



Newsletter

No 15 – 2nd May 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great start to the summer term. I know the children have loved playing and learning on the field in the sunshine.

This week during assembly the children discussed British Values including tolerance, mutual respect and democracy. The children learnt about the importance of having a voice and respecting others.

Happy Friday and have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

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.



Monday 12th May – Year 6 SATS week.

Be the best that you can be, enjoy the experience and early to bed!



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/ren 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. Please do not park in the school car park before 9.45am and after 2.30pm and remember when dropping off/picking up children from the main entrance, please do not access the car park via the vehicle access gate.



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:


 Milo for magnificent maths.

 Henry for working hard with enthusiasm in all lessons.

 Amber for great work.

 Zara for her enthusiasm and great participation on the MFL day.


 Elena for being a fantastic member of Willow Class - already!


 Anona for being a good role model.

 Lola for always being independent in Breakfast Club.


The awards this week went to:

 Evie for great attitude to learning.

 Ronnie for showing great excitement in all lessons.

 Jude for wonderful handwriting and the whole class for being the best versions of themselves and representing the school well on the trip to Warwick Castle.

 Emily for helping, supporting and mentoring others with IT.

 Zane for huge effort and success in English this week.

 Leah for contributing her good attitude to her learning.

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:

Albie
for
great independent writing.



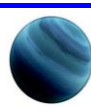
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE










SATURN

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



Diary Dates

5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May
 BANK HOLIDAY	 Willow Class Swimming - postponed 3.15pm Lego Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club
12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
YEAR 6 SATS WEEK				
	U9 Burford Partnership Quad Kids Tournament  Willow Class Swimming - postponed 3.15pm Lego Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club   3.15pm Everyone Welcome!
19 th May	20 th May	21 st May	22 nd May	23 rd May
U11 Burford Partnership Quad Kids Tournament	Cycle Training Checks – as advised  Willow Class Swimming - postponed 3.15pm Lego Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	 Hazel Class Junior Citizen Trip Lunchtime Footykids Club



Sunday 11th May – deadline to order school photographs for free delivery to school.



THURSDAY 3RD JULY – 9AM START, FINISHES AT 10AM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FORCES CLUB



The children from Forces Club had a super day out on Friday. We were lucky enough to be invited to 'The Priory' in Burford alongside 2 other schools where we enjoyed exploring the forest school.

The children loved the giant mud slide and underground tunnels as well as the fire and marshmallows! The children also enjoyed meeting other service children from other schools. The children were so well behaved all day.

I was very proud of them.



Mrs Veeder

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS YEAR 4 LANGUAGES DAY



Last week the Year 4 children went to Burford Secondary School to take part in the Modern Foreign Languages Day. It was a day attended by all schools in the partnership and featured languages such as German, French and Spanish. The Year 4 children at St Christopher's had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed all of the different activities which the Year 9 Language Leaders had prepared.

Mrs Timms, Mrs Woolaston & The Year 4 children



"I liked Spanish because we learned animal names". Zane

"I liked playing splat" Ella

"We played splat in French" Henry

"I enjoyed the Spanish" Connor

"I liked learning about animals in Spanish" Amelia



MAPLE CLASS TRIP TO



Maple class had an exciting trip to Warwick Castle, where the children explored the ancient towers, climbed the castle walls, and watched a thrilling birds of prey show whilst eating our lunch. The children learned about knights and castles and had lots of fun discovering what life was like long ago. *Mrs Wymbs*

"When the Falconers Quest was on the barn owl swooped down, then we climbed up to the top of the Castle". *Tillie*

"Fantastic fun, it was sunny" *Seb*

"We climbed over 500 steps 5 of us got stuck!" *Sol*

GINKGO CLASS NEWS

We have kicked off our Castles topic with a visit to Warwick Castle to find out what it was like to live and work in a real castle, in medieval times. The children explored the castle, found out the names of castle features and what their purpose was when defending the castle and enjoyed a falconer's birds of prey display.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated equipment to our classroom or helped create items. You have already made such a difference to the children's learning environment and their experiences of working within it. Our new writing area is taking shape nicely. The children have already enjoyed using it. Over the next few weeks you will see our garden centre area fill up as we plant up seeds and bulbs as well as more mature plants during our science lessons about plants and busy times.

