



Newsletter

No 8 – 20th December 2024



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am feeling extremely festive and have had a great last week of term. I was blown away with the Nativity and the Carol Concert, as ever the children did us all very proud.

Please could you take a few minutes to complete the parent questionnaire for this term

<https://forms.gle/pTBbAmqHL7maD5by5>

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. See you all bright and early on Tuesday 7th January 2025 for the start of Spring 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

- ★ Tuesday 7th January 2025 – back to school!
- ★ Don't forget to pre-order school dinners a week in advance.
- ★ Tuesday 14th January Hazel Class Swimming, Don't forget your kit!
- ★ Wednesday 15th January 3.15pm – Year 6 Residential Presentation evening to current Year 5 parents and pupils.



BREAKFAST CLUB – from 7.30am - you can book and pay via SCOPAY



AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION - Parents and carers can pre-book sessions a term in advance or book in children on an ad-hoc basis via SCOPAY. Sessions run from 3:15pm to 6:00pm Monday-Thursdays with options of booking in for the whole session or half sessions and from 3.15pm – 4.30pm on Fridays. If you need a last minute space on the day please telephone the school office (not email) to see if space is available.



Happy with Respect & Honesty



"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:


 Evie for amazing reading and writing.


 Seb for brilliant work.

 The whole class for their amazing nativity.


 Sammy for challenging himself in Geography.


 Matilda for hard work and determination in maths.

 Noah for brilliant maths and for welcoming Alexander into our class so well.

 Bella for great teamwork and always being the best she can be at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:


 Autumn for independent writing.

 Esme for always working hard and looking after others in Maple class.

 Grace for excellent work in class.

 Alex for being the best following the school vision and being kind.

 Amelia for quickly becoming a great member of the Willow team!

 Tom for working hard and focused with his work.

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:

Albie, Georgia, Luna Rose Tillie, Madeline, Amber, Zara, Nancy

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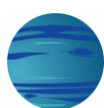
Offering and helping others tidy up, being a good friend, always being kind and making others laugh 😊



House Points



JUPITER
1158



MERCURY
1014



NEPTUNE
1026





SATURN
1023

THE HOUSE WINNERS THIS TERM ARE

 **JUPITER** 



Diary Dates

6 th January	7 th January	8 th January	9 th January	10 th January
	Back to School Term 2 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Club Details will be sent out when received	3.15pm Chess Club	3.15pm Skateboarding Club (TBC)
13 th January	14 th January	15 th January	16 th January	17 th January
3.15pm Nature Club	 Hazel Class - Swimming 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Yr6 Residential Presentation Evening to Year 5 parents & pupils 3.15pm Hartist Club	3.15pm Chess Club	

Clubs for next term were advised in the last newsletter. All newsletters are emailed to parents via notifications@primarysite.net and are available on the school website.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

The admissions process for children due to start Primary School in September 2025 is upon us!

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, please log on to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will find the procedure for starting school. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2025**. If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We dropped off your generous donations this week to Carterton Food Angels and thank you for your support and kindness. We hope this range of foods will help many families at this time. They can be contacted via email at cartertonfoodangels@gmail.com and will deliver food parcels to families in our area.

Mrs Wymbys & Mrs Shutie



THANK YOU

We want to say a big for the very generous donation of time from our parent volunteers this term – you know who you are! Your help is very much appreciated and a valuable resource for the school.

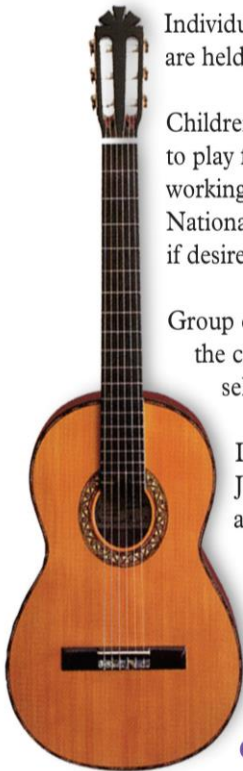


Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



**£165.00 RAISED
THANK YOU**

Learn to play the Guitar at St Christophers CE Primary School



Individual and group lessons are held weekly during term time.

Children have the opportunity to play familiar tunes as well as working towards prestigious National Grade examinations, if desired.

Group concerts are given by the children, helping to boost self-confidence.

Lessons are given by Julia Rowe BA (Hons) MA, an experienced teacher and professional musician.

For more information, please contact:

Guitar.oxford@gmail.com

To enquire about a free taster session, or for more information, please contact:
Guitar.oxford@gmail.com

Catch up with school friends or meet new friends!

Experiment Have Fun! Be Yourself

HARTIST Art Club!

Winter Holiday Art Workshops

Join us this half term for lots of creative fun. Sessions will run for 1 hour 30 minutes and cost £14 per child per session. For more information and to sign up please visit ... www.hartistdesign.com or email HartistArtClub@Outlook.com

Winter Dates

This December!

- Ducklington Village Hall
Sunday 22nd 2024 @ 10:45 - 12:35
Christmas Bunting and Paper Holly Wreath
Ages 5-11 (Primary School Students)
- Windrush CE School Studio
Sunday 22nd 2024 @ 1:15 - 2:45
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Monday 23rd 2024 @ 10:45 - 12:35
Tutor Guided Canvas Painting
Ages 5-11 (Primary School Students)
- Brize Norton Village Hall
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This is a drop off session. All staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.
We look forward to seeing you!

Some of our past amazing creations from talented students!

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We
Wish
you a
**Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**