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

WOW!! ATTENDANCE THIS TERM HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE! I would like to thank you all for understanding the importance of attendance and celebrate this wonderful achievement so early on in the term – long may it continue! ☺

We were lucky enough this week to have five volunteers from Audley Travel who came to support us in maintaining the beautiful school grounds. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU from all of us!

Happy Friday! ☺ Mrs Veeder, Executive Headteacher



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

Starting primary school and supporting your child's attendance

Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in primary school

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: 97.8%↑



✶ **Friday 31st October** – deadline for applying for secondary school places. If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools. Please contact the Admissions Team at Oxfordshire County Council if you have a query. https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications

✶ **Monday 2nd November –** ODST INSET Day

✶ **Tuesday 5th November** – back to school! Don't forget to bring back PE Kit and order lunches via MCAS.

✶ Please see details attached of clubs starting next term. Please make a note of the dates.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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:

Arlo for persevering in writing.

Sasha for always trying her best and being independent.

Lily for trying her best all of the time.

Sol for thorough enjoyment of lessons and helping others.

Levi for always working hard and for succeeding in lessons.

Arthur for always SHINING!

The awards this week went to:

Blake for always trying her best.

Ricardo for his super attitude to his learning and for always trying his very best.

Rupert for amazing literacy work.

Albie for going above and beyond with his work with great focus and concentration and challenging himself.

Connor for great effort in class and being the best he 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!



CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRIET & FRED



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:

Archie, George, Lola, Maeve, Nova, Sully, Tamsin, Zac, Zara,

For

Encouraging and kindness to others, being a nurturing friend and being courageous

House Points

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS THIS TERM:



JUPITER



to HARRIET last week who was the WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO for always being the best she can be and for being a brilliant learning role model for children in our school and this week it is FRED for blowing the socks off Mrs Timms by consistently extending his learning.
Well done ☺ *Mrs Veeder*





Diary Dates

19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Stone Age Workshop 3.15pm Nature Club		3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club		Footykids Lunchtime Club
26th – 30th October - Half Term				
2nd November	**3rd November**	**4th November**	**5th November**	**6th November**
	Back to School	3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club	Burford Partnership of Schools U11 Hockey Tournament St. Christopher's Parents' Association Sparklers & Hot Dogs Details to follow 	 9.30am – 11.30am Footykids Lunchtime Club
9th November	**10th November**	**11th Noember**	**12th November**	**13th November**
3.15pm Nature Club	 Year 4 & Year 5	3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club		Footykids Lunchtime Club



WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026 - Booking details to follow after half term.



We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies etc will be available in school if you wish to make a donation.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2027

The admissions process for children due to start Primary School in September 2027 is nearly upon us! Applications can be submitted from 3rd November 2026.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, please log on to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will find the procedure for starting school. The deadline for applications is ***15th January 2027.*** If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.

open day **FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026 -** We are delighted that we are able to offer prospective parents and pupils a chance to look around our fabulous school on Friday 6th November 2026. The headteacher, staff, governors and St Christopher's Parents Association will be on hand to answer any questions. The school will be open to visitors from between 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.

CHERRY CLASS NEWS

Cherry Class have had a wonderful start to the school year!

It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into life at St Christopher's. They are becoming increasingly confident and independent, making choices about their learning and exploring the different areas of our classroom with enthusiasm. Our outdoor provision continues to be a particular favourite, with lots of imaginative play, building, creating and working together.

We have been busy in phonics, completing Phase 2 and beginning to apply our growing knowledge of sounds when reading and writing. The children are developing their confidence as readers and are enjoying sharing books and practising their skills. In maths, we have been building on our understanding of number, exploring counting, comparing quantities, patterns and the different ways we can represent numbers.

We have also been enjoying our RE and wider curriculum learning. The children have explored stories and themes linked to kindness, friendship and helping others, making connections with our school values. We have enjoyed celebrating Diwali, learning about the story of Rama and Sita and creating our own colourful Diva lamps.

Our Forest School sessions have been a real highlight, with plenty of opportunities for the children to get outside, get muddy and develop their confidence through exploring and imaginative play. We have also loved coming together for our Harvest celebrations and seeing the children perform so confidently. There is lots more excitement to come! The children are looking forward to our Christmas activities, their first nativity performance and our trip to see *Honk!*

We are so proud of how well the Cherries have settled and cannot wait to see all they achieve as the year continues.

Ms Brown
Cherry Class Teacher

BURFORD PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS



St Christopher's were invited to participate in the Burford Partnership Cross County event at Bampton Sports Ground. All the children ran their socks off and had an amazing morning with everyone being the best they could be! A huge well done to everyone involved! *Mrs Veeder*



U11 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT On Tuesday the U11 Boys and U11 Girls team went off to Carterton Community College to take part in the Burford Partnership U11 football tournament.
"The football tournament was really fun. I wish I could go again! I liked being a goalie and watching everyone work hard. The girls team were really good even though we had less people. I will always take the chance to do it again!" Harriet







Open to all Pre-school Children
At
ST. Christopher's CE School

Come along with your child/children and enjoy our forest school.
We have mud kitchens, den making, tree climbling, tools and much more.

10am-11.30am
Donation to cover the costs of a snack and drink and any resources used.

Dates this year the first Tuesday of each month in Term time.
3rd November 2026
1st December 2026

Please call the school office to book your place - 01367 860318

NHS
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NHS Foundation Trust

CHILDHOOD FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

If your child was unable to attend when the School Health Nurse Team visited this term and now wish to book an appointment for your child to receive the flu vaccination, you are able to do so at a catch up clinic. Please click the link below for further information and how to book.

I want to book an appointment - Oxfordshire School Aged Immunisation Service

The School Health Nursing team are here to support families and young people and provide a newsletter with some useful information, tips and links. These were sent to parents this term via notifications@primary site and are available on the school website.

Clubs

Please see below dates and details below of clubs taking place after half term. We request a voluntary contribution to help cover resources and staff costs and this can be done via MCAS which can be done when you register.

	Club	Led by	Time	Year Group	Numbers	Cost	Dates
Monday	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£12.00	9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November
Wednesday	Young Voices	Mrs Veeder	3.15pm-4.15pm	Will continue weekly until the performance on the 6th January 2027			
Wednesday	Football Fun Club	Footykids	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Details will be sent separately			
Wednesday	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	3.15pm-4.15pm	Please contact hartistartclub@outlook.com www.hartistdesign.com			

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.



