



Newsletter

No 9 – 17th January 2025



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



Dear Parents/Carers, The children have had a busy but fun start to the new term. This week PCSO Moulding came into school to talk to the children in KS2 all about online safety and the use of social media. Cherry Class enjoyed looking at his police van and asking him lots of questions!

Just before the holidays I sent out a link to a parent questionnaire if you could take the time to fill this in it would be appreciated. <https://forms.gle/HRYwPLdGcZmcU2k29>

Please keep an eye on the school website where you will find any updates regarding your children's learning [Our Classes | St Christopher's Church of England School](#)

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

- ★ Tuesdays this term – Hazel Class Swimming – don't forget kit!
- ★ Wednesday 29th January 3.15pm – Year 6 SATS Presentation to Parents & Pupils.



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.



to please advise the school office of any changes to your contact details or circumstances so we can ensure the school records are up to date.



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:


 Woody for amazing phonics and writing

 Reuben has worked independently in all areas of his learning.

 Luna Rose for fantastic focus on her learning and wanting to do extra work at home.


 Olivia for a really positive and great start to the term.


 Izzy for having a great attitude to learning in maths.

 Jacob for being brilliant in his maths.

 Lola for showing independence in her tasks and activities.

The awards this week went to:


 Noah for amazing, independent writing.


 Rupert for his hard work and enthusiasm on English 😊

 Max for fantastic independent writing.

 Jonah for excellent thinking and explaining in science.

 Mimi for an amazing attitude across all subjects.

 Gracie for being the best she can be and building her confidence.

 Rufus for being brave and courageous when he had a fall.

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.



House Points

 **JUPITER**
139

 **MERCURY**
227

 **NEPTUNE**
284

 **SATURN**
240



Diary Dates

20 th January	21 st January	22 nd January	23 rd January	24 th January
3.15pm Nature Club	 Hazel Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Club	3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Skateboarding Club
27 th January	28 th January	29 th January	30 th January	31 st January
Burford Partnership of Schools Indoor Athletics Tournament 3.15pm Nature Club	 Hazel Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Year 6 SATS Presentation to Parents & Pupils 3.15pm Hartist Club	3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Skateboarding Club
3 rd February	4 th February	5 th February	6 th February	7 th 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	3.15pm Skateboarding Club
10 th February	11 th February	12 th February	13 th February	14 th February
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for the academic year 2025/2026 are available on the website.



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 do not allow 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.

PE KITS & UNIFORM

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

May we remind parents to send children to school correctly dressed in school uniform and ready for their daily school work. Uniform promotes a sense of pride and our vision *"to be the best we can be"* in the school and prevents the children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class. Suitable school shoes should be worn (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish, or wear "cat ears" hairbands. Children will need to bring their coats to school as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

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 is back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kits.



School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate. Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. ***We are unable to return items which are not named!***

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.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g asthma, that may require medication e.g inhalers, during school hours, then please send in to school in a clear plastic bag, with a photograph of your child along with a completed medical consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

In accordance with our policy, we are not able to administer non prescribed medicine at school (this includes, calpol, soothers, lip balms etc). Prescribed medicines are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any medicines should be handed to an adult as children must not have unsupervised access to medicines. Further clarification and details can be found in the First Aid & the Management of Medicines in School Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.



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

C6599 Darryn Moulding

cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Telephone 101



CHERRY CLASS VISIT BY



We were delighted to have a visit by our neighbourhood officer C6599 Darryn Moulding this week. The children asked lots of questions and had a great time. As always, they were really well behaved – so no arrests! Phew! 😊



I am very excited to announce the names of our Eco Warriors!

Harry, Leah, Grace, Eden, Zane, Harriet,

Mimi, Luna-Rose, Albie, Oliver, Grace, Matilda

Looking forward to making the world a better place 😊 *Miss Brown, Chief Warrior*



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