



Newsletter

No 2 – 18th September 2026



*Succeed ~
with perseverance ~*

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

and courageous ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

Excited

with teamwork



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderfully busy week we have had. It has been great to see the library up and running again, the Year 6 Librarians were super role models with helping the younger children choose their books carefully.

I know the children have really enjoyed their PE sessions with Owen, learning new skills and showing great team work. The children impressed me this week during assembly when we were giving thanks for the harvest.

Happy Friday and Autumn Days.

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:

97.2%↑



★ School Photographs were taken yesterday by Starlight. Details will be sent home early next week via your child's book bag on how to order. Please order as soon as possible to receive free delivery to school.

★ As we transfer over to MCAS it is important that all details are correct and up to date, including phone numbers, address, email, medical needs and permissions. Please update the data collection form and permissions from the left hand side on MCAS. Cherry Class; please complete the Admission form on MCAS if you have not done so already please; this will then be followed by the data collection form. Thank you.



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



Time to SHINE at St Christopher's



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

The awards last week went to:



Sascha for an amazing independent start to Cherry class



Ottillie for always showing school values, always the first ready to learn, and a great role model for the rest of the class.



Eva for great listening and remembering details.



Felix for great learning.



Alex for excellent effort and a brilliant start to Year 5.



Arthur for showing independence at his first week at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:



Amara for shining in cherry class



Reggie for being a superstar with school values and being a fantastic role model.



Seb for his great enthusiasm and participation in the daily maths lessons.



Nancy for being a great role model.



Jonah for great effort and enthusiasm with Year 6 responsibilities.

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!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCHIE & WILLIAM



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:

Oscar, Felix & Tilly

For being so helpful to others, being a good friend and kind



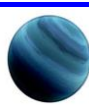
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

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





to **ARCHIE** last week who was the **WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO** for settling in really quickly into the new routines of the class and working hard in all of his lessons. A great start to the new year and this week is **WILLIAM** for working really hard and being a fantastic role model.

Well done ☺

Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September
3.15pm Nature Club	 Year 6 Swimming  8pm AGM Via Teams	3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Footykids 3.15pm Hartist Club		
28 th September	29 th September	30 th September	1 st October	2 nd October
3.15pm Nature Club	 Year 6 Swimming	 Harvest Service for children and staff 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Footykids 3.15pm Hartist Club		Burford Partnership of School  Footykids Lunchtime Club
5 th October	6 th October	7 th October	8 th October	9 th October
3.15pm Nature Club	 Year 6 Swimming	3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Footykids 3.15pm Hartist Club		 Whole School Flu Vaccinations Details to follow Footykids Lunchtime Club



On Wednesday 30th September we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. As part of the Harvest Celebration, we will be supporting the local food banks who provide emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. If you are able to donate a non-perishable item (please ensure it is in date) then boxes will be available in each classroom week beginning the 28th September, with the last collection date of Friday 2nd October 2026. Thank you.



We have been advised by MiQuill that there is change of menu on Thursday 1st October 2026, details will be sent out separately. The choice will be Chicken Nugget Sub or Crunchy Topped Mac n Cheese. This will be instead of the usual main hot meal for this day; Mild Chicken Curry and Pasta. Please order in the usual way on MCAS which will be updated in due course.



As Autumn approaches, the mornings and evenings are getting darker, meaning children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers for pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright clothing, making it easier for other road users to see them.

The good news for schools and families is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers. The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

The Link is: [Footsteps](#)



Childhood is an important time to instil healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's future quality of life and enable them to reach their full potential in education and beyond.



ParentLine Text
07312 263227

School Health Nursing messaging service for parents & carers of children aged 5-11 years attending a State School in Oxfordshire Text: 07312 263227 to message a school health nurse



Talking to your child about online safety is essential because many of them will be using a wide range of technologies in their home environments, even before they start school. It is not always easy to know where to start the NSPCC and Childnet International have some useful advice on this matter.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>



It was great to see the support today for this worthwhile cause. There is still time to donate if you wish via the link below:

www.justgiving.com/page/heather-timms-1



Mrs Timms, Community Co-ordinator



Now the weather is turning autumnal, please could the children bring in to school their coats as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.



PARENTS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026

We can't wait to share with you your child's learning. Further details we will be advised after half term.



NATIVITY

CHERRY & MAPLE & YEAR 2 GINKGO
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER - 9AM



ROCKSTEADY MUSIC CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2.30PM
EVERYONE WELCOME



Please ensure that your child/ren are not on the play equipment when dropping off or collecting from school.



Please also note that the school policy is that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you.

Happy HALLOWEEN KIDS CLUB

CRAFTS **PUMPKIN CARVING** **SPORTS & GAMES**

New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton under Wychwood

30th October

9.30 - 3.00

£30 per child

All proceedings go to **Meningitis Now**

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The Story Museum is registered charity no. 1107809

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open day

FRIDAY

6TH NOVEMBER 2026

The school will be open
to visitors from
9.30am-11.30am

Please “spread the word” and if you have friends and colleagues who are unable to make this date and wish to visit please telephone the school office 01367 860318 to arrange an appointment.