



## Newsletter

No 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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



Dear Parents/Carers

We have just finished this week's 'be the best' assembly - it is always lovely to share achievements and successes as a school family, the children always look so proud of themselves and others.

Just a little reminder that everyone is welcome to the informal parent forum on Monday at 2.3pm for a chance to reflect upon our school vision. This will not be the right platform to voice concerns around individual children or classes. My door is always open if you have comments or concerns and if you would like to make an appointment please do call the school office.

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

- ★ Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm – Parent Forum – Everyone welcome!
- ★ Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day
- ★ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – deadline for applying for secondary school places. If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools. Please contact the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council if you have a query.  
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>
- ★ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – ODST INSET Day
- ★ Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – back to school! Don't forget to bring back PE Kit!
- ★ Please see details attached of clubs starting next term. Please make a note of the dates.



*Succeeding with perseverance*



*"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:**

-  Maxi for being great at listening and always being ready to learn.
-  George for being ready to learn and showing enthusiasm with his learning.
-  Bertie for being kind and supportive.
-  Jonah for brilliant retrieval in our RE lesson.
-  Maddie for Being the Best in all aspects!
-  Livvy for amazing work ethic.
-  Tamsin for always being enthusiastic, happy and always being the best she can be at Breakfast Club.

**The awards this week went to:**

-  Fred for always being his best.
-  Tillie for succeeding with independence in all areas of her learning. 😊
-  Albie for fantastic writing and brilliant maths.
-  Bella for her hard work and enthusiasm in daily maths lessons.
-  Henry for transforming his handwriting!
-  Ivy for always being the best in everything and a good example to others.
-  Woody for being happy and independent 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:  
Ivy, Lexi, Noah, Seamus, Leah, Matilda  
For**

**Being the best at Playground Leaders, being a great friend and making me laugh,  
always being polite and helpful and always SHINING!**



**House Points**



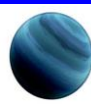
**JUPITER**

**75**



**MERCURY**

**80**



**NEPTUNE**

**87**







**SATURN**

**73**



# Diary Dates

21 <sup>st</sup> October	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	24 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October
2.30pm Parent Forum Everyone Welcome!  3.15pm Nature Club	 Oak & Willow Trip to STEAM  3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		 INSET DAY!
28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Half Term				
4 <sup>th</sup> November	5 <sup>th</sup> November	6 <sup>th</sup> November	7 <sup>th</sup> November	8 <sup>th</sup> November
 INSET DAY!  Year 6 Residential All week	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club	3.15pm Chess Club  3.15pm Sign Language Club	Lunchtime Footy Kids  2.30pm Forces Club Parents  3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club  NEW TIMES: ASP from 3.15pm – 4.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> November	13 <sup>th</sup> November	14 <sup>th</sup> November	15 <sup>th</sup> November
Burford Partnership U11 Hockey  3.15pm Nature Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	 open day 9.30am – 11.30am  3.15pm Hartist Art Club	3.15pm Chess Club  3.15pm Sign Language Club	Lunchtime Footy Kids  3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club

 Parents' Evening

**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 2.30pm – 8pm**  
Booking details to follow next term



# CAMHS

**Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Service**

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[Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service \(CAMHS\)](#) provides essential support for children and young people struggling with emotional, behavioural, or mental health issues. CAMHS offers a range of services and work closely with families to ensure that children receive the care they need, whether it's through therapy, counselling, or crisis intervention. Their goal is to help young people navigate their challenges and improve their overall well-being.

[Oxfordshire CAMHS](#) offers a single point of access for parents/carers, who have concerns around mental health:

**CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPA): 01865902515**



## BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 20 children from key stage 2 set off to Bampton Sports Ground to take part in the U9 & U11 Cross Country Competition. All St Christopher's competitors gave it their all with the U11 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup>, U11 Girls - 5<sup>th</sup>, U9 Boys - 3<sup>rd</sup> and U9 Girls - 7<sup>th</sup>. All had an amazing morning with everyone being the best they could be! A huge well done to everyone involved!



### U11 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, the U11 Boys and U11 Girls team went off to Carterton Community College to take part in the Burford Partnership U11 football tournament. With some incredibly close matches for the boys, they managed a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place - well done boys! The girls got on slightly better and ended up as winners! They conceded 0 goals throughout the whole tournament and won 6-0 in the final and now go on to the West Witney Finals. Well done to both teams - you were great role models for the school!

