

St Christopher's C E School

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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 super start to a new school year - the children have all settled in very quickly to their new classes and have already been doing some wonderful learning. I would like to say how impressed I am with the behaviour and attitudes across school this week.

A little reminder that the school gates open at 8.40am and learning starts then too! This year we will continue to focus on 'EVERY MINUTE MATTERS', as a school we want to achieve the best for and from your children. Please help us by arriving at school on time.

My door is always open if you would like a meeting please call the school office to book an appointment
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](https://www.st-christophers.oxon.sch.uk/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:

95.8%↓

Meet the TEACHER

3.30PM

Monday 7th September - Mrs Clark, Willow Class
Tuesday 8th September – Mrs Timms, Ginkgo Class
Wednesday 9th September – Mrs Cross, Maple Class
Thursday 10th September – Mr Lenton, Oak Class

Welcome To Our School

We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents a chance to look around our fabulous school.

If you have friends and colleagues who wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.



Succeed with Perseverance



"To be the best we can be for ourselves and others"



This is illustrated by the parable the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-27



"To Be the Best we can be for ourselves and others"

Each week there is a 'BE THE BEST' award for each class. This is a chance to celebrate the children that have followed our school vision and been the best they can be.



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!



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.



House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

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



Diary Dates

Clubs for this term will be advised separately this week.

7 th September	8 th September	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September
3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	3.30pm Meet the Teacher 	
14 th September	15 th September	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September
Year 6 Swimming	Year 6 Swimming 		School Photos 	 Details to follow
21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September
	Year 6 Swimming  St. Christopher's  Parents' Association 8pm AGM Via Teams			



The School Photographer from Starlight Images will be visiting on Thursday 17th September 2026 to take portrait photographs of the children, individually and with their siblings who are currently at the school, as appropriate.



We encourage children to be dropped off in the morning at the gate but do appreciate some mornings it may be necessary for you to accompany your child in to the school grounds.

Don't forget the office is open from 8.30am if you need to drop off/collect items, make an appointment or have any questions.



The school bus service is provided directly by Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for the bus contract – not the school. Below are the contact details for OCC Mainstream Transport Services. If you experience any problems with the bus service provided we would be grateful if you could report them directly to OCC.

Oxfordshire County Council Mainstream Transport Service Tel: 0345 241 2487

WELL-BEING Mindful Moment

We keep moving forward,
opening new doors,
and doing new things,
because we're curious and curiosity
keeps leading us down new paths.



Parking Around School - As we are at the start of a new term, please may we remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking near the school. From time to time we do receive complaints – please help us keep this to a minimum by not blocking drives, gateways, parking on the corner of The Elms and keeping clear of the zig-zag lines. As previously advised, the Police do monitor the parking situation and you may be fined if you are not parking safely.



OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER IS
C6599 DARRYN MOULDING

cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or

Telephone 101



We are excited to let you know that our new catering provider Miquill has had a “tasty” start to the new term. MiQuill offer fresh, locally sourced produce which the children, so far, seem to be enjoying. The choices are main hot, meal/fish or vegetarian e.g pasta/jacket potato or freshly filled rolls. You can view these choices when ordering. A fresh vegetable and fruit salad bar is available daily to all children ordering a meal. If your child has an allergy, medical condition or lifestyle preference, it is imperative you complete the alternative menu form so we can ensure the correct choices are available on MCAS. Please also ensure you book all meals in advance via MCAS which can be booked up until the day before. If you do not order in advance we cannot guarantee there will be enough food. If you are new to the school login details will be sent out shortly as we have having a few technical issues!

Meals are free of charge for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 under the Government’s Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme and if you are eligible for free school meals. For older pupils, these can be purchased at £3.00 via MCAS. You may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support. You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for your child’s school to fund support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. To see if your children can get free school meals contact the office for a form.



All Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. We would like to remind everyone not to bring in unhealthy snacks like rice cakes, winders, yoyos, breakfast bars and more. Sugary snacks don’t keep you going through the day but fruit and vegetables do!



We aim to be a Nut-Free school. We want to protect children who have allergies to nuts. We will not be allowing nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

Cakes made with nuts

Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces. Please let school know if your child has any known or suspected allergies.



BREAKFAST CLUB – from 7.30am - you can book and pay via MCAS.



AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION - Parents and carers can pre-book sessions a term in advance or book in children on an ad-hoc basis via MCAS. Sessions run from 3:15pm to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday with options of booking in for the whole session or half sessions and from 3.15pm to 4.30pm on Fridays. If you need a last minute space on the day please telephone the school office (not email) to see if space is available. When arriving and collecting your child/ren, please come to the main entrance and telephone 07760 344085. A member of staff will then collect your child/ren or bring your child/ren to the entrance, as appropriate.

PE KITS & UNIFORM - [PMG Schoolwear - Schools - St Christopher's C of E School - Langford](#)

May we remind parents to send children to school correctly dressed in school uniform and ready for their school learning. Uniform promotes a sense of pride and our vision “*to be the best we can be*” in the school and prevents the children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class. Suitable school shoes should be worn (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish, or wear “cat ears” hairbands. Children will need to bring their coats to school as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

Children in all classes are expected to have their PE kits in school all week. PE kits should be taken home over the weekend for washing, but please make sure it is back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kits.



School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate. Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. ***We are unable to return items which are not named!***

This item belongs to:

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

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g asthma, that may require medication e.g inhalers, during school hours, then please send in to school in a clear plastic bag, with a photograph of your child along with a completed medical consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

In accordance with our policy, we are not able to administer non prescribed medicine at school (this includes, calpol, soothers, lip balms etc). Prescribed medicines are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any medicines should be handed to an adult as children must not have unsupervised access to medicines. Further clarification and details can be found in the First Aid & the Management of Medicines in School Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.



**OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2027

The admissions process for children due to start primary school or move to secondary school in September 2027 is upon us!

If you have a child currently in **Year 6**, information will have been sent to you but details can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website. The deadline for secondary school places is **31st October 2026**. If you live outside Oxfordshire you will need to apply via your home local authority and not via Oxfordshire County Council. The council will send you a letter about this direct to your home address and your home local authority should also write to you with more information about how to apply.

If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.



Instead of bringing in cakes or chocolates 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.



FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

We are asking children to wear denim jeans or skirt with their St Christopher's top to school if possible on Friday 18th September 2026 in return for donations to Jeans for Genes. Further details and a link for donations will be sent out separately – no cash please. Thank you for your support.

St. Christopher's



Parents' Association

stchristophers.scpa@gmail.com

Welcome back everyone!

Our AGM will be held on 22 September at 8pm via Teams. We'll be sharing a full overview of our fundraising activities and donations for 2025-26, as well as discussing our plans and priorities for 2026-27.

If you'd like to join the team, contribute ideas, or simply learn more about how you can help, please come along. Pop the date in your diary and we'll send a Teams link nearer the time.

In the meantime, you can raise FREE donations for St Christopher's CE School, Langford EVERY time you shop online. Just use easyfundraising! Over 8,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!

