



Newsletter

No 12 – 20th March 2026




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



Dear Parent/Carers

What a wonderful week we've had celebrating Easter and Spring which will continue next week with the Friday Easter Experience which will be filled with reflection, creativity and sunshine; unless it's raining!

Thank you so much to those parents who came to listen to the singing practice on Wednesday morning; it really was beautiful and our children continue to fill me with joy every time they sing. Our trip to the church will be a special highlight, giving us all a moment to pause and appreciate the true meaning of Easter.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and happy Easter break!  *Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher*

EVERY. MINUTE. MATTERS.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

For our pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Absences may be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer. The Absence Policy is available on the school website. [odst-attendance-policy-2025.pdf](#)

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ABSENCE BEFORE 9AM BY TELEPHONING SCHOOL ON 01367 860318 AND SELECTING OPTION 1 OR 4 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT DOJO OR EMAIL.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 96.5%→



- ★ Starlight Photography will send out class photographs at the beginning of next term.
- ★ Thursday 26th March – SCPA Disco & non uniform
- ★ Monday 13th April – back to school 😊
- ★ Details of clubs next term attached
- ★ Newsletters and School Health Nurse Team Newsletters are available on the school website.



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.



Nurtured with compassion



"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 and the week before went to:



Reggie for great learning and enthusiasm and Ricardo for fabulous phonics



Evie for showing kindness and helping others and to Elijah for working with independence and challenging himself with his learning.



Arthur for sharing his love of reading. Adeline for careful sewing and helping others when they found it tricky.



Emily for superb work in Maths! Bella for amazing Street Dance!



Daisy & Leah for working on and improving relationships with others.



Alex for showing independence in activities and always being the best he can be.

The awards this week went to:



Poppy for fantastic reading and writing.



Daisy for amazing independence with her writing.



Rufus for taking great pride in his writing.



Grace for positive learning all week.



Jonah for working hard and standing up for what's right.

WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO is awarded to one child in the whole school who has gone above and beyond in their learning, reaching high expectations with huge achievement!



EMILY & REGGIE



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, Bethany, Margot, Poppy, Tillie,

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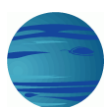
Being kind, showing compassion and being a good Samaritan



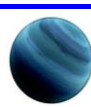
House Points



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MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE HOUSE WINNERS FOR THIS TERM NEXT WEEK





WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Emily was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week for always having a positive attitude and being a good role model. This week it was Reggie for always being the best he can be and putting in great effort into all his learning. A very well done to both of you. Mrs Veeder 😊



Diary Dates

23 rd March	24 th March	25 th March	26 th March	27 th March
R & KS1 Lunchtime Forest School 3.15pm Nature Club	Burford Partnership of Schools Year 4 MFL Day Year 5 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Computer Coding Club	 Easter Service for children and staff at St Matthew's Church Boys Lunchtime Football R & KS1 Lunchtime Lego Club 3.15pm Hartist Club	 Non Uniform	3.15pm Made by Maple Cake Sale
Easter Holidays 30th March – 10th April 2026				
13 th April	14 th April	15 th April	16 th April	17 th April
Back to School Summer Term 				
20 th April	21 st April	22 nd April	23 rd April	24 th April
3.15pm Italian Club		Earth Day Details attached 3.15pm Hartist Club	3.15pm Chess Club	



Parking Around School - Please may we remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking near the school. From time to time we do receive complaints – please help us keep this to a minimum by not blocking drives, gateways, parking on the corner of The Elms and keeping clear of the zig-zag lines. As previously advised, the Police do monitor the parking situation and you may be fined if you are not parking safely.



cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or Telephone 101



SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE SUMMER TERM

After the Easter break hopefully the weather will be warm and sunny and, therefore, children will be welcome to wear "summer uniform" i.e:-

- Children may wear black/grey/navy shorts
- Children may wear blue gingham dresses or black/grey/navy pedal pushers
- Shoes – open toe or backless shoes are NOT permitted due to health and safety
- Sun cream, sun hats/baseball caps are recommended.

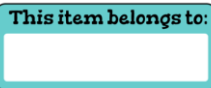


... and a raincoat for the showers!

It will soon be that time of year when you may need to be topping up or ordering new uniform. This can be ordered from



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



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.



Here's a quick reminder to our First Aid & Management of Medicines School Policy with regard to sunscreen:

"Sun screen can come in to school as long as it is clearly labelled with the pupil's name and the pupil can apply the cream for themselves. Pupils must not share sun screen."



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.