Mrs Lawrence & Miss Drinkwater



WELL-BEING

Mindful Moment

*We pause, We are present,
Close our eyes and reawaken with an awareness of our breath,
other times we simply pause to reflect on something we are grateful for*

It is Mental Health Awareness week from the 12th – 18th May 2025. The week is organised by the Mental Health Foundation, which has chosen the theme of:

COMMUNITY: celebrating the power and importance of community and reminding us that we are not alone.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

There are some great resources to help parents talk about mental health with their children on this website - [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)



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parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk



Talking to your child about online safety:

Talking to your child about online safety is essential because many of them will be using a wide range of technologies in their home environments, even before they start school. It is not always easy to know where to start the NSPCC and Childnet International have some useful advice on this matter.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

Other helpful websites:

<https://www.uswitch.com/mobiles/guides/mobile-phone-safety/>
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/cyber-security>
<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/setting-up-your-childs-new-smartphone/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>
<https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/First-phone-checklist.pdf>
<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/>
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Please park considerately in order to protect the safety of your children.

Do not park:

- ON ZIG ZAGS
- IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL GATES
- IN FRONT OF PEOPLES DRIVEWAYS
- IN FRONT OF DROPPED CURBS

Please also remember:

Be kind and respectful to other parents and residents. Your children will be listening to your conversations, set the example by being kind and considerate.

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER IS

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Go Wild This May Half-Term!

NEW WILD DAYS for 7-12 year olds

Bushcraft, nature walks, campfire cooking, and den-building in the stunning surroundings of Hill End and Wytham Woods.

From pond-dipping to minibeast hunting, our expert tutors will lead exciting hands-on activities, making learning fun while kids connect with nature and new friends.



Booking Essential: <https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days>

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CARTERTON ARTS WEEK

17TH MAY - 1ST JUNE 2025

<p>Sat 17th May Crafters & Makers Market 10am-2pm, Town Hall Sewing Cards Workshop 11am, Family Centre, £5pp Bracelet Making Workshop 1pm, Family Centre, £5pp</p>	<p>Wed 28th May Collage Workshop 1pm, Town Hall, donation on the day Wreath Making Workshop 2pm, St Johns Church, donation on the day</p>
<p>Sun 18th May Beatbox Workshop 10.30am & 2pm, Millennium Amenities Centre, £15pp</p>	<p>Thurs 29th May Origami Ribbon Weaving Workshop 10am, St Johns Church, £5pp Sculpted Decoupage Workshop 11.30am, St Johns Church, £5pp Sashiko Stitching Workshop 1.30pm, St Johns Church, £5pp</p>
<p>Tues 20th May Felting Workshop 6pm, Library, £8pp</p>	<p>Fri 30th May Water Colour Painting Workshop 11am, Community Centre, £8pp Block Printing Workshop 2pm, Community Centre, £8pp Camera Club Photo Exhibition 5pm, Library, Free entry</p>
<p>Sat 24th & Sun 25th May Let ACT Entertain You 7pm, Gateway Primary, £15pp TicketSource.co.uk/Carterton-Ponto</p>	<p>Sun 1st June Carterton Open Gardens</p>
<p>Tues 27th May Quilting & Patchwork Workshop 5pm, Library, £8pp</p>	<p>All workshop spots must be booked in advance, either in person at Carterton Library or online at: TicketSource.co.uk/CartertonArtsWeek</p>

Make and Mend May at Kelmscott Manor

Join us for a month of activities exploring themes of creativity, sustainability, and reparability as part of a new project to conserve the Manor's historic tapestries.

<p>SATURDAY 3RD MAY Drop in workshop: Rag Rugging</p>	<p>SATURDAY 10TH MAY Drop in workshop: Natural Dyeing with Kate Turnbull</p>	<p>SATURDAY 17TH MAY William Morris Day. Celebrate the day William Morris first visited Kelmscott</p>
<p>SATURDAY 24TH MAY Maker in Residence Demonstration: Skeined Willow Weaving</p>	<p>THURSDAY 29TH MAY Drop in workshop: Weaving</p>	<p>SATURDAY 31ST MAY Repair Café with The Lechlade Repair Café</p>

Free to take part all ages and abilities welcome, no booking required
 For more details visit kelmscottmanor.org.uk

CELEBRATE WILLIAM MORRIS'S DISCOVERY OF KELMSCOTT MANOR

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

10.30AM-5PM

- Put your pin in our map and compare your journey to the one William Morris took.
- Join our volunteers and make your very own nature journal then why not go and explore the Manor for yourself and fill your journal with the things you discover.
- Mini Morris is on the loose on in the house again- see if you can find them all.
- Follow our 'Where's William' trail in the grounds.
- Be inspired by our collection and decorate your own 'Mini Manor'
- Visit the learning barn and find what other activities are taking place on the day!



All ages and abilities welcome, no booking required

For more details visit kelmscottmanor.org.uk
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