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Newsletter

No 18 – 15th July 2026



Succeed ~
with perseverance ~

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

and courageous ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

Excited

with teamwork



Dear Parents/Carers, Wow! what an incredible year we have had again with so much to celebrate. This morning we said goodbye to our Year 6 children and we wish them the best of luck as they start their secondary school journey. May they continue to SHINE.

Every day I feel so proud to be the headteacher of this truly amazing school. We are always looking at ways to improve and would be grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey.

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Happy Holidays! See you in September



Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher



I am sure you will all join us in wishing our Year 6 children good luck at their new Secondary Schools. This year we wave goodbye to:-

Henry	Rosie
Daisy	William
Izzy	James
Elizabeth	Oliver
Florence	Monty
Elena	Matilda
Leah	Woody
Maddie	

We also send our best wishes to all the other children and families who may be moving away, and starting new schools in September ☺
.. and a very fond farewell to;



Mrs Wymbs



as she starts her new job



FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026 – 1.30PM FINISH



THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2026



NEW MENU STARTS IN SEPTEMBER
DON'T FORGET TO ORDER IN ADVANCE
ON MCAS (My Child at School)
FROM 1ST AUGUST 2026



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:



Freya for great writing and independence



Sully for being a kind friend and fantastic computing work.



Harry and Harry, Esme, Isabella, Jack, Emily for re-enacting the Grace Darling life boat rescue at playtime. It was fabulous!



Skyler for respect and enjoyment of the activities during Forces Day



Izzy for her kindness towards the younger children and for being a good role model and support to them.

The awards this week went to:



Reggie, for always being enthusiastic to learn and always being his best



Fred for always being calm and mature with his learning.



Rufus for taking time and care with his presentation.



Ashleigh Pearce for fantastic singing during the Jungle Book performance



Charlie for his amazing effort in the play.



All year 6 children SHINING all year 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!



HOLLIE & ROSIE



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: SCPA, Forest School & Swimming & Library & Music & all the other parent volunteers you know who you are! We really do appreciate you spending precious time at the school and supporting the staff and children.



THE HOUSE WINNERS THIS TERM ARE

NEPTUNE





WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

The Learning Hero last week was awarded to Hollie for showing be the best all of THE time and being a kind friend to adults and children across the school and this week it was awarded to Rosie for putting 100% into everything she does and for generally being a brilliant Year 6 role model. She goes above and beyond.

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



Diary Dates

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				
31 st August	1 st September	2 nd September	3 rd September	4 th September
	 Inset Day .. school closed to pupils	 Inset Day .. school closed to pupils		

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

EVERY. MINUTE. MATTERS.

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:

96.4%↓



The whole school celebrated Armed Forces Day on Monday 29th June 2026 by coming to school in camo and green and having the opportunity to meet Armed Forces Personnel and explore kit, and ask questions, as well as taking part in some agility, problem solving, team building and craft activities. As always, we are most grateful for our Armed Forces Community at St Christopher's.



BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS YEAR 2 ALL STARS CRICKET



Our Year 2 pupils had a wonderful time at the Cricket Festival held at Burford School, enjoying two hours of exciting activities and skill development.

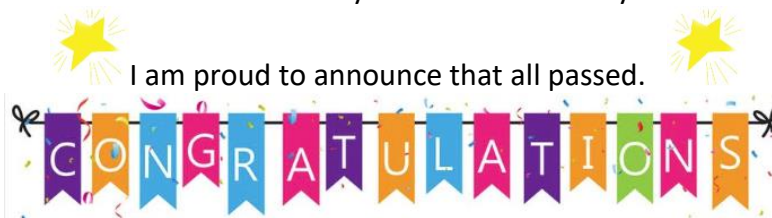
Throughout the morning, the children learned and practised their throwing, bowling and batting techniques, showing great enthusiasm and a fantastic willingness to try every new challenge. They particularly enjoyed working with the Year 12 Sports Leaders, whose encouragement, energy and support helped make the morning both fun and inspiring.

It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to develop new skills, build confidence and experience the enjoyment of cricket in a positive and welcoming environment.

