



Newsletter

No 11 – 9th March 2026



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



Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support with the emergency school closure on Friday.

World Book Day was a huge success; I was blown away with the costumes and truly enjoyed our World Book Day parade in the playground. I know the Reading Café in the Village Hall was enjoyed by the children and the local community. It really did look beautiful and inspired our children to be readers.

Wishing you all a great week – 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: 96.5%↓



WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026

This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's attainment/progress and for you to ask any questions that you may have.

Please respect that slots are for a maximum of ten minutes.

Please come to the main entrance and make your way to Old Oak Class Room where your child's class teacher will be waiting. Your child's books will be available to look at. When the bell is rung at the end of each session please make your way promptly to the main entrance of the school to exit.



Nurtured with compassion



"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:



Alfie for trying hard in all his learning



Noah for showing wonderful perseverance in his learning and being a role model to others



Ronnie for putting the clues together and making a great Reading Detective .



Skyler for being the best he can be.



Oliver for good attitude to learning.



Margot for always SHINING at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:



Due to the emergency school closure on Friday, the awards will now be announced this week.



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!



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:

Lottie, Mayra, Margot

For

Being nurturing to others and helping



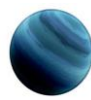
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



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






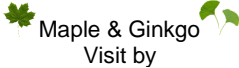


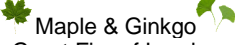







WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Woody was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week for always trying hard in all his learning and being excited to learn. Well done to both of you 😊 Mrs Veeder

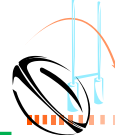


Diary Dates

9 th March	10 th March	11 th March	12 th March	13 th March
<p>R & KS1 Lunchtime Forest School</p> <p>3.15pm Nature Club</p>	<p> Year 5 Willow Class Swimming</p> <p>3.15pm Computer Coding Club</p>	<p>Boys Lunchtime Football</p> <p>R & KS1 Lunchtime Lego Club</p> <p>3.15pm Hartist Club</p> <p></p>	<p>Burford Partnership of Schools Year 4 Dance</p> <p></p> <p> Maple & Ginkgo Visit by Carterton Fire Service</p> <p></p>	
16 th March	17 th March	18 th March	19 th March	20 th March
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23 rd March	24 th March	25 th March	26 th March	27 th March
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U11 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL



Burford School hosted a fantastic Tag rugby tournament. We played four exciting games and showed great determination in every match. There were some brilliant tries scored and some outstanding individual performances. Most importantly, everyone worked hard together, showed excellent teamwork, and supported each other throughout the tournament. We are very proud of the effort and sportsmanship shown by all the players! Mrs Timms



U9 GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

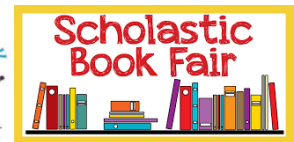


The U9 boys' and girls' football teams from St Christopher's took part in an exciting and competitive tournament this week, enjoying a fantastic afternoon of sport and teamwork.

Both teams played exceptionally well and showed great determination throughout their matches. The boys performed strongly in their group, finishing an impressive second overall. The girls also worked incredibly hard, finishing fifth in their group and demonstrating excellent team spirit and resilience. There were some brilliant individual moments too. Levi proudly shared, "I scored a hat trick." Meanwhile, Emily said, "I had a great time at the tournament."

Most importantly, all of the children represented the school superbly, supported one another and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to everyone involved! ⚽ Mr Lenton





We had such a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day together in school this year. The day began with a whole-school assembly where the excitement was clear to see straight away. The hall was full of colour as children and staff arrived dressed as their favourite book characters, and it was wonderful to see the creativity and effort that had gone into so many brilliant costumes. From classic characters to some more unusual choices, it really felt like the stories we love had come to life.

During the assembly we were also incredibly lucky to be joined by Lauren Grace, an author and one of our very own school parents. Lauren spoke to the children about how a book is created, from the very first idea through to the finished story on the shelf. She explained how many different people are involved in the process, including editors, illustrators and publishers, and shared a little about her own experiences of writing. The children listened so carefully and it was a really inspiring way to begin our day of celebrating books.

After the assembly we headed outside for our World Book Day parade around the school. It was lovely to see everyone proudly showing off their costumes as we walked around together.

Later in the day we opened our Reading Café, which, with the help of the children in Willow Class, was a huge success. The café had such a warm, welcoming atmosphere and it was wonderful to see families sitting together, sharing books and enjoying time reading side by side. Willow Class did a brilliant job helping to run everything and should be very proud of themselves.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special. From the amazing costumes to the families who came along to the Reading Café, it really was a joyful celebration of stories and the love of reading across our school. Lastly, a huge shout out to the staff who helped set up and pack away the Reading Café, and those who stayed to serve tea and cake to our visitors.

Happy World Book Day! Mrs Clark, English Lead



st. Christopher's



Parents' Association

SPRING

DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

Cherry, Maple & Ginkgo 2.15 – 3.15pm

Oak & Willow 3.15pm – 4.15pm

£3.50 per ticket – ON SALE NOW

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stchristopherslangford/>



KIDS QUIZ – Friday 15th May 2026

Details to follow

NON-UNIFORM in exchange for Raffle prizes and Jam Jars – Friday 19th June 2026

SUMMER FETE – Friday 3rd July 2026

Details to follow

We cannot run these events without the support of you, the parents. Every event takes time and effort to organise and prepare, to set up, run and close down. If you can help in any way, please get in touch:

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