



Newsletter

No 5 – 8th November 2024

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a super start to this half term - it really feels like Autumn now!

This term we are focusing on being Happy with Respect and Honesty. This morning the children enjoyed a walk to the War memorial in the village where they showed great respect.

I was fortunate enough to go to Pioneer on Wednesday to join the Year 6 children for the day on their residential, I was blown away with the children's respect as well as their perseverance.

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.



Today, the whole school walked to the village memorial to pay their respects, lay wreaths and share prayers.



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:

 Milo for being excited to learn!


 Maple class 'be the best' is Eva. Eva has shown great perseverance and independence with her learning.

 Otilie for really challenging herself and succeeding with her work.


 Elliot for his continuous hard work and his kindness towards his peers.

 Oliver transforming his handwriting through hard work and perseverance.

 Noah for persevering with his writing.


 Anona, Bella and Gracie for great teamwork and nurturing in Breakfast Club.


The awards this week went to:

 Daisy shining in her reading and phonics.

 Maple class is Isabella for showing respect in all areas of her learning and kindness to others.

 Spike for being the best.

 Connor for having a really positive attitude to his learning and doing his best.

 Harriet for being the best in all areas of school life.

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, Daisy, Freddie

For

Persevering and showing the School Vision and values in Crafty Club especially and for listening really well with Playground Leaders, giving up time to help others and being brave.



House Points



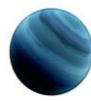
JUPITER

286



MERCURY

199



NEPTUNE

203



SATURN

350

THE HOUSE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE







JUPITER



WITH A TOTAL OF 526



Diary Dates

11 th November	12 th November	13 th November	14 th November	15 th November
3.15pm Nature Club	Burford Partnership U11 Hockey 3.15pm Young Voices Club	open day 9.30am – 11.30am 3.15pm Hartist Art Club		We're supporting  Children In Need Lunchtime Footy Kids 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club  4.30pm Ginkgo & Maple Festival of Light Celebration
18 th November	19 th November	20 th November	21 st November	22 nd November
3.15pm Nature Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	Maple  3.15pm Hartist Art Club	Cherry, Ginkgo, Oak Willow & Hazel 	Lunchtime Footy Kids 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club SCPA Christmas Wreath Making 7-9pm
25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November	29 th November
	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Footy Kids 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club

Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER (MAPLE CLASS) & THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - Booking invitations are being sent out in the next few days via notifications@primariesite.net. Please check your junk! 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 hall 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.



Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 19th December 2024**. The menu will be as printed below. This lunch is always very enjoyable and most children take part. The cook, needs to know numbers in advance so **please book via SCOPAY by Friday 22nd November 2024 at the very latest**. If you book after this date we cannot guarantee a lunch will be made available. Please note there will be no option for jacket potato on this day but brunch bags will be available to order in the usual way.

Menu

Roast Turkey & Chipolata
Vegetarian Option is Quorn Fillet
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Carrots, Peas & Gravy
Chocolate Snow Biscuits

Please note the following changes:

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Spanish Chicken, Rice and Vegetables and Jam Sponge & Custard will be served instead of Roast Gammon.

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 2020 and 31st August 2021, 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.

open day

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024

We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents and pupils a chance to look around our fabulous school on Wednesday 13th November 2024. The headteacher, staff, governors and St Christopher's Parents Association will be on hand to answer any questions. The school will be open to visitors from between 9.30am – 11.30am

Please "spread the word" and if you have friends and colleagues who are unable to make this date and wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.



CHERRY CLASS NEWS



We've had an amazing and busy start Cherry Class have had to St Christopher's!



All the children are showing amazing independence, from coming into the classroom on their own, to selecting and using all our amazing resources independently. The children love our amazing outdoor area with our large construction materials. No two days are the same!

Cherries are already learning Phase 3 phonics, reading and writing. We are secure in our early maths and are now moving on to larger numbers. We have listened to the story of The Good Samaritan and why this story links with our school values. We very much enjoyed performing Big, Red Combine Harvester in our Harvest Festival. We have learnt about Diwali and made colourful Diya lamps, along with learning about firework safety and creating colourful firework pictures. Forest school has been a muddy but creative adventure!

