



Newsletter

No 17 – 26th June 2026



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



Hello Parents/Carers, Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support during these last few days of extreme heat! I am hoping it cools down a little next week!

Sports Day was a HUGE success and it was wonderful to see so many older children supporting the younger children. I always LOVE the parent races too - thanks for being such great sports!

The children enjoyed the morning with their new class teachers yesterday and I am very excited for the next academic year. Have a wonderful weekend, stay cool!

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%↓



MONDAY 29TH JUNE 2026

We will be supporting Armed Forces Day as a whole school and all the children are welcome to wear green or camouflage to school on this day. The day will be fun filled with activities lead by military personnel.



St. Christopher's



Parents' Association



FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026 - 3.15PM

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:



Toby for amazing writing in literacy.



Oscar for always showing perseverance and resilience in his learning and for being a kind friend.



Henry for a great performance at Sports Day.



Emily for showing a fantastic attitude to learning all week!



Leah got it for her fantastic effort on Sports day and for stepping out of her comfort zone.

The awards this week went to:



George for amazing maths and fantastic ideas in drawing club.



Millie for being the best she can be ALL of the time.



Harry for being a great role model during our Shuffle up morning



ALL OF OAK CLASS - for showing outstanding resilience, positivity and determination while continuing to learn brilliantly throughout this very hot week.



Henry for being an excellent role model and for enthusiasm in preparing for the play.



Ottillie 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!



RICARDO & ESMÈ



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:

Daisy, Elizabeth, Esmé, Grace, Maddie, Myra

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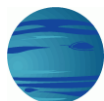
Giving others confidence to sing a solo, checking and helping others, being brave



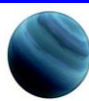
House Points



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MERCURY



NEPTUNE



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









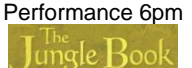









WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

The Learning Hero last week was awarded to Ricardo for going above and beyond during sports day with a big smile on his face. Mrs Timms was really proud of his attitude and this week it was awarded to Esmé for always trying her best, persevering and resilience. A very well done to both of you. Mrs Veeder 😊



Diary Dates

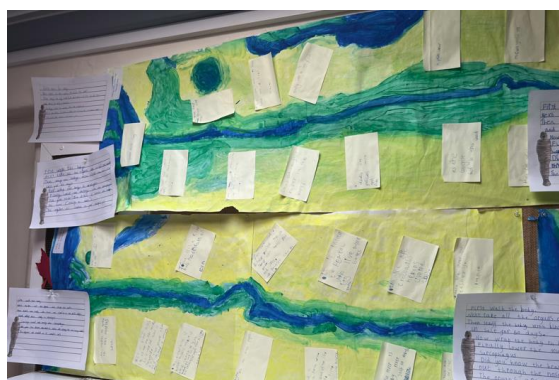
29 th June	30 th June	1 st July	2 nd July	3 rd July
Cycle Training – as advised				
 ARMED FORCES DAY SHOW YOUR SUPPORT Non uniform Green or camouflage Lunchtime Chess Club	Lunchtime Footykids Club	Burford Partnership of Schools Year 2 All Stars Cricket   2.30pm ROCK STEADY Concert 3.15pm Hartist Club	KS1 Lunchtime Kwik Cricket	KS2 Lunchtime Rounders  St. Christopher's Parents' Association Summer Fayre 3.15pm-5pm Everyone Welcome 
6 th July	7 th July	8 th July	9 th July	10 th July
	Lunchtime Footykids Club	3.15pm Hartist Club Willow & Oak Performance 6pm 	KS1 Lunchtime Kwik Cricket Willow & Oak Performance 6pm 	KS2 Lunchtime Rounders  2pm Willow Class Picnic Year 6 School Camp 
13 th July	14 th July	15 th July	16 th July	17 th July
 9am Guitar Assembly to parents & families everyone welcome No After School Provision as advised		Year 6 Leavers Service  9am School Hall		Last day of term 1.30pm finish 
20 th July	21 st July	22 nd July	23 rd July	24 th July
 Inset Day .. school closed to pupils	 School holidays			

Ginkgo Class News

Ginkgo Class had a fantastic Ancient Egypt Week, full of exciting discoveries, creativity and hands-on learning. We started by finding out about the pyramids and how they were built before having a go at constructing our own. The children were fascinated by the River Nile and learned why it was so important to Ancient Egyptian life. They then put their design skills to the test by creating boats to sail on the Nile, with some proving more seaworthy than others! Throughout the week, the children also made canopic jars, learned about the mummification process, decorated sarcophagi using traditional royal colours and created their own chambers filled with hieroglyphics. Their enthusiasm and curiosity shone through in every activity, and they loved sharing their creations and learning with parents at the end of the week.

At the start of this term, Ginkgo Class also took part in an inter-school Quad Kids event, where they enjoyed opportunities to run, jump and throw. We were particularly impressed by some of our talented runners, who really shone throughout the competition. The children had a wonderful time meeting and competing alongside pupils from Burford Primary School, while our fantastic Year 6 Sports Leaders did an outstanding job of organising and running each of the events.

Mrs Timms & Ginkgo Class





CHERRY, MAPLE & GINKGO



SEASIDE WORKSHOP

Cherry, Maple and Ginkgo had a fantastic time stepping back into the past to learn all about seaside holidays long ago!

The children loved climbing aboard and "driving" a traditional charabanc bus, as well as dressing up in old-fashioned bathing costumes.

We discovered what a day at the seaside was like many years ago, learning about donkey rides, popular beach games, and the different ways families captured their special holiday memories before modern cameras and phones.

The children enjoyed comparing seaside holidays from the past with those of today. We talked about how some things have changed a lot over time, while others have stayed surprisingly similar. It was a fun, hands-on experience that brought history to life and sparked lots of curiosity and discussion!

Miss Brown, Mrs Wymbs, Mrs Timms

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS U11 DYNAMOS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

"I had fun at the cricket because we were active all the time and I really enjoyed smacking the ball and hitting those 4s and 6s and shouting Howzat!" *Florence*

"I liked how we were all encouraging each other to try our best and there was a lot of teamwork" *Izzy*

"I liked the cricket because we came 3rd and I got lots of 4s and 6s" *Henry*



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Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

The latest newsletter from the NHS Oxford Health Primary school Health Nursing Team was sent to parents and carers earlier in the term and included the information below. The warmer weather means lots more time outside, and in their last newsletter, they shared a number of useful tips for staying safe in the sun and in the water, [which you can read again here](#).

The newsletters from the Health Nursing Team are available on the school website and provide very useful information and links.

Sun Awareness and Water Safety



As a brief reminder here, you can find in-depth Sun Safety information on the NHS page here: [Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

While you can also access local information from Oxfordshire County Council on staying cool during the heat and heatwaves [by clicking here](#).

And you can find information around water safety from the Royal National Lifeboat Lifeboat Institute here: [Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#) and from the [Drowning Prevention Week website here](#).