



Newsletter

No 14 – 4th April 2025

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

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful week we've had celebrating Easter! The outdoor Easter experience was a joy for the children, filled with reflection, creativity, and sunshine. Our trip to the church was a special highlight, giving us all a moment to pause and appreciate the true meaning of Easter. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so memorable. Wishing all our families a peaceful and happy Easter break!



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.



- ★ Tuesday 22nd April – back to school ☺ and Willow Class Swimming – don't forget your kit!
- ★ Monday 28th April – Nature Club will take place for all those children who missed the club on the 24th March which was cancelled.
- ★ When dropping off / picking up children from the main entrance, please do not access the car park via the vehicle access gate.
- ★ Newsletters and School Health Nurse Team Newsletters are available on the school website.



Instead of bringing in cakes, chocolates or sweets 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.



Nurtured with Compassion



"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:



Daisy for being confident in her learning.



Seb for always working hard and being a role model to others.



Arthur for being Respectful



Alex, Olivia and Bella for marvellous number work in maths.



Florence for showing great enthusiasm in PE this week.



Ben for a positive attitude to learning and for contributing in class



Woody for always SHINING at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:



Autumn for fantastic reading and creativity in art.



Tillie for showing amazing independence in her writing.



Rufus for being enthusiastic with his reading this week.



Arlo for a fabulous attitude towards his learning.



Maddie for 'Being the Best' in all areas throughout the week!



Lara for being fun and making everyone laugh!



Oscar for always being the best he can be at After School Provision.

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:

Izzy, Seamus, Alfie, Rufus, Ralphie

for

being kind and nurturing at playtimes and helping others



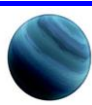
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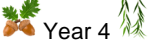

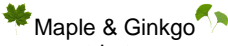




THE HOUSE WINNERS THIS TERM ARE



NEPTUNE



Diary Dates

21 st April	22 nd April	23 rd April	24 th April	25 th April
 Easter Monday	Back to School  Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Lego Club	Burford Partnership of Schools  Year 4 MFL Day 3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club  Forces Children Forest School trip
28 th April	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May	2 nd May
3.15pm Nature Club  Maple & Ginkgo trip to 	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Lego Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club
5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May	9 th May
	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Lego Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club



SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE SUMMER TERM

After the Easter break hopefully the weather will continue to be warm and, therefore, children will be welcome to wear "summer uniform" i.e:-

- Children may wear black/grey shorts
- Children may wear blue gingham dresses or black/grey pedal pushers
- Shoes – open toe or backless shoes are NOT permitted due to health and safety
- Sun cream, sun hats/baseball caps are recommended.



... and a raincoat for the showers!

It will soon be that time of year when you may need to be topping up or ordering new uniform. This can be ordered from



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

This item belongs to:

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.



Here's a quick reminder to our First Aid & Management of Medicines School Policy with regard to sunscreen:

"Sun screen can come in to school as long as it is clearly labelled with the pupil's name and the pupil can apply the cream for themselves. Pupils must not share sun screen."



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's back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kit.



The School Lunch Company / Radish will continue to provide a choice of a hot meal, jacket potato, or a brunch bag (cheese, ham or tuna). These are free of charge for all children in Year R – 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 lunches will need to be ordered a minimum of a week in advance. If you do not pre-order we cannot guarantee there will be enough food ordered by the kitchen on the day to provide a meal.** 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. The menu is available on the school website.

CHANGE OF MENU – THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2025 – Pirate Day Menu as advised. Please order by selecting “M” on SCOPAY in the usual way. This will be instead of the original hot meal advertised on the usual weekly menu.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



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.

🍒 CHERRY CLASS 🍒

Cherry Class have enjoyed learning about the Easter story. Much fun was had riding on a donkey and shouting "Hosanna!" and eating our version of the Last Supper. The children understood about the betrayal of Jesus, what Jesus said about the bread and wine and the importance of the special meal. *Ms Brown*



🍁 MAPLE CLASS 🍁

We have been busy bees in Maple class this term!! In English we have been on an adventure visiting 'The Secret of Black Rock' and more recently have made a new friend 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. We have even completed job applications to become Hermelin's assistants! In Maths, we have focused our learning on length & height as well as mass and volume. We had great fun putting ourselves in height order and working with water to explore mass and volume. Our focus in Science has been the biology of plants and in Geography we have been extending our learning from the UK and Australia to the world's Oceans & Seas. We have thoroughly enjoyed this term's RE lessons and this week have been learning all about Holy Week.



We are excited for Term 5, in History we will be learning all about Castles - we are excited for our class trip to Warwick Castle 😊 *Mrs Wymbys*

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U11 SWIMMING GALA



St Christopher's were invited to take in the annual swimming gala this term held at Carterton Leisure Centre. They had some brilliant races and worked well as a team.

"I enjoyed working as a team and cheering everyone on. It was great to work together and do our best.

We showed everyone that together we can 'Shine'"  Ivy

"The swimming gala was really fun and we all encouraged each other" Noah

"It was fun! I was nervous before the race but when I got into the water, I was determined to do my best". Alexander

"I enjoyed the swimming gala because we spent time with other schools, and competed against children we weren't familiar with". Anona



ECO WARRIORS

delivered an assembly about eating fruit and vegetables at playtime to support healthy eating and to minimise the litter in our school grounds.



We wrote it all ourselves and made posters to go up around school.

Clubs

We will be offering a few clubs after half 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	Monday 28 th April – only for all those children who missed the club on the 24 th March.			
Tues	Lego Club	Mrs Timms	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 20	£15.00	22 nd , 29 th April 6 th , 13 th , 20 th May
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 sent separately		
Thurs	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	Lunchtime	KS1	Separate flyer with details and booking info sent separately		
Fri	Footykids	Footykids.org	Lunchtime	All	Started today for six weeks – www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids		

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!



Just a quick reminder that 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.



Hope you can sign up and join me for some fantastic weeks with Lego next term! 😊 Mrs Timms



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