



Newsletter

No 7 – 15th December 2025



*Succeed ~
with perseverance*

Happy ~

with respect & honesty ~

Independent ~

and courageous ~

Nurtured ~

with compassion~

*Excited ~
with teamwork*



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am feeling extremely festive and am looking forward to all the fun and activities this week.

I was blown away with the nativity performance last week and thought the children really did SHINE. Please don't forget KS2 Christmas Celebration and Carols at Burford Church on Wednesday.

I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and very happy new year. See you all bright and early on Tuesday 6th January 2026 for the start of the Spring term.

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: 96.5%↓



- ★ Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Celebration & Carols at St John the Baptist Church, Burford, please arrive at 4.45pm for a 5pm start – everyone welcome!
- ★ Friday 19th December – last day of term. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers and non-uniform.
- ★ Tuesday 6th January – back to school! Don't forget to pre-order school dinners a week in advance and to bring PE Kit to school
- ★ Please see details attached of clubs starting next term. Please make a note of the dates.
- ★ Tuesday 13th January – Year 6 Willow Class Swimming - don't forget your kit!



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

 Freya for an amazing attitude to learning.

 Maxi for already working extremely hard and being the best for himself and others.

 "Christmas Magic" as we were able to take the children to see "Where's Father Christmas?" due to a very last minute theatre cancellation and re-booking – phew! A magical morning was enjoyed by all!

 Ashleigh for fantastic enthusiasm during this week's water safety session.

 Henry for being a brilliant Year 6 role model.

The awards this week went to:


 Zinnia for persevering and joining in with enthusiasm

 Madeline for always working hard, showing exceptional manners and being a fabulous role model.

 Alfie for his great effort and hard work in class.

 Sammy for being a thoughtful member of Oak Class

 Elizabeth for being respectful and polite.

 Emily for always being respectful, happy and independent in Breakfast Club.

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!



OSCAR & JUDE



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:
Daisy, Otilie, Lola, Tilda, Skyler
For
Perseverance and helping others.



House Points
THE WINNERS LAST TERM WERE:













WHOLE SCHOOL LEARNING HERO

Oscar was the WHOLE School Learning Hero because he is a kind, caring and resilient boy who is always thinking of others. He shows compassion in everything he does, making our school a happier place for everyone around him and Jude for being resilient and making such good progress. Well done 😊 Mrs Veeder



Diary Dates

15 th December	16 th December	17 th December	18 th December	19 th December
3.15pm Young Voices Club 3.15pm Sports Club	WHERE'S FATHER CHRISTMAS?  Cherry & Maple Theatre Trip  Oak Class Swimming	Christmas Service at St Matthew's Church Langford (staff and children)   5pm Whole School At St John the Baptist Church, Burford Everyone welcome!		Last day of term  Christmas Jumper & Non Uniform
5 th January	6 th January	7 th January	8 th January	9 th January
 Inset Day .. school closed to pupils	Back to School Term 2	Boys Lunchtime Football 3.15pm Hartist Club		
12 th January	13 th January	14 th January	15 th January	16 th January
3.15pm Nature Club 3.15pm French Club 3.15pm Young Voices 3.15pm Multi Sports Club	 Year 6 Willow Class Swimming 3.15pm Computer Coding Club	Boys Lunchtime Football 3.15pm Hartist Club		 Concert



for the academic year 2026/2027 are available on the website.

The admissions process for children due to start Primary School in September 2025 is upon us!

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, 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 2026**. If you submit a late application you are far less likely to obtain a place for your child at one of your preferred schools.




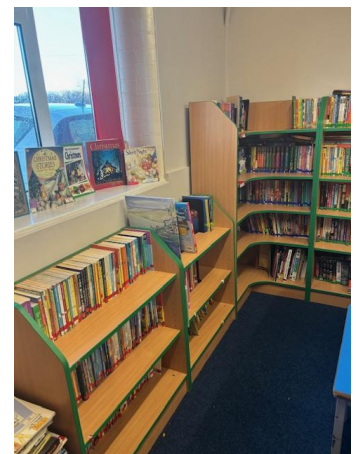
YEAR 6 IMPS

The children in Year 6 spent Wednesday morning learning all about how to stay safe and what to do in case of an emergency. We learnt so many different things, including how to deal with common injuries, how to do CPR, how to put somebody in the recovery position, and how to use a defibrillator (AED). We also discussed calling the emergency services and how to provide the correct information to get the best help. The children behaved beautifully and asked lots of really thoughtful questions. Great work Year 6!

Mrs Clark – Willow Class

THANK
YOU

We want to say a big  for the very generous donation of time from our parent volunteers ☺ this term – you know who you are! in addition to Miss Winfield and her work colleague who spent their community days in the library which is amazing! We can't wait to start using the re-vamped library next term. Your help is very much appreciated and a valuable resource for the school.





REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Carterton Food Angels are so grateful for all the many boxes of food they collected; thank you for your support and kindness.

We hope this range of foods will help many families at this time. They can be contacted via email at cartertonfoodangels@gmail.com and will deliver food parcels to families in our area.

Mrs Wymbs & Mrs Shutie



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

 **£214**

**RAISED
THANK YOU**

If you would like to make a donation, ,
please click the link below:

[St Christopher's CE Primary School -
Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for
Save The Children!](#)

★
We
Wish
you a
★ Merry
Christmas
★ and a ★
Happy New Year




Christmas is a time of love, generosity, and hope. Every year, your kindness means so much to us and this year, we invite you to share that kindness with families who need it most. Instead of gifts, please consider donating to Oxfam. Every child deserves safety, education, and hope. When disaster strikes, Oxfam is there, providing clean water, food, and protection for families. Beyond emergencies, Oxfam work to empower parents, fight for children's rights, and bring learning opportunities to classrooms worldwide. Right now, children around the world are facing unimaginable hardship. Your donation can help deliver life-saving aid and give these children a chance at a brighter future.


This Christmas, let's turn compassion into action. Together, we can bring hope beyond our own community and make a real difference.

From all of us at St. Christopher's, we wish you a joyful, peaceful, and meaningful Christmas.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendy-brown-4?newPage=true#sharePag>

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to introduce a few clubs after half term. Please see dates and details below. We request a voluntary contribution to help cover resources and staff costs and this can be done via SCOPAY which can be done when you register.

	Club	Led by	Time	Year Group	Numbers	Cost	Dates
Mon	Nature Club	Mrs Hobbs	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£15.00	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Jan 2 nd & 9 th Feb
Mon	French Club	Mr Chittenden	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Max 16	£15.00	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Jan 2 nd & 9 th Feb
Mon	Multi - Sports Club	Mr Brown	3.15pm-4.15pm	All	Separate details will be sent by Premier Sports.		
Mon	Young Voices	Mrs Veeder	3.15pm-4.15pm	Monday until 12 th January 2026 – last one! 			
Tues	Computer Coding Club	Mrs Clark & Ms Hamill	3.15pm-4.15pm	KS2	Max 20	£15.00	13 th , 20 th , 27 th Jan 3 rd & 10 th Feb
Weds	Boys Football	Mrs Veeder	Lunchtimes	Years 4,5,6	Max 20	£12.00	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th Jan 4 th & 11 th Feb
Weds	Hartist Art Club	Hartist Design	3.15pm-4.15pm Min 10 Max 20	Year 1 to Year 6	Separate flyer with details and booking info Will be sent when received.		

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.