



## Newsletter

No 10 – 31st January 2025



*Succeed ~  
with perseverance*

*Happy ~*

*with respect & honesty ~*

*Independent ~*

*and courageous ~*

*Nurtured ~*

*with compassion~*

*Excited*

*with teamwork*



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please do take the time to read and understand the letters regarding attendance which have gone out in line with the Burford Partnership of Schools today. I would like to take this opportunity to **celebrate that today we have had 100% attendance. This is incredible!** 😊 As a school we are currently at 95.8% attendance; which is well above national.

As a school we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health next week – Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The children will take part in an assembly and class activities linked to mental health.

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

- ★ Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Ball skills – don't forget St Christopher's PE Kit, snack and water bottle.
- ★ Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 Viking Trip – arrive at school please for 8.15am, returning at approximately 3.45pm traffic dependent. Don't forget packed lunch, snack and water bottle.
- ★ 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.



*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:***



*Lily for fantastic focus in phonics*



*Ronnie for working hard with his independent literacy task.*



*Skyler for amazing work in English.*



*Oliver for always being interested and enthusiastic about his work.*



*Elizabeth for great enthusiasm and language use in English this week*



*Alexander for always completing his work to the highest standard and working hard.*



*Alfie for always being the best he can be at Breakfast Club.*

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



*Quinn for always being on task and great writing and phonics.*



*Harry for bring ready to learn, showing great independence and being a role model to others.*



*Alfie for amazing progress with his writing.*



*Mayra for being polite, kind and helpful.*



*Harriet for huge effort in all areas of learning.*



*Grace for always being the best she can be and setting a good example to the class.*



*Alfie for being helpful and 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:**

*Emily, Henry, Jess, Kion, Luna Rose, Olivia, Emily, Livvy, Lara, Daisy, Seamus  
for*

*showing kindness and patience, for helping others and showing compassion,  
great teamwork with playground leaders*

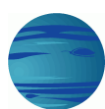


**House Points**



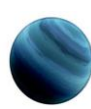
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**78**



**MERCURY**

**94**



**NEPTUNE**









**113**



**SATURN**

**110**

**Diary Dates**

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> February
3.15pm Nature Club	 Hazel Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	U11 Girls West Oxfordshire Football Finals  3.15pm Hartist Club	Burford Partnership of Schools Year 3 Ball Skills	 KS2 Viking Trip 3.15pm Skateboarding Club
10 <sup>th</sup> February	11 <sup>th</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> February	13 <sup>th</sup> February	14 <sup>th</sup> February
3.15pm Nature Club	 Hazel Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	Burford Partnership of Schools U11 Tag Rugby Festival  3.15pm Hartist Club		3.15pm Skateboarding Club
Half Term 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025				
24 <sup>th</sup> February	25 <sup>th</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> February	27 <sup>th</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> February
	 Willow Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	Young Voices Concert Birmingham 		 3.15pm In the School Hall



THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 - Details to follow next term



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** by 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. On the day, we will take part in a range of activities.

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 3.15pm where you will have the opportunity to use your World Book Day token towards a new book. These will be sent home after half term. The school earns commission on the amount raised from the Book Fair so the more you buy, the more we will have to spend on updating the books in our school library and classrooms. Further details, including how to pay via [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and a QR code for your use (this will be a cashless event) to follow nearer the time.



**YOU COULD WIN VOUCHERS  
TO SPEND AT THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**



**DETAILS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**





Children's Mental Health Week  
will take place from 3-9<sup>th</sup> February 2025.  
This year's theme is "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"

**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself** is to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Check out **official free resources** for families [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

**Parenting Smart** Practical advice and tried and tested tips for parents and carers of primary-age children, developed by Place2Be's mental health experts [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)



### BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS INDOOR ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, a selection of St Christopher's children went to take part in the U11 Sportshall Athletics event at Burford. The competition involved several events including speed bounce, over/under relay and 4 x 1 relay.

With such fantastic teamwork and togetherness on display, St Christopher's came a very respectable third place (2 points behind 2nd place!). Well done to all of those involved - you were all amazing!

Mr Lenton, PE Co-ordinator



## SHINE ASSEMBLY

Parents from  
Cherry, Maple & Ginkgo  
are invited to celebrate the week on  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
At 9am



Parents from  
Oak, Willow & Hazel  
are invited to celebrate the week on  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
At 9am