



Newsletter

No 13 – 27th April 2026



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



Dear Parent/Carers

How lovely it is to see the school in the sunshine. The children enjoyed discussing the London Marathon this morning and how it links to our school values of perseverance and teamwork.

On Sunday 10th May we are holding a "Spring Clean" Day and invite you all to come along and help make the school SHINE! Watch this space for a list of jobs coming your way. We would really appreciate any help on this day.

Happy Monday!

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: 96.6%↑



SUNDAY 10TH MAY
10AM – 2PM
EVERYONE WELCOME



As the weather continues to be sunny please ensure your child has a sunhat and sun cream too.



... and a raincoat for the showers!



Excited with teamwork








"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:

-  George for marvellous maths and fantastic maths
-  Rupert for showing respect and kindness to others and being a role model.
-  Alfie for fabulous descriptive writing in his English lessons. Eden for always wanting to do his best and trying his hardest in everything he does.
-  Felix for being a hard-worker and giving his all for the whole week.
-  Matilda for fantastic percentages and maths learning.

The awards this week went to:

-  Bethany for great maths and reading
-  Woody for challenging himself with his learning and being a role model to others.
-  Rupert, for super handwriting and story writing.
-  Luna Rose - For Being the Best in Maths
-  Jonah for going above and beyond to research our debate question and for having clear and concise ideas during the debate. He was also being the best he could be in lessons and challenging himself in PE.
-  Zac for always being the best he can be at Breakfast Club.

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!



SOLOMON & ALFIE & WOODY



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:

Jack, Margot, Oliver, Reuben, Sully

For

Being kind and sitting with me when I fell over, helping others
"blowing my eyes out of their sockets by writing her name using the blocks"!



House Points
CONGRATULATIONS TO








WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Solomon was the WHOLE School Learning Hero at the end of last term for always having a positive attitude to learning but wanting to know more. At the start of term it was Alfie for being enthusiastic and being the best in all his learning and last week it was Woody for always being so focused, engaging and a good role model. A very well done to both of you. Mrs Veeder ☺



Diary Dates

27 th April	28 th April	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May
3.15pm Italian Club	 Year 6 Trip to Junior Citizen	Burford Partnership U9 Tennis Tournament 3.15pm Hartist Club		
4 th May	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May
		3.15pm Hartist Club		
11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May
Year 6 SATS Week				
 Oak Class Workshop 3.15pm Italian Club		3.15pm Hartist Club		

CHEESE!



School Photographs by Starlight Images were sent home last week. For free back-to-school delivery please order by the 6th May 2026. <https://starlightchoice.gotphoto.co.uk/>



THURSDAY 18TH JUNE – 9AM START, FINISHES AT 10AM – DETAILS TO FOLLOW

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U11 SWIMMING GALA



St Christopher's were invited to take part in the annual swimming gala at the end of last term held at Carterton Leisure Centre. The children had some brilliant races and worked well as a team. The girls came 5th overall and the boys came joint 7th. All the children raced extremely well. *Mrs Wiles*

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS YEAR 4 LANGUAGES DAY



Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time at MFL Day at Burford Secondary School on 24th March. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and well-organised day, led brilliantly by the Year 9 student leaders. The children took part in a range of engaging activities across French, German, and Spanish, giving them a great opportunity to explore different languages in a fun and interactive way.

The pupils were enthusiastic throughout and clearly gained a lot from the experience. Emily shared, "I really enjoyed learning some of the body parts in German," while Levi said, "I was good at Spanish because we do it at school." Overall, it was a successful and memorable day that inspired a real interest in languages.

Mr Lenton Year 4 Teacher & MFL Lead



Earth Day



What a wonderful Earth Day we enjoyed at St Christopher's!

The school was a sea of green as pupils and staff embraced the theme, and every classroom took on the impressive challenge of going the entire day without using electricity. As a reward for their efforts, everyone enjoyed coming into school without uniform again on Friday, another treat!

Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of engaging eco-focused lessons, helping to deepen understanding of how we can all care for our planet. Our cake sale was also a great success, raising £112.37. The Eco Warriors are now looking forward to meeting and deciding how best to spend the money on future environmental projects in school.

We are also incredibly proud to share that our JustGiving page has raised an amazing £2,228.00 for The Wildlife Trusts. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support, it truly makes a difference. A huge well done to everyone involved. And remember... every day is Earth Day!

Ms Brown & Eco Warriors