



Newsletter

No 1 – 6th September 2024



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



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have all settled back into school life very quickly after the summer break with fabulous learning happening throughout school. I would like to say just how impressed I have been with the behaviour and attitudes across school this week. During collective worship we have focused on 'being the best we can be' by aiming high and all having great expectations, this is one of our school development priorities this year.

My door is always open and if you would like a meeting please call the school office,

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.

Meet the
TEACHER

3.30PM

Tuesday 10th September – Hazel

Wednesday 11th September- Oak & Willow

Thursday 12th September – Maple & Ginkgo

 Welcome
To Our School

We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents a chance to look around our fabulous school.

If you have friends and colleagues who wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.



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 this week went to:

-  Rupert for being respectful, joining in and having a super start in Cherry!
-  Sol is Maple class 'be the best' for being a role model to others and always following our class rules.
-  Emily for being a good role model and always being the best.
-  Emily for challenging herself in the first lesson of maths this term.
-  Amelia for being a role model following classroom rules.
-  Mason for a really positive first week back in Year 6.



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:

Lily for showing kindness to a friend and to the Whole of Cherry Class for being very brave on their first day at school



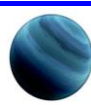
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE








SATURN

Watch this space!



Diary Dates

9 th September	10 th September	11 th September	12 th September	13 th September
	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher  3.15pm Hartist Art Club	Hazel, Willow & Oak Trip 3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	Lunchtime Girls Football Club
16 th September	17 th September	18 th September	19 th September	20 th September
1.30pm OPAL Outdoor Play & Learning Presentation to Parents 3.15pm Nature Club	3.15pm Young Voices Club	3.15pm Hartist Art Club 5pm Cherry Class Phonics, Reading & Maths Information Evening 	School Photos 	Lunchtime Girls Football Club

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

the term dates for this academic year have been slightly amended and the last day of term will now be Friday 18th July 2025 and no INSET on the 2nd June 2025 as advised previously. Please visit the school website [Term Dates | St Christopher's Church of England School \(st-christophers.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://st-christophers.oxon.sch.uk)



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 every school day with options of booking in for the whole session or half sessions. If you need a last minute space on the day please telephone the school office (not email) to see if space is available. When arriving and collecting your child/ren, please come to the main entrance and telephone 07760 344085. A member of staff will then collect your child/ren or bring your child/ren to the entrance, as appropriate.



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 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.



The School Photographer from Starlight Images will be visiting on Thursday 19th September 2024 to take portrait photographs of the children, *individually and with their siblings who are currently at the school, as appropriate.*



Parking Around School - As we are at the start of a new term, 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.



OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER IS
PCSO ALEXANDER GRIFFITH C9674
cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or
Telephone 101

WELL-BEING Mindful Moment

We keep moving forward,
opening new doors,
and doing new things,
because we're curious and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths.




The School Lunch Company will continue to provide our school dinners. There is a choice of hot meal, jacket potato, or a brunch bag (cheese, ham or tuna). These are free of charge for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 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 £2.40 through SCOPAY. **Please note however, that all school dinners will need to be ordered a minimum of a week in advance.** 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. If you do not have your login details please contact the school office. If you are new to the school these will be sent out shortly as we have having a few technical issues!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Children whose parents/carers receive the following support payments may be entitled to receive free school meals and the school may receive extra funding.

- Income support/Employment support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Support under the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit - providing that Working Tax Credit is not included and that the annual income for Tax Credit purposes is within the guideline set for the financial year.

If you feel this applies to you, then please call the school office for an application form.



 All Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. We would like to remind everyone not to bring in unhealthy snacks like rice cakes, winders, yoyos, breakfast bars and more. 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.



Please note that 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 OCC Mainstream Transport Services. If you experience any problems with the bus service provided we would be grateful if you could report them directly to OCC.

