



Newsletter

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*Succeed ~
with perseverance*

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

and courageous ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

Excited

with teamwork



Dear Parent/Carers

As we begin a new year together, I would like to wish all our families a very happy New Year. I would also like to welcome back Ms Hamill who will be joining us for her teaching placement in Ginkgo Class this term.

In assembly this week, we reflected on *The Little Snowdrop* and how this small but determined flower is a powerful symbol of hope and joy, quietly emerging even in the coldest of times. It felt a fitting message for the year ahead—reminding us that new beginnings, resilience and happiness can always be found.

We look forward to sharing a year filled with learning, kindness and growth with you and your children.

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: 96.4% ↓



- ★ Tuesdays this term – Year 6 Willow Class Swimming – don't forget kit!
- ★ Monday 19th January 3.15pm – Year 6 Residential Presentation to Year 5 parents & pupils
- ★ Wednesday 28th January 3.15pm – Year 6 SATS Presentation to parents & pupils.



We encourage children to be dropped off in the morning at the gate but do appreciate some mornings it may be necessary for you to accompany your child/ren in to the school grounds. Don't forget the office is open from 8.30am if you need to drop off/collect items, make an appointment or have any questions. Please do not park in the school car park before 9.45am and after 2.30pm.



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 at the end of last term and last week went to:



Esmé for amazing maths and always smiling! Henry for trying hard in all his learning.



Sully for working with enthusiasm and settling in wonderfully to Maple class.



Emily for her kindness and helpfulness towards others.



Nova for an amazing week settling in to Oak Class



Zara was be the best because she's been focusing well in lessons since returning from the holidays.

The awards this week went to:



Ricardo for trying hard in his learning



Woody for shining with independence.



Blake for great handwriting and story writing.



Spike for effort and enthusiasm in PE lessons this week.



Woody for always being the best he can be and putting 100% effort into everything he does. He's a brilliant role model in Willow Class.

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!



NANCY & HENRY & OLIVER



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:

**Amelia, Daisy, Poppy, Tamsin,
for**

Helping others and never giving up



House Points

THE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE:








WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Nancy was the WHOLE School Learning Hero at the end of last term for working hard across all subjects and Henry last week because he goes above and beyond at all times to be the best he can be. He challenges himself and works incredibly hard in everything he does. This week it is Oliver for being such an enthusiastic, smiley and happy person in our school and for going above and beyond to be committed to his learning, friendships and other responsibilities like Eco Committee. We are super proud of Oliver. Well done to you all ☺ Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

19 th January	20 th January	21 st January	22 nd January	23 rd January
KS2 Lunchtime Forest School 3.15pm Yr6 Residential Presentation Evening to Year 5 parents & pupils 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	KS2 Lunchtime Board Games & Jigsaws Club	
26 th January	27 th January	28 th January	29 th January	30 th January
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2 nd February	3 rd February	4 th February	5 th February	6 th February
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All Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are given a healthy snack daily. We would like to remind everyone that only fruit or vegetables may be brought in for a snack. Sugary snacks don't keep you going through the day but fruit and vegetables do!



We aim to be a Nut-Free school. We want to protect children who have allergies to nuts. We will not be allowing nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:

Packs of nuts

Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches

Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts

Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts

Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)

Cakes made with nuts

Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

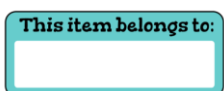
PE KITS & UNIFORM - [PMG Schoolwear - Schools - St Christopher's C of E School - Langford](#)

May we remind parents to send children to school correctly dressed in school uniform and ready for their school learning. Uniform promotes a sense of pride and our vision "*to be the best we can be*" in the school and prevents the children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class. Suitable school shoes should be worn (no trainers or open-toed sandals) and long hair must be tied back. Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish, or wear "cat ears" hairbands. Children will need to bring their coats to school as wherever possible we like the children to play outside at morning break and lunchtimes.

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 is back in school on Monday morning. It is not always possible to provide spare kits. We offer a PE Hoodie as part of our uniform. This can be ordered in the usual way via PMG Schoolwear.



School uniform does go astray on occasions but is usually found as the children have taken the wrong item home by mistake. If you could please ensure that all uniform is named so it can be returned to the correct child as appropriate. Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as there are unfortunately a few items still missing from last term. ***We are unable to return items which are not named!***



Please ensure all your child's uniform, water bottles, lunch bags and belongings are named so we can return to you quickly if they are misplaced.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has a medical condition or allergy e.g asthma, that may require medication e.g inhalers, during school hours, then please send in to school in a clear plastic bag, with a photograph of your child along with a completed medical consent form which can be obtained from the school office.

In accordance with our policy, we are not able to administer non prescribed medicine at school (this includes, calpol, soothers, lip balms etc). Prescribed medicines are permitted at the discretion of the Headteacher. Any medicines should be handed to an adult as children must not have unsupervised access to medicines. Further clarification and details can be found in the First Aid & the Management of Medicines in School Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website.

PLEASE NOTE that if your child has unfortunately had sickness and/or diarrhoea the recommended period by the Health Protection Agency & the School Nurse, is for children to be kept away from school is 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

St. Christopher's



Parents' Association

Happy New Year all! We hope that you had a restful break. Thank you for all of the support during 2025. The Christmas fete (despite Rudolph getting lost and not arriving!) was a great success and we made over £700 for the school. Mrs Veeder and the team are working on what they would like us to raise funds for and as soon as we know, we will keep you posted

The SCPA Committee are currently taking a little break but we will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to plan the events for the rest of the school year.

All feedback from the parent forum has been noted and we will do our best to act on it.

If you would like to put forward any ideas, please contact us @ Stchristophers.scpa@gmail.com. “



Parking Around School

As we are at the start of a new term, please may we remind parents to respect our neighbours when parking near the school. From time to time we do receive complaints – please help us keep this to a minimum by not blocking drives, gateways, parking on the corner of The Elms and keeping clear of the zig-zag lines. As previously advised, the Police do monitor the parking situation and you may be fined if you are not parking safely.



cartertonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

or

Telephone 101



The school bus service is provided directly by Oxfordshire County Council, who are responsible for the bus contract – not the school. Below are the new contact details for The Home to School Transport Team. If you experience any problems with the bus service provided we would be grateful if you could report them directly to the Transport Team.

Tel: 01865 519 800



Instead of bringing in cakes or chocolates to celebrate your child's birthday we would ask that you bring in a book to donate to your child's class. (this can be new or pre-loved).

If you bring the book to the school office, we will pop a birthday sticker in the book and then it can be enjoyed for years to come by many children.

WISH TREE



As a school we have set up a New Year 'wish tree' for 2026.

The children have been carefully thinking about their hopes and dreams for the New Year. The children discussed being confident and resilient whilst setting their new year goals.

