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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 lovely first week back to the term. It's been beautiful to see the autumnal colours and the children enjoying the playground which was perfect for our festivities last night. Thanks to those of you who supported this sparkly event!

The Year 6 children made me very proud this morning by welcoming new families and touring them around the school with such enthusiasm and maturity. It is always a pleasure to share our school with the wider community.

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: 97.6%↓



WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2026

Booking invitations were sent out via MCAS at the end of last term.

Please come to the main entrance and make your way to Willow Class where your child's class teacher will be waiting. Your child's books will also be available.

When the bell is rung at the end of each session please make your way promptly to the main entrance of the school to exit.

Please respect that slots are for a maximum of ten minutes. Thank you.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Happy with respect and honesty

"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:

Conan for super effort and enthusiasm

Milo because we have noticed that he is rising to every challenge we give him and working really hard in his lessons, especially his writing.

Maya for always trying her best and succeeding.

Lola for sheer brilliance for English. Wow! ☺

Charlie for his effort in class and for being so kind and lovely in Willow Class.

Joni for always being the best she can be at Breakfast Club.

The awards this week went to:

George for an amazing start to Cherry class and great reading.

Joni for her wonderful attitude to her learning & for being a kind and helpful member of the class

Quinn for great learning and participation.

Nancy for focus concentration and enjoyment of art.

Amelia for being a great Year 6 role model and being her best.

WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO is awarded to one child each week in the whole school who has gone above and beyond in their learning, reaching high expectations with huge achievement!



ELLA & SASCHA

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: *Ayda, Bethany, Freya and Zinnia for being happy and kind.*

House Points

JUPITER MERCURY NEPTUNE SATURN

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

Diary Dates

9th November	10th November	11th November	12th November	13th November
Year 6 Residential – All week				
3.15pm Nature Club	Year 4 & Year 5	3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club		Children in Need Footykids Lunchtime Club
16th November	**17th November**	**18th November**	**19th November**	**20th November**
3.15pm Nature Club	Year 4 & Year 5	Fire & Rescue Safety Presentation Year 5 & 6 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club Parents' Evening		Footykids Lunchtime Club
23rd November	**24th November**	**25th November**	**26th November**	**27th November**
Burford Partnership U11 Boccia 3.15pm Nature Club	Year 4 & Year 5	Oak & Willow PANTOMIME 3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Football Fun Club 3.15pm Hartist Club		Footykids Lunchtime Club

. 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 are sent to parents termly and are also available on the school website

On Wednesday 2nd December Cherry, Maple & Year 2 Ginkgo are on their theatre trip.

Don't forget to pre-order please your school packed lunch via MCAS or let the school office know if you are providing one from

GINKGO OAK WILLOW

Stone Age

On Monday 19th October, the children had a fantastic time taking part in our Stone Age workshop!

It was a brilliant opportunity to bring our history topic to life as they discovered how people's lives changed from the Palaeolithic through to the Iron Age. The workshop was incredibly practical and hands-on, with the children enjoying the chance to handle flint tools, have a go at 'soap' knapping and take part in interactive activities. They were enthusiastic, curious and eager to learn throughout, developing their understanding of how people lived and survived thousands of years ago.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and the children came away with lots of new knowledge and memories to share!





St. Christopher's Parents' Association



5th NOVEMBER FESTIVITIES








A GREAT EVENING & THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT☺

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR NON SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH A THEME OF SPOTS/AND OR SPOTTY ACCESSORIES.
TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW:

https://challenge.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/children-in-need-2026-st-christophers-ce-school

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CASH IN TO SCHOOL
Please visit the Children in Need website for information about the charity and what they do.
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/



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.
Next session - 1st December 2026

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

The Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum
Children's Creative Writing Competition 2027
Submission deadline 9am, Friday 4 June 2027
Award ceremony 4pm Friday 16 July 2027

The Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum are excited to announce the third annual Children's Creative Writing Competition. The competition asks you to select an object on display at the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock, and write a story based on it. If you are not sure what to use as the subject for your story, come along for a visit or take a look at our website **www.friendsoftom.org.uk** for more inspiration. Please let your mind run free – we are looking for exciting and imaginative fictional stories rather than history essays!

We know we have some very talented and hard-working young people living in Oxfordshire. This competition is an opportunity for you to share your creative writing skills. The competition is open to all young people between the ages of 7 and 11 who attend school in Oxfordshire. The best stories will be selected to be judged by our expert judging panel. The judges will consider the best stories in two age groups (7-9 and 10-11) and one entry in each will be selected as winner in that category, being awarded **a prize of £50 in cash**. The winner of the 10-11 category will also have their name engraved on a trophy. The story may also be promoted in the press. The prizes will be awarded at a ceremony at 4pm on 16 July 2027 in the Museum Garden, or Coach House depending on the weather.

To enter, request a form from **friendsccwc@gmail.com** or pick up one from the reception desk of the Museum. When completed, return the form to the museum or via email to **friendscwc@gmail.com** by 9am, Friday 4 June 2027. All entries will be considered, up to that date.

Frequently asked Questions:

Q. How old do I need to be?
A. Any age between 7 and 11 years old on 4th June 2027.

Q. What is the submission process?
A. We ask that you complete the application form that we will send you, and include your story on it. If hand-written, you can scan/photograph this and send it digitally or you can return the completed paper entry to the Museum's reception. If you are submitting your story as an email attachment, please send it to **friendsccwc@gmail.com**. After the submission deadline of 9am, Friday 4 June 2027, we will not consider any further entries, and will be shortlisting entries in the week commencing 15 June. All shortlisted entrants will be invited to the award ceremony on 16 July where the winner will be presented with their prize.

Q. Who will select the winning story in each category?
A. This will be done by a panel with representatives from the Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum, a local bookshop owner and a creative writing tutor.

We look forward to reading your creative story!



