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Newsletter

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

Dear Parents/Carers, What a busy end to a fantastic term with the children enjoying a focused history week. I have loved hearing all about the titanic, ancient Egypt, history of sport and the history of toys.

It is coming to that time of year when we are all excited to find out about which class the children will be in and who will be the class teacher. All children will find out this information on the 25th June 2026 and not before. On that day the children will enjoy a shuffle up morning with their new class teacher. Please do not ask for this information before this date.

Wishing you all a sunny and enjoyable half term. ☺ 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%→

Please be mindful that teachers are not always able to access Dojo while teaching and supervising their class. If you have an urgent message or need to contact us during the school day, please call the school office directly so that your message can be passed on promptly. Thank you for your understanding and support.

✶ Tuesday 2nd June – back to school! Don't forget to pre-order school lunches a week in advance via SCOPAY. If you do not pre-order we cannot guarantee there will be enough food ordered by the kitchen on the day to provide a meal. Clubs also start – please see attached and check dates as not all clubs are running every week.

✶ Wednesday 3rd June – Bike Checks for children who are training next term - don't forget your bike!

✶ Thursday 4th June 3.30pm Presentation by Burford Secondary School to Year 4 & 5 Parents.

✶ Wednesday 10th June 3.15pm – Burford Secondary School informal chat to Year 6 Parents.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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:

Ottilie for great writing.

Millie is 'be the best' this week for defining what it is to 'be the best for yourself and others'.

Joseph for always being excited about his learning and always wanting to find out more.

Albie for fantastic English work!.

Zane for succeeding in his learning and working hard to be the best he can be at all times.

The awards this week went to:

Zac for great writing on Old Bear Story.

Maya for immersing herself into History week and being a kind friend.

Ginkgo class for all of their splendid efforts in our Ancient Egypt topic week.

Alex for "being the best" all term.

Harriet for great effort and always being a good role model to others.

Alfie for 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!

Reuben & Ottilie

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:
Albie, Finlay, Freyja, Harriet, Oliver, Zara
For
Looking out for for others, joining in and being kind

House Points

THE WINNERS THIS TERM ARE

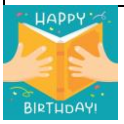
JUPITER

CONGRATULATIONS!

WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Reuben was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week as he has grown with confidence over the year and enjoys all of his learning and this week it is Ottilie for always being her best with her learning and always being kind. A very well done to both of you. Mrs Veeder ☺

1st June	2nd June	3rd June	4th June	5th June
		Year 5 & 6 Cycle Training Checks As advised 3.15pm Hartist Club	3.30pm Presentation by Burford Secondary to Year 4 & 5 Parents	KS2 Lunchtime Rounders
8th June	**9th June**	**10th June**	**11th June**	**12th June**
U11 Burford Partnership Quad Kids Tournament (new date)	Lunchtime Footykids Club	3.15pm Hartist Club 3.15pm Year 6 Informal Chat with Burford Secondary school		Burford Partnership of Schools Dynamo Cricket KS2 Lunchtime Rounders
15th June	**16th June**	**17th June**	**18th June**	**19th June**
	Lunchtime Footykids Club	Willow Class Burford Partnership Festival of Music 3.15pm Hartist Club	9am start Details to follow	St. Christopher's Parents' Association Please see back page for further details KS2 Lunchtime Rounders



Instead of bringing in cakes, chocolates or sweets 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.

OAK CLASS NEWS

Oak Class have had a fantastic Term 5 packed with exciting opportunities and achievements!

In PE, we worked incredibly hard practising for the Quad Kids event, with 10 children selected to go forward and represent the school. We were extremely proud to finish as runners up after showing fantastic teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the competition.

We also enjoyed a wonderful visit from Cotswolds Arts, who came into school to help us create some beautiful tile artwork. The children showed amazing creativity and care, and the finished pieces looked absolutely stunning!

To finish the term in the sweetest way possible, we welcomed Rosie's Chocolate Factory into school for a very special workshop. After putting on our aprons and hair nets, we made our own chocolate bars using moulds and even created chocolate lollies where we had to carefully make an accurate circle shape. The children had an amazing time and learnt lots along the way. A huge thank you to Rosie for making it such a memorable and enjoyable afternoon for Oak Class! *Mr Lenton*

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U9 QUAD KIDS

The U9 children had a fantastic time taking part in the Quad Kids event at Burford School. They competed in a short-distance race, long-distance race, howler throw and standing long jump, showing great determination and teamwork throughout.

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed the event, persevered in every activity and represented the school brilliantly by being the best they could be at all times. Their hard work and positive attitude helped them achieve a very respectable second place overall.

Well done to all the children involved! *Mr Lenton, Oak Class Teacher*

WILLOW & OAK

ARE PROUD TO PRESENT:

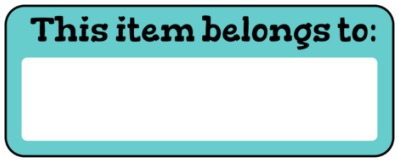
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY & THURSDAY 9TH JULY
CHILDREN TO ARRIVE AT 5.45PM, STARTS AT 6PM
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEXT TERM

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St Christopher's uniform is provided by PMG Schoolwear. If you wish to purchase uniform this can be done at the Faringdon Store. You will need an appointment, which can be booked online.

For those parents who are unable to attend in Faringdon, you can order uniform online at www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk

If you wish to purchase uniform to arrive ready for the new term in September the cut off date is 12th August



Please ensure all uniform, water bottles, lunch bags and belongings are named so we can return to you quickly if they are misplaced.

Clubs

We will be offering a few clubs after half term. Please see dates and details below. We request a voluntary contribution, where applicable, 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	Chess Club	Ms Brown	Lunchtimes	Year 3 upwards Max 10	Free – Please register on SCOPAY by 5th June. You will not be able to register after this date.		8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th June
Tues	Footykids	Footykids	Lunchtimes	All	Register direct with www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids		9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June & 7th July
Weds	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design www.hartistdesign.com	3.15pm-4.15pm Min 10 Max 20	Year 1 upwards	Separate flyer with details and booking info will be sent when received Booking direct @Hartist_Design@hotmail.com		
Thurs	Kwik Cricket	Mrs Timms Mrs Wymbs	Lunchtimes	Year 1 & 2 Max 20	Free – Please register on SCOPAY by 3rd June – you will not be able to register after this date		4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June & 2nd & 9th July
Fri	Rounders Club	Mr Lenton	Lunchtimes	Year 3 upwards Max 20	Free - Please register on SCOPAY by 4th June – you will not be able to register after this date		5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June & 3rd & 10th July

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!

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.

St. Christopher's

Parents' Association

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

Non School Uniform day

for donations please of

TOMBOLA – KS2

Jam Jars – KS1 & RECEPTION

THANK YOU

THE OM
May
Half Term
Activities
Design a bag
Tuesday 26 May
10-30am-3.30pm
Flowers, Wands & Maypoles
Wednesday 27 May
10-30am-3.30pm
Wonderful Weaving
Thursday 28 May
10.30am-3.30pm
Oxfordshire
Museum
Service
The Oxfordshire Museum
in Woodstock

The Library Oxfordshire
READ to the BEAT
...with a FREE children's reading challenge
at your local Oxfordshire library!
4 July to 5 September 2026
The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.
Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!
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