



Newsletter

No 10 – 13th February 2026



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



Dear Parent/Carers,

What an amazing turnout for Breakfast with Books and the SHINE assembly this morning. I hope you all had a wonderful time and were able to see how incredible the children are.

As a school we continue to focus on our school priority which is improving outcomes, focusing on handwriting and spelling. After the half term we will be showing compassion through nurturing and thinking of others.

Have a lovely 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%→



- ★ Monday 23rd February – back to school! and Clubs start – please see attached.
- ★ Tuesday 24th February – Year 5 Willow Class swimming – don't forget your kit!
- ★ Thursday 26th, Friday 27th February, Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd March 3.15pm Scholastic Book Fair Everyone welcome!
- ★ Thursday 5th March - We will be celebrating World Book Day and asking children to come dressed as their favourite book character. **Please do not spend any money on costumes**, instead please recycle and be creative if you can. Reading Café 9.30am-2.30pm Village Hall.
- ★ Friday 6th March 9am – SHINE Assembly – parents in Oak & Willow are welcome to come and celebrate the week.
- ★ Wednesday 11th March – Parents Evening booking details will be sent out after half term.



Independent and Courageous



“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:



Woody S for great phonics and writing



Elijah for great work.



Reuben for listening to feedback and making improvements.



Spike, Luna Rose, Albie and Nancy - For excellent teamwork and positive behaviour when working with pupils from another school.



Florence for excellent effort in her learning.



Ralph for always being the best he can be at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:



Freya for super, phonics, writing and maths



Archie for being kind, considerate and a good friend.



Alfie for trying his best and showing kindness to others.



Skyler for being the best he can be all week.



Connor improving his attitude to learning.

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!



MADDIE & ELIZABETH



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:

Bethany, Charlie, Eva, Hollie, Isabella, Millie, Monty, Oliver, Oscar, Rufus, Tamsin Tillie,
For

Helping others and always being kind, caring and compassionate,



House Points

THE WINNERS THIS TERM ARE:

 **MERCURY** 















WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Maddie was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week for always being happy, smiling and going above and beyond everything she does and this week it was Elizabeth for being proud of who she is and representing the school so brilliantly. Well done to both of you 😊 Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

23 rd February	24 th February	25 th February	26 th February	27 th February
Back to School R & KS1 Lunchtime Forest School 3.15pm Nature Club	 Year 5 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Computer Coding Club	Boys Lunchtime Football R & KS1 Lunchtime Lego Club 3.15pm Hartist Club	R & KS1 Lunchtime Board Games & Jigsaws Club  3.15pm	 3.15pm
2 nd March	3 rd March	4 th March	5 th March	6 th March
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9 th March	10 th March	11 th March	12 th March	13 th March
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Radish have provided a new menu which will start after half term. This was sent to parents separately this week and is also available on the school website. They will continue to provide a choice of a hot meal, jacket potato, or a brunch bag (cheese, ham or tuna). These are free of charge for all children in Year R – 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 £2.70 through SCOPAY. ***Please note however, that all school lunches will need to be ordered a minimum of a week in advance. 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***



Thursday 5th March 2026 – World Book Day Menu as advised – please order in the usual way, in advance, via SCOPAY, by selecting M for hot meal. If you wish your child to have the vegetarian option please select M in the usual way and let the office know.



BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS

INDOOR ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT



St Christopher’s were invited to take part in the Burford Partnership of Schools Indoor Athletics Tournament at Burford Secondary School this term where they competed against the other schools in the partnership and achieved a very respectable 4th place!

“When we went to the indoor athletics it was really fun and we all worked together as a team. I would definitely choose to go again!” Maddie

“I am happy we came 4th!” Elliot

“I enjoyed the athletics. My favourite event was bouncing on the wall on a ramp and it was really fun because I love running” Florence



YEAR 3 BALL SKILLS EVENT

Last week, the Year 3 children attended the Ball Skills event at Burford Secondary School. We did lots of fun events like shooting balls through a hoop, keeping balls up on a parachute, throwing target, balancing on a beam, and a classic game of stuck in the mud! We had a great time!

“I loved all of it especially the parachute” Nancy “I enjoyed playing with the parachute” Albie

“I liked the hoops game” Nova

“I really enjoyed the ball game. It was fun! Mason



We were delighted to welcome Rock Steady Music School into school last week for a fantastic music assembly and workshop. The children had great fun taking part and really enjoyed the experience. We hope the children enjoyed the workshop as much as we did!



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's back in school on Monday morning.

It is not always possible to provide spare kit.



Our NSPCC Number Day on Friday last week was a huge success! The children had a fantastic day immersed in maths through a range of engaging number investigations, problem-solving activities and creative cardiod creating. There was lots of enthusiasm, teamwork and mathematical thinking on show, all while supporting an important cause. A brilliant day of learning, creativity and fun for everyone involved!

Mr Lenton, Maths Co-ordinator



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you are helping to bring back nature.

