



## Newsletter

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



Dear Parents/Carers, I can't believe the countdown to Summer is already here! We certainly have a few busy weeks coming up. We have trips, sports day, performances, the leavers service, fete, and the children all enjoyed the "Shuffle Up" morning yesterday. The children have all been working very hard this week, I have seen some wonderful writing, fantastic maths and heard some lovely singing coming from the rehearsals for the end of year performance.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Parent Forum last week. It was great to hear lots of positive feedback including how parents value school trips, a varied curriculum and caring staff. It was also useful to gather thoughts and suggestions around how we can improve the school and be even better.

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.**

St. Christopher's



Parents' Association



FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 - 3.15PM

## EVERYONE WELCOME!



THIS WILL ALSO BE A NON-UNIFORM DAY  
FOR DONATIONS OF  
JAM JARS, TOMBOLA AND CAKES



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Excited with Teamwork



*"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:**


 Madeline for amazing reading and maths.

 Rupert for showing 'be the best in all of his learning'.

 Jess and Max for a good week with learning.

 Emily for wonderful creative writing.


 William for huge effort and enthusiasm during Peter Pan Rehearsals.


 Anona for reading loud and proud as the narrator in Peter Pan Rehearsals.

**The awards this week went to:**


 Sasha for having a great start in Cherry Class and trying hard in all her learning.


 Sol for being a 'good samaritan' to a class friend as well as always showing 'be the best'.

 Skyler for amazing writing and being a wonderful member of the class.

 Elliot for endless enthusiasm in all he does.

 Monty for his involvement and passion shown during Peter Pan rehearsals.

 To be announced next week due to Secondary School transition.

 Tamsin for always SHINING in Breakfast Club.

**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:  
Anona, Bella, Eden, Elizabeth  
For**

**Nurturing and helping others with kindness, enthusiasm and smiles! 😊**



**House Points**
















**THE HOUSE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE:**

 **JUPITER** 



# Diary Dates

30 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> July
 <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b> Forces & Friends Fun Day Don't forget packed lunch! 3.15pm Nature Club		Burford Partnership of Schools Year 2 All Stars Cricket  3.15pm Hartist Club	 Parents invited at 8.40am Finish time 10.00am Details to follow Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Girls Football Club  Parents' Association Summer Fete 3.15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> July	9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> July	11 <sup>th</sup> July
 Cherry Class Trip	Hazel, Willow, Oak Performance 6pm 	9am Guitar Assembly to Parents Everyone welcome! 3.15pm Hartist Club Hazel, Willow, Oak Performance 6pm 	 Hazel Cass Trip & School Camp Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> July	18 <sup>th</sup> July
		Year 6 Leavers Service  9am School Hall		Last day of term 
21 <sup>st</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	24 <sup>th</sup> July	25 <sup>th</sup> July
				

## BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS

### Year 2 Music Festival 'The Bumblesnouts Save the World'

On Monday the Year 2 children in the partnership came together at Burford Secondary School to perform The Bumblesnouts Save the World, a delightful musical for children, building the foundations for success and delivering a wonderful musical festival.

The children had been busy rehearsing all term and performed fantastically to parents and families. They sang loud and proud and it was a joy to see the children being the best they can be. *Mrs Veeder*

# BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS

## U11 DYNAMOS CRICKET TOURNAMENT



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we were invited to take a cricket team to spend the day at Shipton Cricket Club taking part in the 2025 Cricket Tournament. With many balls hit; wickets taken and catches made, we have a fantastic day!. *Mrs Evans*

“I really enjoyed the cricket tournament. The team spirit and encouragement was amazing. The competitiveness was also exciting” *Evan*

“Batting was really fun! We got to hit the ball as hard as you want!” *Hal*

“At the cricket tournament I liked how supportive we were and I enjoyed bowling” *George*

“It was fun because a hit a few 4s!” *Jacob*

“Cricket was really fun. We encouraged each other and we all did our best” *Noah*

“We are played really well as a team with good spirit” *Dom*

“I enjoyed playing cricket. I don’t normally play cricket but everyone was really supportive” *Seamus*





## Hazel Class's Unexpected Adventure!

Hazel Class had a truly memorable and eventful trip—though not quite the one we had originally planned! As we were making our way to the Imperial War Museum, we were met with an unexpected road closure on the A40. Quick thinking (and lots of phone calls!) led us to come up with an alternative plan to save the day—and what a day it turned out to be!

Our first stop was Bladon, where we visited Winston Churchill's grave and explored the fascinating exhibition in the church. From there, with the help of our wonderfully flexible bus driver, we headed into Oxford City Centre and made our way down to the beautiful Christchurch Meadow.

The children loved their walk around the meadow—spotting cows, playing Poohsticks from the bridge, and even tossing sweets to passing punters on the river (with surprising accuracy!). We then enjoyed a relaxing picnic beneath the graceful weeping willows, giving everyone a chance to stretch their legs and unwind.

To cool off, we headed to the nearby George and Denver Ice Cream Café—always a hit! But the day still had more excitement in store. We were lucky enough to secure a last-minute tour of Oxford Castle and Prison. The children were fascinated by the stories they heard, especially the rather gruesome Tudor punishments. (Did you know people had their ears nailed to the stocks to stop them dodging flying rotten vegetables?)

To finish the day, we climbed Castle Mound for a final treat—a beautiful panoramic view of Oxford and a quick snack before hopping back on the coach home.



It may not have been the trip we planned, but it turned into a wonderful adventure, and the children were absolutely fantastic throughout. A heartfelt thank you to Arzu Webb and Ann Choyce for their incredible support, positivity, and brilliant ideas that helped turn a potential disaster into a day full of joy and discovery. We truly couldn't have done it without you!

Mrs Clark – Hazel Clark Teacher

# Governors

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing board. The governing board has an extremely important role. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, working in partnership with the headteacher, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Governors individually have no power but when they act collectively, as a corporate body instead of as individuals, they are very powerful. Please think about taking on the role or encourage other parents to volunteer. We need committed parent governors to make the governing board as effective as it can be.

Details were sent out this week, including the nomination form and eligibility criteria.  
Deadline midday Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## Calming words



Breathe in while you say to yourself "I feel calm"

Breathe out while you say to yourself "I let go of stress"

Breathe in while you say to yourself "Feel calm"

Breathe out and say to yourself "Let go of stress"


JULY 2025

## Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a

**FACE School Annual Membership**

which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff  
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



**Supporting Healthy Screen Use**

Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Facing Defiance**

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24  
recording available



**Anxiety Based School Avoidance**

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.  
Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

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