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS - YEAR 4 DANCE FESTIVAL



Last week the Year 4 children had a fantastic time at the Burford Partnership of Schools Year 4 Dance Festival, where Step2 taught us all some very cool moves along with the Burford School leaders. Mrs Evans

"It was great and now I'm a better dancer" Arlo "I loved the helicopter" Olivia

"I liked the Street Dance because I learnt new moves that I did not know. It's fun, exciting and AMAZING! I loved it!" Ashleigh

"The helicopter was the best. It was the best dance in Burford ever" Alex

"I liked everything but my favourite was doing the very end part of the dance" Jasper

"I thought it was good because I got to see my friends and learn new moves" Levi

"It was really nice and I really liked Street Dance and I want to do it again. It was the best I can do at home! I liked performing to an audience" Bella

"I loved the Street Dance because we were all in one big community" Emily





Radish 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 £2.70 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.*** It might be a good idea, if you know, to book for the rest of the term! Please order, and pay if appropriate, via SCOPAY. The menu is available on the school website.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – are available to pupils whose parents or carers are in receipt of certain benefits. Please click the link for more information. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schools/school/school-meals>



All Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. We would like to remind everyone that only fruit or vegetables may be brought in for a snack. 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 will not be allowing 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.



The school bus service is provided directly by Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for the bus contract – not the school. Below are the contact details for The Home to School Transport Team. If you experience any problems with the bus service provided we would be grateful if you could report them directly to the Transport Team.

TEL: 01865 519 800 – OPTION 2

School Council



Pancake Races



The School Council organised our second Pancake Race on Wednesday 4th March. Children raced in their house teams, starting with our youngest pupils and finishing with our Year 6 children. The number of pancake flips depended on age, with our Year 6 pupils completing an impressive six flips before reaching the finish line. Everyone took part with great enthusiasm and energy, cheering on their teammates throughout the event. In first place was

JUPITER



MRS TIMMS & THE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Maple & Ginkgo



Visit by Carterton Fire Service

Maple and Ginkgo Class were delighted to welcome John and Connor from Carterton Fire Brigade for a special visit. The children had a wonderful morning learning about the vital work firefighters do and discovering the equipment they use to keep people safe. This visit linked perfectly with our history learning about the Great Fire of London, helping the children to compare how fires were fought in the past with the modern techniques used today. We would like to say a big thank you to John and Connor for such an engaging and informative visit. *Mrs Wymbs & Mrs Timms*



Eco Warrior's Newsletter

Get Ready for Earth Day – Wednesday 22nd April 2026!

We have been very busy planning some exciting activities to help our school community celebrate **Earth Day** and raise awareness about how we can all help to protect our planet.

Here's what we have planned and how your child can get involved:

Wear Green for the Day

We would love all children to come to school dressed in green to show their support for our environment. We will also be setting up a **JustGiving page** to raise money for an environmental activity linked to our Earth Day celebrations. More details will be shared soon.

Special Earth Day Lessons

Each class will take part in a dedicated **Earth Day lesson**, where children will learn more about caring for the planet and how small actions can make a big difference.

Lunchtime Litter Pick

Children will take part in a whole-school litter pick to help keep our school grounds clean and tidy.

Bring a 'Greenest Lunch' Packed Lunch

If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, please try to make it as environmentally friendly as possible by:

- Avoiding single-use plastic
- Using reusable containers or bottles
- Choosing healthy food options

Switch Off Challenge

Each class will take part in a **minimum one-hour electricity-free challenge!**

Our class *Eco Warriors* will help monitor how long their class can go without turning on lights, screens or other electrical equipment.

Winning Prize!

The class that manages to go the **longest without using electricity** will win a special reward, a **non-school uniform day on Friday 24th April 2026**


After-School Healthy Cake Sale

We will be holding a **healthy (as possible!) cake sale after school** to raise money for our school eco projects and resources.

Please remember to **bring cash** if you would like to support this.

Parent Volunteers Needed

If you are an **Eco Warrior parent** and are able to help with our Earth Day activities or the cake sale, please get in touch with **Miss Brown** — your support would be greatly appreciated!

- We are really looking forward to a fun and meaningful day of learning, teamwork and caring for our planet. Thank you for your continued support in helping make Earth Day a success! 



Clubs

We will be offering a few clubs after the Easter holidays. 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	Italian Club	Mr Jackson	3.15pm-4.15pm	Rec Yr 1 & 2 & 3	Max 10	£12.00	20 th , 27 th April 11 th & 18 th May
Thurs	Chess Club	Ms Brown	3.15pm-4.15pm	KS2	Max 12	£12.00	23 rd , 30 th April 7 th & 14 th May
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 will be sent when received.		



We are looking forward to welcoming Footykids to school next week as part of our PE Curriculum. They are planning to start a lunch time club in June. Details to follow separately.

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!



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.



Instead of bringing in cakes, chocolates or sweets to celebrate your child's birthday we would kindly 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.