be found in the First Aid & the Management of Medicines in School Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2026

The admissions process for children due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2026 is upon us!

If you have a child currently in **Year 6**, information will have been sent to you but details can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website. The deadline for secondary school places is **31st October 2025**. If you live outside Oxfordshire you will need to apply via your home local authority and not via Oxfordshire County Council. The council will send you a letter about this direct to your home address and your home local authority should also write to you with more information about how to apply.

If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.



PARENTS EVENING

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

We can't wait to share with you your child's/rens learning. Further details we will be advised after half term.



NATIVITY

CHERRY & MAPLE & GINKGO

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025

9AM



Instead of bringing in cakes or chocolates to celebrate your child's birthday we would ask that you bring in a book to donate to your child's class. (this can be new or pre-loved).

If you bring the book to the school office, we will pop a birthday sticker in the book and then it can be enjoyed for years to come by many children.

st. Christopher's



Parents' Association

SCPA AGM is on Tuesday 16th September at 7:30pm (joining details at the end of this message)

As well as providing you with an overview of last year's achievements, there will be an opportunity to help us shape this year's event calendar so please bring your ideas! We will also vote in our committee. SCPA has 2 halves: the nominated committee who run the PTA and deal with the administration and our wonderful event volunteers. We have seen an extraordinary amount of volunteers join us to help on event days but we do need extra help on the committee. Claire will stand for Chair again, Avril for Vice Chair and Steph for Treasurer but that doesn't mean other people cannot do so. The full list of roles required are:

Committee Chair (average 2-5 hours committee per month) Vice Chair (average 2-5 hours committee per month) Treasurer (average 2-5 hours committee per month) Secretary (average 2-3 hours per month) Event Lead x 2 (average 2-3 hours per month) Our committee is busiest in the weeks running up to an event and the more members we have, the more we can spread the load.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact us using stchristophers.scpa@gmail.com

We need a minimum of 12 attendees at the AGM to conduct the vote so please consider attending. We cannot put on these events and raise money without you! Thanks

SCPA Committee

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 333 584 277 770 3

Passcode: 4po9mn9G

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce a few clubs this term. Please see dates and details below. We request a voluntary contribution to help cover resources and staff costs and this can be done via SCOPAY which can be done when you register.

	Club	Led by	Time	Year Group	Numbers	Cost	Dates
Mon	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£18.00	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th September 6 th , 13 th , 20 th October
Weds	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	3.15pm-4.15pm Min 10 Max 20	Year 1 to Year 6	Separate flyer with details and booking info To follow when received.		
Fri	Girls Football	Mr Lenton	Lunchtimes	KS2 – Year 3 upwards Max 20	Max 20	£12.00	19 th , 26 th Sept 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th 24 th October
TBA	Footy Kids	Footy Kids	Lunchtimes	Age 5 - 11	Further details to follow when received		

Please note:

- A club may not go ahead if there is not enough children registered/attending.
- Once your child registers, we do expect that they will attend each session.
- There is the same high level of expectation with regard to behaviour and the schools behaviour policy will be followed.
- For ease of banking & administration, payments are due at the start of the course via SCOPAY
- Payment and commitment is for the whole course to cover staff/coach costs & resources.
- For children attending an afterschool club please note the finish time for the club their child is attending as indicated above. At this time the club leader will bring the children to the main entrance and see them out of the main door to parents/carers who are waiting. Please note that the bell should not be rung prior to this time as staff cannot allow Parents/Carers to wait unaccompanied inside the school building.
- Please collect your child promptly as staff may need to go home!



The staff car park is not to be used for picking up children before 4.30pm as it is very busy with children walking through the car park after finishing clubs. After this time you are permitted to park if you are picking up from After School Provision but please be aware of the work vehicles.

Parent/carer Workshop

Practical and compassionate strategies for caregiver-child interactions to understand and support strong emotions and behavioural responses - informed by 'The Incredible Years'

Part 1: Friday 26th September

Part 2: Friday 3rd October

09:00-10:30am at St Christopher's C of E School

Education Mental Health Practitioners are part of the CAMHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST) within Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. They offer a range of low-intensity Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) informed psychological interventions and guided self-help collaborating with schools.

The workshop aims to build on your existing toolkit of strategies to support your child at home.

Some key topics included in the workshop presentation:

The 'attention rule' – thinking about how and when we give attention to

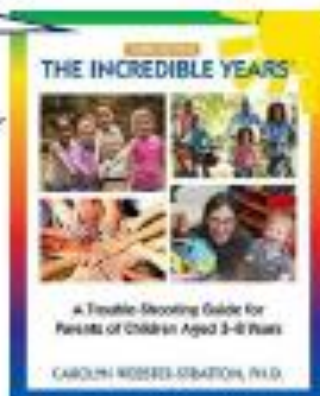
Using natural and logical consequences to reduce challenging behaviours.

Selective Attention helps to build children's co-operation by using attention selectively.

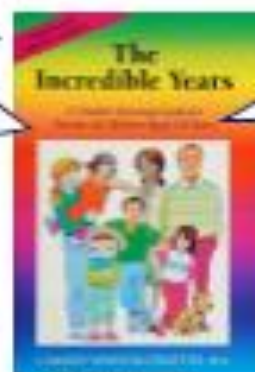
Encouraging independent problem solving.

For aggressive and highly dysregulated behaviours, 'a pause to calm' down helps children regulate their strong feelings and know that they are safe and cared for, even at times when they feel out of control.

Please email the school office to register your attendance
office.3555@st-christophers.oxon.sch.uk



2019 edition (recommended)



2005 edition

Special Time – focuses on strengthening caregiver-child attachment and building relationships through play.

Building parental self-confidence as the foundation for making positive change.

Praise and rewards, alongside reward systems – building children's self-esteem, self-confidence, motivation, and co-operation as we help our children to learn new skills.

Predictable limits to help children feel safe and secure, reduces conflict and increases co-operation around daily tasks.