



Newsletter

No 14 – 8th May 2026



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



Dear Parents/Carers

I am really looking forward to seeing lots of you on Sunday for the **BIG SPRING CLEAN!** Please bring along any tools that might help.

Thank you to the artists from CATs who supported our children in creating beautifully designed tiles. The children enjoyed being creative and exploring a different technique.

ADVANCE WARNING – Please note there will be no After School Provision on **MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026** due to staff training and wellbeing.

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%→



Monday 11th May – Year 6 SATS week.

Be the best that you can be,
enjoy the experience
and early to bed!



**SUNDAY 10TH MAY
10AM – 2PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**



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 went to:



Margot for amazing writing.



Lottie for challenging herself in her learning and working hard all day everyday.



Ronnie for showing good leadership skills at playtimes.



Olivia for great work in Maths.



Elliot for a mature attitude and hard work in class.

The awards this week went to:



Matilda for great writing.



Archie for always quietly getting on with his learning so well.



Henry for brilliant imagination in his writing.



Kion for persevering across many subjects.



Ilse for being a great role model.



Daisy for being independent and always SHINING in 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!



GRACE & ELIJAH



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:

Isabella, Oliver, Rosie, Zinnia

For

Helping others and showing determination.



House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE HOUSE WINNERS AT THE END OF TERM











WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Grace was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week for an exceptional week of learning and this week it was Elijah for going above and beyond in his work especially his writing.

A very well done to both of you. Mrs Veeder 😊



Diary Dates

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	U9 Burford Partnership Quad Kids Tournament	3.15pm Hartist Club		
18 th May	19 th May	20 th May	21 st May	22 nd May
 Reception Vision Screening U11 Burford Partnership Quad Kids Tournament 3.15pm Italian Club		3.15pm Hartist Club	 Burford Partnership Year 5 Enrichment Day	
Half Term – 25th – 29th May				
1 st June	2 nd June	3 rd June	4 th June	5 th June
 Inset Day .. school closed to pupils	 Back To School	3.15pm Hartist Club	 3.30pm Presentation by Burford Secondary to Year 4 & 5 Parents	

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U9 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Last week a small group of children from Oak were invited to represent St Christopher's at Wychwood Tennis Club for the Burford Partnership of Schools U9's Tennis festival. *Miss Thomas*



— “I enjoyed all the matches” Luna Rose — “I enjoyed serving the ball” Levi —



FORCES CLUB

St Christopher's were offered a limited number of spaces to attend the RAF Falcons Launch Day 2026 on Thursday 30th April 2026. We were spoilt with some glorious sunshine and blue sky and we had a great time.

Miss Winstanley

"I enjoyed putting the parachute on and seeing all the patterns of smoke. I also enjoyed the landing" Ilse

"I enjoyed it when they did the jump and when I got to go up and do a salute to them and when we got to try the parachute on" Ella



WELL-BEING

Mindful Moment

*We pause, We are present,
Close our eyes and reawaken with an awareness of our breath,
other times we simply pause to reflect on something we are grateful for*

It is Mental Health Awareness week from the 11th – 17th May 2026. The week is organised by the Mental Health Foundation, which has chosen the theme of:

ACTION because while awareness is vital, real change comes when we take action too. Learn more about the theme at <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>



There are some great resources to help parents talk about mental health with their children on this website - [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)



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Talking to your child about online safety:

Talking to your child about online safety is essential because many of them will be using a wide range of technologies in their home environments, even before they start school. It is not always easy to know where to start the NSPCC and Childnet International have some useful advice on this matter.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

Other helpful websites:

<https://www.uswitch.com/mobiles/guides/mobile-phone-safety/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/cyber-security>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/setting-up-your-childs-new-smartphone/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

<https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/First-phone-checklist.pdf>

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/your-childs-first-phone/>

Footy Kids

St Christopher's Primary School



5 WEEK PROGRAMME

Start: Tuesday 9th June

Where: School Field

Time: lunchtime

Cost: £29 Per Child

£19 per sibling after first

To register your child, please visit
www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

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