



Newsletter

No 11 – 14th February 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers, This term we have been focusing on showing courage and being independent. I have seen some great examples of this during lunch and play times with children showing compassion and courage through fantastic teamwork. I have been working with the children to encourage them to help with tidying up when the bell goes - we need to ensure all children are helping us 'be the best we can be'. This week the children took part in an assembly all about internet safety where we encouraged the children to stay safe on line and talk to a grown up if ever they feel unsafe.

My door is always open and if you have any comments or suggestions for helping us to become the 'best we can be' then please do pop in for a chat.

Happy Friday and half term! ☺

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 24th February – back to school!
- ★ Tuesday 25th February – Willow Class swimming – don't forget your kit!
- ★ Wednesday 26th February – Young Voices Concert
- ★ Friday 28th February, Monday 3rd March and Tuesday 4th March 3.15pm Scholastic Book Fair – Everyone welcome!
- ★ Thursday 6th March - We will be celebrating World Book Day and asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character. **Please do not spend any money on costumes**, instead please recycle and be creative if you can.
- ★ Thursday 6th March World Book Day Lunch – menu as advised – please don't forget to pre-order!
- ★ Friday 7th March 9am – SHINE Assembly – parents in Cherry, Maple and Ginkgo are welcome to come and celebrate the week.
- ★ Thursday 13th March – Parents Evening – booking details will be sent out after half term.



Independent and Courageous



"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:



Ella for great learning all week.



Tillie for always working hard and showing wonderful independence in all lessons.



Nancy for being independent with great writing.



Bella for brilliant science retrieval of past learning.



Willow Class for Being the Best while out on the Viking trip to Bishops Wood.



Lexi for her amazing progress with her spelling and for being the best all the time!



Gracie for being independent and nurturing in Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:



Fred for amazing maths.



Jack for always showing 'be the best' inside and outside of the classroom.



Mason for being independent and respectable.



Ralph for brilliant attitude and always being positive.



Leah for working hard in Maths and English.



Harley for always being focused and listening carefully. Harley you set a great example in Class!

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:

Amber, Eva, Florence, Jack, Leah, Lola, Luna-Rose, Maddie, Nancy, Olivia, Sol

for

preserving, helping others, being extra kind, being a good friend

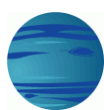


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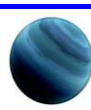
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**THE HOUSE WINNERS THIS TERM
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER HALF TERM**



 **Diary Dates**

24 th February	25 th February	26 th February	27 th February	28 th February
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm deadline  for entries	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Chess Club	Young Voices Concert Birmingham  3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	 3.15pm In the School Hall 3.15pm Lego Club
3 rd March	4 th March	5 th March	6 th March	7 th March
School Nurse National Childhood Measuring Programme Year 6 & Reception  3.15pm In the School Hall 3.15pm Nature Club	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Chess Club  3.15pm In the School Hall	3.15pm Hartist Club	 Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club	 9am SHINE Assembly For parents in Cherry, Maple & Ginkgo 3.15pm Lego Club
10 th March	11 th March	12 th March	13 th March	14 th March
3.15pm Nature Club	 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	Lunchtime KS1 Hartist Club  3.30pm – 7pm	3.15pm Lego Club



The School Lunch Company/Radish have provided a new menu which will start after half term. This was sent to parents separately last week and is also available on the school website. They 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 £2.40 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***



Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day Menu as advised – please order in the usual way, in advance, via SCOPAY.



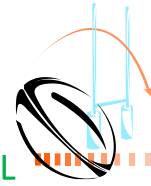
BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS - YEAR 3 BALL SKILLS EVENT

Last week, the Year 3 children attended the Ball Skills event at Burford Secondary School. We did lots of fun events like shooting balls through a hoop and keeping balls up on a parachute. We had a great time!

Miss Nelson

“I loved the parachute because it was fun!” Levi “The year 12s were amazing teaching us!” Emily

“The balls skills was very fun. My favourite part was when we did the races with over and under” Sammy



BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS - U11 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 12th February, a selection of U11 boys and girls went off to Burford Secondary School to take part in the annual *U11 Tag Rugby Tournament*. It was a very close competition with St. Christopher's and a host of other schools finishing with 15 points where we narrowly missed out on 2nd place. A huge well done to all of those involved who gave it their all in icy-cold conditions! Mr Lenton



WEST OXFORDSHIRE U11 GIRLS FOOTBALL FINALS

Due to the success at the Burford Partnership of Schools U11 Girls Football Tournament last term, we were delighted that we qualified to participate in the West Oxfordshire U11 Girls Football Finals last week.

“Recently us 6 girls headed over to Witney U11s girls football final. We had a lot of fun and managed to get into the top 3 but sadly didn't qualify into the next round. That doesn't matter because we still enjoyed it!



Lara, Ivy, Anona, Daisy, Livvy & Lexi



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.

st. Christopher's



Parents' Association



Friday 21st March – Easter Bingo
Thursday 27th March – Spring Disco
Friday 4th July – After School Summer Fete
Friday 26th September – The Grown Ups Quiz
Saturday 17th October – Family Movie Night



TRIP TO
FSC
BISHOPS WOOD

On Friday 7th February, Oak, Willow and Hazel went of on a KS2 trip to Bishops Wood to take part in an outdoor Viking day! We had a fantastic day fire-making, building Viking hunting dens as well as pot making and amulet designing. Whilst a bit chilly at times, we all had an amazing experience and came home with lots more learned about our Term 3 topic.

Oak class trip to Bishop's Wood Centre - Our day started with rowing a Viking long boat and it was very long! There weren't enough of us to fill all the benches. We were taught how to row in time to the beat of a drum which got faster and faster until we all gave up.



We were then introduced to some Viking crafts and learnt how to create a thumb pot from clay and added Rune symbols to them. Next, we made amulets from copper wires and had to set the designs using a hammer. Finally, we learnt how to spin wool using a wooden spinner.



The afternoon was full of den building and making them warm. A great day out, enjoyed by all!

Mrs Timms, Oak Class Teacher

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce 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	All	Max 16	£18.00	24 th Feb & 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st March
Tues	Chess Club Beginners Welcome!	Ms Brown	3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 2 upwards	Max 16 Min 8	£15.00	25 th Feb, 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th March
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 available		
Thurs	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	12.30pm-1pm	KS1	Separate flyer sent separately		
Fri	Lego Club Details below	Mrs Wymbys	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 20	£15.00	28 th Feb, 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th March

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! ☺ Mrs Wymbys

Week 1 - Travel & Transport

Week 2 - Animals

Week 3 - My Home

Week 4 - Castles

Week 5 - Space



This fabulous production is suitable for years 5 and 6. Tickets can be bought via the Burford Secondary School website.

