



## Newsletter

No 3 – 4<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 had another fabulous week - we started the week by discussing 'perseverance' and the importance of never giving up! On Wednesday we held our Harvest Festival where we welcomed our new Vicar into school, Reverend Dennis Stamps. The children performed with such courage and pride - Reverend Stamps commented that he had "never seen such an inspirational Harvest Festival" (The Year 6 rap was very impressive!)

Please keep an eye on the school website for updates with your child's learning. [Our Classes | St Christopher's Church of England School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.st-christophers.oxon.sch.uk)

As ever my door is always open so please do book a meeting via the school office if you would like to have a chat. 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 7<sup>th</sup> October** - School Photographs were sent home recently. Please order by this date online to receive free delivery to school. You will be able to order online after this date but will be charged for delivery.
- ★ **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – the School Nurse Team will be visiting for influenza vaccinations. If you have not already done so it is important that you first read the information in the the [Flu Leaflet Child flu vaccine - NHS](#) which includes details about the programme and the small number of children who may not be able to have the nasal spray. Due to the checking process required please follow the steps below at least one full school day before the session to ensure your child can be vaccinated at school. Community clinics will be available across the county if your child has not been vaccinated in the school.
  1. Then **Click** the link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>
  2. **Enter** the Unique School Code OX141816
  3. **Complete** the form (one per child). Please complete even if you are REFUSING the vaccination.
- ★ **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm** – Parent Forum – Everyone welcome!



*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:**



Quinn for having a great attitude to learning.



Tamsin for always challenging herself with her learning.



Ralph for always being the best in every learning activity.



Alex for marvellous maths and amazing art.



Ilse for great work in Spanish - particularly speaking!



Gracie for contributing to class discussions and always working hard with everything she does.



Mason for being nurturing and caring to the younger children at Breakfast Club.

**The awards this week went to:**



Poppy for being enthusiastic about everything!



Harry for sharing amazing maths 😊



Georgia for always challenging herself.



Oliver for his enthusiasm to learn and a constant desire to be curious.



James for being a confidence speaker in class.



Lexi for persevering and always approaching tasks with positivity.

**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:**

**Amelia, Jude, Leah, Noah, Evan, Tamsin, Matilda, Summer**

**For**

**Being kind, a good friend, for helping and cheering others up and for being a good Samaritan!  
Helping others during a puddly playtime, always listening and doing what is ask at Craft Club.**



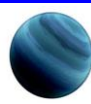
**House Points**



**JUPITER**



**MERCURY**



**NEPTUNE**


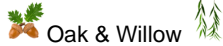




**SATURN**

**Watch this space!**



# Diary Dates

7 <sup>th</sup> October	8 <sup>th</sup> October	9 <sup>th</sup> October	10 <sup>th</sup> October	11 <sup>th</sup> October
3.15pm Nature Club	 Whole School Flu Vaccinations 3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
14 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October	16 <sup>th</sup> October	17 <sup>th</sup> October	18 <sup>th</sup> October
Burford Partnership Football 3.15pm Nature Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club		Lunchtime Girls Football Club Lunchtime Footy Kids 3.15pm Broken Boards Skateboarding Club
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		
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
 Year 6 Residential All week	3.15pm Young Voices Club			Lunchtime Footy Kids ASP from 3.15pm – 4.30pm



## AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Please note that with effect from the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 After School Provision sessions on Fridays will only be available from 3.15pm – 4.30pm. You will no longer be able to book from 4.30pm – 6pm on a Friday.

Session times:

Mondays, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

3.15pm – 4.30pm or 3.15pm – 6pm

Fridays

3.15pm – 4.30pm.



One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things. The greatest illusion," said the mole, "is that life should be perfect.

Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can.

We often wait for kindness...but being kind to yourself can start now.

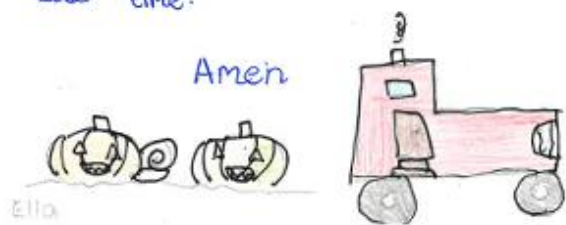
# Harvest

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Reverend Stamps to St Christopher's for our harvest celebration.

Dear God  
Thank you for the farmers and the  
crops that grow  
please help us to notice that we can  
all be together under the Autumn  
sky.  
Help us to say goodbye to summer  
until next year and say hello to  
Autumn and be excited for what's  
coming.  
Thank you for the pretty coloured  
leaves and all the pumpkin pie can't  
wait for halloween we will have the  
best time.  
Amen



Harvest Art By Grace



Harvest Poem by Ella



Hedgehog Bird Feeders  
by Nature Club



Oak Class - Autumn Leaves



for all the generous donations for the local food banks.





At our school we have a spirituality garden that we would like to maintain as a beautiful space for children to reflect and pray. We are, therefore, requesting donations of daffodil bulbs and crocus bulbs to flourish next spring.

Please drop off at the school office and thank you for your support.



### Save the Date

The SCPA team have a fun filled festive schedule for all the family to enjoy. Tickets will be on sale shortly but please save the date!

#### Friday 22nd November:

Christmas Wreath making (suitable for 12 years +) 7-9pm

#### Friday 6th December:

Christmas Disco & Non Uniform Day  
(Cherry, Maple & Ginkgo 2:15pm-3:15pm  
Oak, Willow & Hazel 3:15pm - 4:15pm)

#### Saturday 7th December:

St Christopher's CE School Christmas Fete 11am-3pm

Contact: [stchristophers.scpa@gmail.com](mailto:stchristophers.scpa@gmail.com)

## 3 DAY MUSICAL MAYHEM

at Carterton Community  
Centre

Join us at Carterton Community Centre for this Halloween themed musical workshop, brought to you by The Theatre Chipping Norton!

For 7 - 11 year olds who want to sing, dance and act the holiday away...

When:  
Monday 28th Oct -  
Wednesday 30th Oct  
10am - 1pm

Book now for £78.50

Financial assistance is available through the Tony and Judith Yarrow Bursaries, please contact 01608 649112.



Book Now: 01608 642350  
[www.chippingnortontheatre.com/holiday-workshops](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com/holiday-workshops)  
Take Part is sponsored by Gallagher Developments Ltd

**TAKE  
PART**  
WITH THE THEATRE  
CHIPPING NORTON



Join us for a free storytelling  
session with Tony Payne's  
Puppets



11am on Saturday 12th  
October at Carterton Library  
6 Alvescot Road, OX18 3JH



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.