Oxfordshire County Council Mainstream Transport Service Tel: 0345 241 2487 option 2

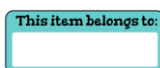
PE KITS & UNIFORM - [PMG Schoolwear - Schools - St Christopher's C of E School - Langford](#)

May we remind parents to send children to school correctly dressed in school uniform and ready for their daily school work. Uniform promotes a sense of pride and our vision *"to be the best we can be"* in the school and prevents the children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class. Suitable school shoes should be worn (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish, or wear "cat ears" hairbands. Children will need to bring their coats to school as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

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 is back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kits. We are now offering a PE Hoodie as part of our PE kit. This can be ordered in the usual way via PMG Schoolwear. Please note that this is for PE only and is not to replace sweatshirts and cardigans.



School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate. Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. **We are unable to return items which are not named!**



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.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g. asthma, that may require medication e.g. inhalers, during school hours, then please send in to school in a clear plastic bag, with a photograph of your child along with a completed medical consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

In accordance with our policy, we are not able to administer non prescribed medicine at school (this includes, calpol, soothers, lip balms etc). Prescribed medicines are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any medicines should be handed to an adult as children must not have unsupervised access to medicines. Further clarification and details can be found in the First Aid & the Management of Medicines in School Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2025

The admissions process for children due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2025 is upon us!

If you have a child currently in **Year 6**, information will have been sent to you but details can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website. The deadline for secondary school places is **31st October 2024**. If you live outside Oxfordshire you will need to apply via your home local authority and not via Oxfordshire County Council. The council will send you a letter about this direct to your home address and your home local authority should also write to you with more information about how to apply.

If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.



PARENTS EVENING
THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2024

We can't wait to share with you your child's/rens learning. Further details we will be advised after half term.



NATIVITY
CHERRY & MAPLE & GINKGO
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024
9AM



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



Young Voices Club

One of the very special things about our school is the quality of the children's singing. We hear this in acts of worship and school performances. We want to build upon this and give children the opportunity to sing as part of a large choir and so we have entered the Young Voices event at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on the 26th February 2025 which brings children together to sing as one large school choir accompanied by a wide range of musicians and artists. More details will follow nearer the time but please be aware that the event finishes at 9pm so by the time we travel back to St Christopher's it will be a very late night!

If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6 and would like to attend this event we are starting a club next week, on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 3.15pm with Mrs Viner, a qualified singing teacher, to learn the songs you will be singing. The spaces are limited to 25 and we expect commitment from your child every week to attend. Please sign up by Friday 13th October 2024. The cost will be £35.00, via SCOPAY, which includes a t-shirt and transport to and from the event.

More details will follow nearer the time.

The largest children's choir concerts in the world!



<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk>

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce a few clubs this 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	Number s	Cost	Dates
Mon	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£18.00	16 th , 23 rd , 30 th September 7 th , 14 th , 21 st October
Mon	Sports Club	Premium Sports	3.15pm-4.15pm	Further details to follow when received.			
Tues	Young Voices Club	Mrs Viner	3.15pm-4.15pm	Years 4, 5, 6	Max 25	£35.00	17 th September – 25 th February 2025
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 11 th , 18 th , 25 th September 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd October		
Fri	Girls Football	Mr Lenton	Lunchtimes	KS2 – Year 3 upwards Max 20	Free – please register on SCOPAY BY THURSDAY 12th September – You will not be able to register after this date		13 th , 20 th , 27 th September 4 th , 11 th , 18 th October
Fri	Skateboarding Club	Broken Boards	3.15pm-4.15pm	Details and booking info to follow once received Confirmation received.			
TBA	Footy Kids	Footy Kids	3.15pm-4.15pm	Age 5 - 11	Further details to follow when received		

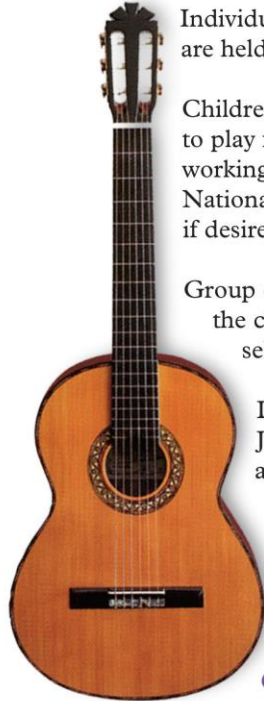
Please note:

- 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.

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.

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