



## Newsletter

No 12 – 7th March 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers, What a lovely end to the week with a “chock-a-block” assembly! Thanks to the parents who came along and we really hope you enjoyed seeing how our children SHINE.

We have had another great week with the fun of the pancake race to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and all of the amazing costumes for World Book Day. The children and staff have embraced these events with enthusiasm!

A huge congratulations to Miss Nelson for her successful appointment as HLTA at Brize Norton Primary School. Her last day here will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March and we thank her for all her hard work especially with our service children and wish her all the best.

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.**

### QUICK REMINDERS



**MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 2.45PM  
SAFER INTERNET PRESENTATION**



**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's attainment/progress and for you to ask any questions that you may have. Please respect that slots are for a maximum of ten minutes.

Please enter the playground and make your way to the shelter by Ginkgo Class where your child's class teacher will be waiting. When the bell is rung at the end of each session please make your way promptly to the front door of the school to exit.



*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:***

-  Rupert for using great ideas in his writing.
-  Harry for being enthusiastic in all areas of learning and for being a fantastic help to everyone in Maple class.
-  Bertie for enthusiasm and focus in English.
-  James for great presentation and fabulous writing in his Literacy.
-  Zane for a fantastic attitude to learning this week.
-  Livy for a great effort with her learning in class this week.
-  Quinn for always being respectful and always being the best he can be at Breakfast Club.

***The awards this week went to:***

-  Noah for always trying his best in everything!
-  Sol for showing great effort in their learning.
-  Jessica for showing kindness and helping others
-  Henry for just brilliant times tables recall.
-  Ilse for inquisitive in science
-  Thomas for working hard, setting a good example in class and for helping his peers.
-  Harry for listening well and always being the best he can be in 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:**

**Autumn, Maya, Lilly, Isabelle, Kion, William**

*for*

*being happy, helping others, being nurturing with compassion when others are sad*



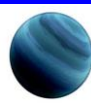
**House Points**



**JUPITER**



**MERCURY**



**NEPTUNE**



**SATURN**



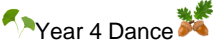









**THE HOUSE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE**



**SATURN**



# Diary Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> March	11 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March
2.45pm Safe Internet Presentation to Parents  3.15pm Nature Club	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Burford Partnership of Schools  Year 4 Dance Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club  Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7pm	3.15pm Lego Club  3.15pm Maple Class Cook4Books  Everyone Welcome!
17 <sup>th</sup> March	18 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March
3.15pm Nature Club	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Hartist Club 3.30pm HYC Parent Workshop at Burford Primary School	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	 U11 Burford Partnership of Schools Swimming Gala 3.15pm Lego Club SCPA Bingo
24 <sup>th</sup> March	25 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March	27 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March
3.15pm Nature Club	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club SCPA Spring Disco	 9am SHINE Assembly For parents in Oak, Willow & Hazel 3.15pm Lego Club
31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> April
3.15pm Nature Club		 Easter Service for children and staff at St Matthew's Church 3.15pm Hartist Club	Whole Class Photographs (not individual) Starlight Images Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	Lunchtime  Details sent home last week and attached



to Ralph in Oak Class for qualifying and participating in the City & West Oxon Cross Country finals last week. Ralph came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 70 of the finest primary school cross country runners in Oxfordshire .... Just wow!

Mr Lenton, PE Co-ordinator



## BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U9 GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL



On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, a team of U9 girls and U9 boys took part in the Burford Partnership football tournament held at Carterton Community College. After many exciting games, the girls team finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place and the boys team were crowned **CHAMPIONS!** A huge well done to all of those involved. Mr Lenton, PE Co-ordinator



## Young Voices 2025

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we travelled to the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham where we sang alongside 6000 other children in the worlds biggest choir. The songs were incredible, the dancing was fantastic and we even saw a few famous artists! The children were exceptional all day and sang their hearts out. I would like to say a big Thank you to Mrs Viner for teaching us all of the songs and for being so dedicated to the Young Voices Club. I would also like to thanks Miss Best for joining us on the day.

Mrs Veeder, Headteacher





It was great to see so many children at the recent Book Fair and buying books. We are waiting to hear what our total in book sales is and look forward to buying some new books with the commission. As always, a big THANK YOU for supporting this event and happy reading! 😊

Mrs Clark, Literacy Co-ordinator



# School Council

The School Council organised a pancake race for the whole school which was a massive success. The sun shone, the children ran their hearts out and the pancakes got flipped many times. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm and won points for their house teams. Mrs Timms & School Council





### WORLD SLEEP DAY – 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

Sleep is essential for physical health, mental well-being and overall quality of life. For children, adequate sleep supports growth, learning and emotional regulation. For parents, good sleep is vital for managing stress, maintaining energy levels and being present for their children.

**SOME SIMPLE TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR SLEEP** **NHS**

**TIP 01**  
Keep regular sleep hours

**TIP 02**  
Attempt not to check your phone for an hour before bed

**TIP 03**  
Consider turning your clock away so you can't see it

WHEN THINGS AREN'T SO GOOD OUT THERE...  
MAKE INSIDE FEEL BETTER.  
Visit **Every Mind Matters** for more tips and advice

**Better Health every mind matters**

[Home - The Sleep Charity](https://www.sleepcharity.org.uk/)

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/how-to-fall-asleep-faster-and-sleep-better/>



**Oxford Health**  
NHS Foundation Trust

Termly newsletters from the Primary Health School Nurse Team are sent out to parents with useful information. Copies are also available on the school website.

# Footy Kids

## St Christopher's Primary School



*6 Week Football Fun Club*

**Start:** Friday 4th April

**Where:** School Field

**Time:** Lunchtime

**Cost:** **£29 Per Child**

£19 Per Sibling after 1st

To register your child, please visit  
[www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids](http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids)

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