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Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce a few clubs after half term. Please see dates and details below. We request a voluntary contribution 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	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£15.00	23 rd February, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd March
Mon	Forest School	Miss Best	Lunchtimes this term	Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	Max 16	Free - Please register on SCOPAY before the first session	
Tues	Computer Coding Club	Ms Hamill	3.15pm-4.15pm	KS2	Max 20	£15.00	24 th February, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th March
Weds	Boys Football	Mrs Veeder	Lunchtimes this term	Years 4,5,6	Max 20	Free - Please register on SCOPAY before the first session	
Weds	Lego Club	Miss Best	Lunchtimes this term	Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	Max 16	Free - Please register on SCOPAY before the first session	
Weds	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	3.15pm-4.15pm Min 10 Max 20	Year 1 to Year 6	Separate flyer with details and booking info will be sent when received.		
Thurs	Board Games & Jigsaws	Miss Best	Lunchtimes this term Not the 12 th March	Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	Max 16	Free - Please register on SCOPAY before the first session	

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 if you are picking up from After School Provision but please be aware of the work vehicles.



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITES YOU TO

VISIT OUR READING CAFE

TO CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY

ENJOY TEA AND CAKE AS YOU READ

Langford Village Hall

Thursday 5th March

9.30am - 2.30pm



FREE

SUE PALMER AUTHOR VISIT

SECRETS OF THE SHORE – ROCKING ROCKPOOLS
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY | 10:30AM TO 12PM

Join Sue Palmer as she talks about her coastal adventure story!

Learn about her research for *The Shell Secret*, talk about strange-looking rockpool inhabitants, and view her collection of special shells.

Take part in her coastline quiz, or try your hand at making a beach creature at her craft table.

Suitable for ages 7-12

Limited availability | Book your place by calling 01865 815125



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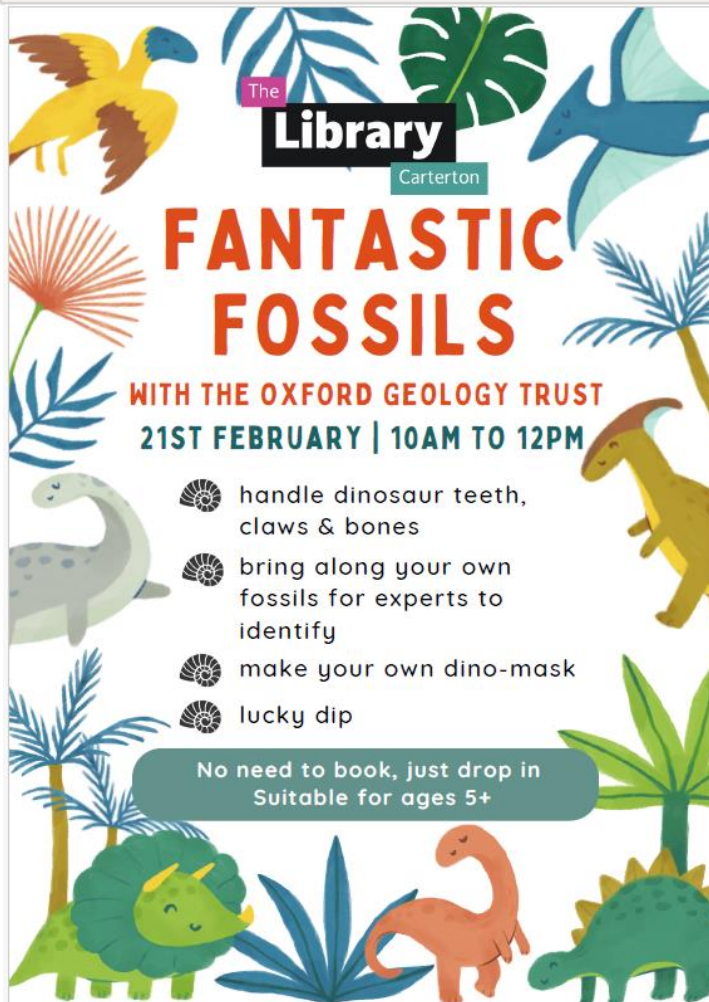
FANTASTIC FOSSILS

WITH THE OXFORD GEOLOGY TRUST

21ST FEBRUARY | 10AM TO 12PM

-  handle dinosaur teeth, claws & bones
-  bring along your own fossils for experts to identify
-  make your own dino-mask
-  lucky dip

No need to book, just drop in
Suitable for ages 5+



February Half Term

STORY MUSEUM

Scan to book 

- Author events: Malorie Blackman, Bethan Woolvin
- Family Theatre Shows: *Two Young Dragons* & *Snow White, Rose Red, Brown Bear*
- Story Explorers: Skills workshop days for 8-12 year olds
- Family workshops: design a video game character!
- Visit the Galleries - Namia, Wonderland & The Story Arcade ...and lots more

Tel:01865 807600 storymuseum.org.uk

1001 Stories

The Story Museum's new online collection

Enhancing Access to Great Stories

1001 Stories is a resource for educators, parents and young people, showcasing The Story Museum's collection of great stories to grow up with.



Every Child
We want every child to see themselves in the stories in our collection

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We track the history of storytelling for children

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We harness the power of stories to support children's learning and wellbeing

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We build the collection alongside story lovers of all ages and abilities

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SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all


Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



 BOOK TICKETS

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THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM February Half Term Activities

Colourful Silhouettes
Tuesday 17 February
10-30am-12.30pm £ 2-4pm

Camouflage Creatures
Wednesday 18 February
10-30am-12.30pm £ 2-4pm

Collage & Create
Thursday 19 February
10.30am-12.30pm £ 2-4pm

 Oxfordshire Museum Service

 Oxfordshire Museum in Woodford



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online
www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

