



Newsletter

No 9 – 30th January 2026



*Succeed ~
with perseverance*

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

and courageous ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

Excited

with teamwork



Dear Parent/Carers

This term we have been focusing on showing courage and being independent. I have seen some great examples of this during lunch and play times with children showing compassion and courage through fantastic teamwork.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 13th February 2026 at Books & Breakfast when we ask you to bring a book to share with your child/ren as well as having some yummy breakfast! You can then stay to enjoy our normal "SHINE" Assembly at 9am.

Happy Friday!

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%↑

NSPCC Number Day 2026

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

As advised, we will be engaging in lots of fun maths activities. If children would like to they can come wearing an item of clothing with a number on (eg sports top or cap) They could even get more creative and come as a human calculator, dice or domino!) Here is the GiftT link/code to make a donation



charity.giftt.tech/stchristopherschurchofenglandschool



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:

 Matilda for a great week of learning

 The whole of Maple Class for always SHINING and great learning.


 Harry for excellent reading.

 Nico fantastic attitude to learning

 Ella for contributing in lessons and challenging herself with her learning.

 Tamsin for always SHINING at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:

 Ayda for trying hard in all her learning and always being kind.

 Autumn for quietly focusing on her fantastic learning.

 Lily-Mae for great effort in all of the work that she does.

 Ralph for exceptional work in maths.

 Monty for phenomenal writing; it is amazing!

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!



WOODY & TILLIE



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:

Amber, Bella, Daisy, Elena, Elizabeth Lola, Luna-Rose, Maddie, Milly, Oliver Poppy, Rosie
For

Being helpful and a respectful and honest friend, always being kind and thoughtful to others,



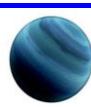
House Points



JUPITER



MERCURY



NEPTUNE



SATURN

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




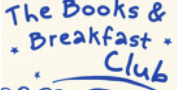





WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Woody was the WHOLE School Learning Hero last week for applying his learning in everything he does! and this week it was Tillie for always being her best, focusing and SHINING with her learning. Well done to both of you 😊 Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

2 nd February	3 rd February	4 th February	5 th February	6 th February
KS2 Lunchtime Forest School 3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm French Club	 Year 6 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Computer Coding Club	Boys Lunchtime Football KS2 Lunchtime Lego Club 3.15pm Hartist Club	Burford Partnership of Schools Year 3 Multi Skills Festival KS2 Lunchtime Board Games & Jigsaws Club	 2.45pm Willow Open Classroom
9 th February	10 th February	11 th February	12 th February	13 th February
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16 th February – 20 th February 2026				
23 rd February	24 th February	25 th February	26 th February	27 th February
Back to School			 3.15pm In the School Hall	 3.15pm In the School Hall



Wednesday 11th March 2026 - booking details will be sent after half term via notifications@primarysite.net



On Friday 16th January 2026 the Young Voices Choir had an unforgettable experience when they travelled to the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham to sing alongside an incredible 6,000 other children. Representing our school with pride, the choir were truly SHINING with confidence, enthusiasm with huge smiles. It was an inspiring day filled with music, teamwork and memories that will last a lifetime – we are so proud of everyone who took part! I would also like to thank Miss Best and Ms Hamill for joining us to share the experience.

Mrs Veeder



Children's Mental Health Week

9-15th February 2026

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "THIS IS MY PLACE"

'This is My Place' is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong. Our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. To know our place and really feel part of our environment is a basic human need. It can have powerful and long-lasting impacts in lots of areas of our lives, including our physical and mental health, education, employment and relationships. When we feel that we belong, it empowers us to contribute to the world and make a real difference.

Check out **official free resources** for families [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Where to Find Help:

- Place2Be – children's mental health resources: [Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week - Official site](https://www.place2be.org.uk)
- Time to Talk Day – [Time To Talk Day - Time To Talk Day](https://www.time2talk.org.uk)
- Childline – for children who want to talk to someone: [Childline | Free counselling service for kids and young people | Childline or 0800 1111](https://www.childline.org.uk)
- Speak to your school nurse, GP or health visitor for advice and support. NHS Primary School Health Nursing Newsletters are sent to parents each term and are available on the school website.

[School Health Nursing Service | St Christopher's Church of England School](https://www.stchristopherschool.org.uk)

The Books & Breakfast Club



Please bring a book and join us for breakfast; don't forget your pennies.

Everyone welcome!



Every Friday we celebrate all the achievements of the week at

SHINE ASSEMBLY

Parents & Families from Cherry, Maple & Ginkgo are invited to celebrate the week on Friday 13th February 2026 at 9am



Parents & Families from Oak & Willow are invited to celebrate the week on Friday 6th March 2026 at 9am



We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair **on Thursday 26th February, Friday 27th February, Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March** at 3.15pm where you will have the opportunity to use your World Book Day token towards a new book. These will be sent home after half term. The school earns commission on the amount raised from the Book Fair so the more you buy, the more we will have to spend on updating the books in our school library and classrooms. Further details, including how to pay via www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay (this will be a cashless event) to follow nearer the time.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2026** by 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. On the day, we will take part in a range of activities.

We also invite all families and friends and the local community to visit our Reading Café on the day at Langford Village Hall from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

More information to come.

Mrs Clark, Literacy Co-ordinator



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



OXFORDSHIRE WE ARE WITH YOU FORUM

JOIN OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY!

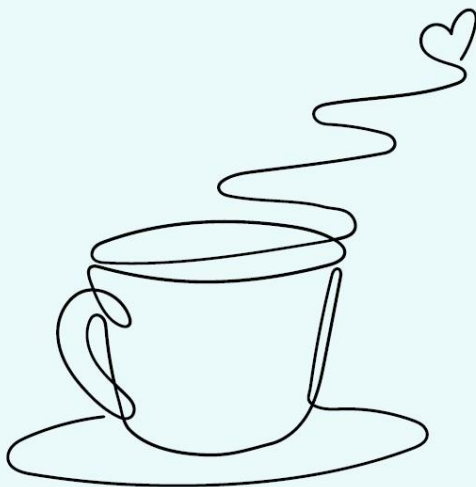
We Walking with You on your Parent/Carer journey
A warm, parent-led group for anyone caring for a child or young adult (up to age 25) facing mental health challenges.

Connect • Share • Learn Join us online or in person for relaxed, insightful sessions led by:

- Parent Peer Support Workers
- Social Prescribers
- CAMHS Mental Health Professionals

Explore topics around mental health and neurodiversity in a safe, welcoming space.

★ **Plus: Special Guest Events** Hear from professionals and services across the field! and getting out in nature.



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THE LINK OR QR :**



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COMING TO BURFORD
SCHOOL
17-21 MARCH 2026

MUSIC AND LYRICS

BY **RICHARD M. SHERMAN**
AND **ROBERT B. SHERMAN**

Music by Special Arrangement
with Sony/ATV Publishing



Burford
Festival

Tickets are on sale here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/burford-school/e-eroqgm>
and cost £16 for the evening shows and £10 for the matinee.