We are very much looking forward to all our Christmas texts and activities as well as performing our first nativity and our trip to see Hurry Up Father Christmas, it will be an exciting term!



 **WILLOW CLASS**

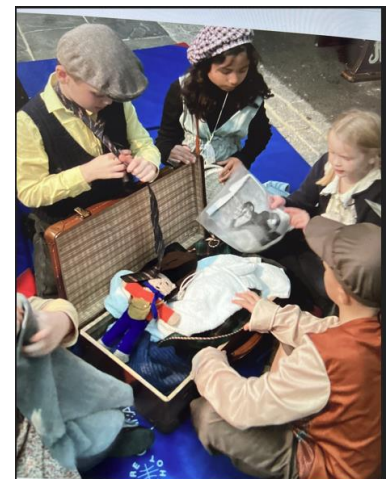
As part of our World War II topic, Willow and Oak class went to the Great Western Railway Museum in Swindon. It was a chance for the children to learn further about their work on the child evacuees and Women's role during World War 2.

The children had a fantastic day out and learnt so much about their topic which was brought to life with some fantastic workshops. Well done both classes for being the best they can be throughout the day! *Mr Lenton*

 **OAK CLASS**

On Tuesday 22nd October Oak class travelled to the wonderful STEAM museum to experience life as a WW2 evacuee. They explored unpacking an evacuee's suitcase and looking at the clothes and toys children and babies wore and the little extras they hid to remind them of home. The children were allowed to handle different styles of gas mask and Connor and Sammy experienced how to operate a baby's gas mask. They climbed aboard the train to take them to the countryside and had to sit with the blackouts down. Gingerbread men and mints were shared on these journeys to try and prevent sickness but for those who did suffer a blue tin bucket was available for mishaps. On arrival our evacuees got off and had to line up to see if the host families would pick them or not. Some of our children were not selected and they had to see if the VWS lady could sort some accommodation for them.

It was a truly authentic experience for the children and they absolutely loved dressing in costume and taking on the role of an evacuee. Well done Oak, a fabulous day out and a great learning experience. *Mrs Timms*





Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

The school health nurses are here to support you and your families every step of the way and each term send out a Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter. Please visit the school website for copies of the newsletters where you will find useful information and links.



I am sure many of you share my concerns about the use of smart phones by children. The following website may be of interest to you: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



This year we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

Children are invited to wear non school uniform with a theme of spots and/or spotty accessories. To donate to this worthwhile cause please visit:

www.justgiving.com/page/st-christophers-ce-school-langford-1730821992170

(No cash please)



st. Christopher's



Parents' Association

6th December – School Disco

7th December – Christmas Fete



REMINDER

SCPA are pleased to present the following events this half term:

- Friday 22nd November - Christmas Wreath Making
 - Nikky from #NoLabels joins us to present an informal and relaxed evening where you will be guided through creating your very own beautiful wreath for your front door! This event is suitable for over 12's and tickets must be purchased in advance
- Friday 6th December - Christmas Disco
 - Our annual children's Christmas Disco! Don your best party outfit and join us for a festive boogie on the St. Christopher's dance floor! Tickets must be purchased in advance (so that we can plan adult support and snacks).
 - This day will also act as our non-uniform day to support the Christmas Fete. If you are able we ask classes to bring in the following: Cherry, Maple, Ginkgo - Jam Jar Tombola prizes. Oak, Willow, Hazel - Tombola prizes
- Saturday 7th December - St. Christopher's School Christmas Fete
 - Join us for old favourites including Santa's Grotto*, Tombola and Jam Jar Tombola and new additions like our Christmas Craft Table*. Our Cafe will be open and will, for the first time, be serving Mulled Wine and Cider to keep out the cold. Entry to this event is free. Tickets for items marked with a * must be purchased in advance

For more information or to purchase your tickets, please click [here](#).



★ YEAR 6 ★

The Year 6 children have had a fantastic week on their residential at The Pioneer Centre enjoying climbing, caving, abseiling, archery and lots of other exciting activities. They have all demonstrated our School Vision of “being the best that we can be for ourselves and others” which has enabled them to SHINE.