Mrs Timms, Year 2 Teacher, Ginkgo



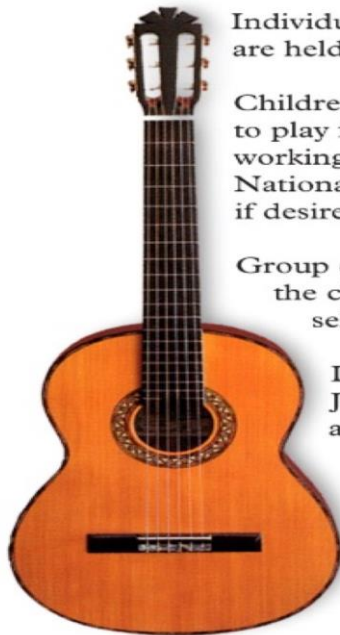
This term some of the Year 5 and 6 children did cycle proficiency training all week which involved developing skills to cope with moving traffic, deal with starting, stopping, left and right turns and overtaking a vehicle, introducing the Highway Code. At the end of the training the children are tested on their knowledge of the Highway Code and a practical cycling test accredited to the DfT National Standard for Cycling by a test examiner from Oxfordshire County Council Road Safety Education Officer.



I am proud to announce that all passed.

Mrs Wiles, Cycling Tutor

Learn to play the Guitar at St Christophers CE Primary School



Individual and group lessons are held weekly during term time.

Children have the opportunity to play familiar tunes as well as working towards prestigious National Grade examinations, if desired.

Group concerts are given by the children, helping to boost self-confidence.

Lessons are given by Julia Rowe BA (Hons) MA, an experienced teacher and professional musician.

To enquire about a free taster lesson, or for more information, please contact: Guitar.oxford@gmail.com

Catch up with school friends or meet new friends!

Experiment Have Fun! Be Yourself

HARTIST Art Club!

Summer Holiday Art Sessions

Windrush Place, Bradwell Village Hall,
Brize Norton Village Hall.

Summer Dates

- 20th July
- 23rd July
- 24th July
- 3rd August
- 4th August
- 7th August

More dates coming soon!

Book Online at www.hartistdesign.com
or email hartistartclub@outlook.com

Join us this Summer
WWW.HARTISTDESIGN.COM

Visit our website for more information on our summer workshops activities.

Staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.



...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!

Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



READ to the BEAT

Carterton Library: Summer Events Calendar

Fun with Fossils with the Oxford University Museum
of Natural History

Friday 31st July at 11am to 12pm

Travels with the Sweet Zombie Horse

Monday 3rd August at 2pm to 3pm

Abingdon & District Model Railway Display

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th

Francesca Gibbons Author Visit

Monday 10th August at 11am to 12pm*

Read to the Beat: Creative Writing Workshop with
Juli Frances Taylor

Thursday 13th August at 10:30am to 11:30am*

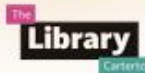
Witney Model & Collectors Club

Saturday 22nd August at 9:30am to 12pm

Lego Robots with RAF STEM Ambassadors

Tuesday 25th August at 10am to 12pm*

*Please note these sessions require booking. Call
01865 815125 or pop in to book.



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CHILDREN & FAMILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Summer 2026

All activities 10am-1pm and 1.30-3.30pm

Tuesday 28 July - Peg People - fairies, knights & witches

Wednesday 29 July - Swords, wands & witch trees

Thursday 30 July - Frames - views of the world

Tuesday 4 August - Clay - make a mythological creature

Wednesday 5 August - Junk modelling

Thursday 6 August - Dream catchers and wool wrapping

Tuesday 11 August - Dragon painting & Dragon eggs

Wednesday 12 August - Garden on a plate

Thursday 13 August - Peg people - fairies, knights & witches

Tuesday 18 August - Dream catchers & wool wrapping

Wednesday 19 August - Swords, wands & crowns

Thursday 20 August - Clay Dragons

Tuesday 25 August - Amulets & Charms

Wednesday 26 August - Junk modelling

Thursday 27 August - Celebration of activities!



Scan for more
info!

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All activities take place at the OM. No need to book - just come along. We
do not charge for activities but donations are gratefully received.

**Oxfordshire
Museum**



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Join magical storyteller Olivia
Armstrong for a storytelling
wander along the highways &
byways of Oxfordshire
Folklore. The stories will draw
upon lore and legends and will
be inclusive, playful and fun!

This is a free activity but
booking is essential.

Saturday 1 August

Session 1	11-11.40am
Session 2	12-12.40pm
Session 3	2-2.40pm

Scan for ticket
booking info!



**Oxfordshire
Museum**