*Mr Lenton, PE Co-ordinator*

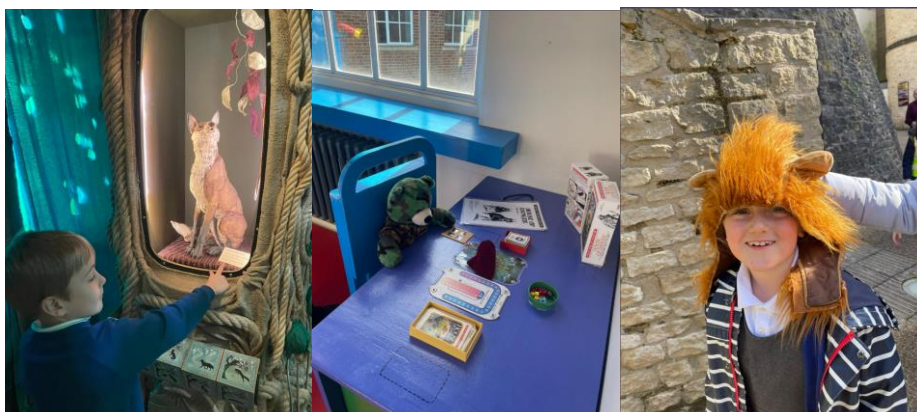
# FORCES CLUB

Our Key stage 2 Forces children recently attended a trip to The Story Museum in Oxford as part of a project on supporting schools with service children.

The children had great fun being guided through the many rooms and exploring the different stories from ancient myths to modern day books. After lunch we were then taken on a guided City story walk, where we explored the wonders of the book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C S Lewis. We were shown the famous Lamppost used to help create the story.

Overall it was a fantastic day had by all! And we look forward to the next one!

**Miss Nelson**



# Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce a few clubs after half term. 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	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£12.00	11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
Tues	Young Voices Club	Mrs Viner	3.15pm-4.15pm	Years 4, 5, 6	Continues for pupils already signed up		5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
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 to follow when available		
Thurs	Chess Club	Ms Brown	3.15pm-4.15pm	KS2	Max 16 Min 8	£12.00	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Thurs	Sign Language Club	Miss Winstanley	3.15pm-4.15pm	Year 1 To Year 6	Max 15	£12.00	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Fri	Footy Kids	Footy Kids	Lunchtime	Age 5 - 11	Continues from last term 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> November 6 <sup>th</sup> December To register your child, <a href="http://www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids">www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids</a>		
Fri	Skateboarding Club	Broken Boards	3.15pm-4.15pm	Details and booking info to follow once received Starts Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024			

## 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!



Just a quick reminder that 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 if you are picking up from After School Provision but please be aware of the work vehicles.



# open day

WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

The school will be open to visitors from  
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.

**AGES 4-17**

**AVOCADO TALENT** **SEEKING NEW TALENT**

## OPEN AUDITIONS

**WHO** CHILDREN'S TALENT AGENCY IS LOOKING FOR CONFIDENT KIDS WHO LOVE TO PERFORM. INTERESTED IN WORKING IN TV, FILM, ADVERTS & WEST END.

**WHERE** GLYME HALL  
BURFORD RD, CHIPPING NORTON OX7 5DZ

**WHEN** SUNDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER  
STARTING 9:00 AM


**HOW** **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
VIA QR CODE OR AT  
[bit.ly/avoaud](http://bit.ly/avoaud)



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**OCTOBER HALF TERM**

### WONDERFUL WELLBEING RETREAT

*For Children*

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER  
**PLACE:** ELDERBANK HALL, STATION RD, BRIZE NORTON  
**TIME:** 9.30AM - 2.30PM  
**AGE RANGE:** 4-11 YEAR OLDS  
**PRICE:** £50.00

Yoga and meditation with Felicity Baker - Primary PE Specialist

Nature craft, sensory play, and mindfulness with Claire from Nature Makers

Celebrating our Uniqueness through art and mindset activities with Rebecca from Mighty Me - Life Coaching for Children

Bookings can be made below:  
<https://www.nature-makers.co.uk/oxfordshire-west>



We would like to say a MASSIVE



TO



MISS WINFIELD AND HER WORK COLLEAGUES



For giving up their time and for being brilliant! The pond looks AMAZING!





# Little Faringdon's Guy Fawkes Night

Friday, 1st of November 2024

**Gates Open at 6.30pm**

Tickets sold at the gate  
£5.00 for adults and £2.50 for Children

The children's stand for treats, sweets, hot chocolate and soft drinks

The adult stand serving mulled wine, beer and soft drinks

The food stand serving hotdogs & burgers

Music and a charity raffle

Entrance and stalls will accept contactless and cash. Contactless Preferred

All proceeds go to local charities

**FREE PARKING & TOILETS PROVIDED**