



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 17/10/2025

A Community of Ambition



A message from the Head of School

With just one week to go before the October half term, I want to thank everyone for your hard work and positivity.

It's a long half term, and as the weather changes and we all start to feel tired, I'm proud of how well the children and staff have kept going. And I'm proud of you, parents, for continuing to get them to school on time! Let's finish next week strong and look forward to a well-earned break!



Miss Hayes



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.2%

The class with the best attendance this week is **Redkite**



A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

We had our school pictures this week and we liked how everybody looked so formal and smart. Next week we are so excited for the Halloween disco, we look forward to seeing your costumes and outfits!

Chloe & Joris



Headteacher's Award



Robin- Harriet/Freya
Sparrow - Aaliyah
Wren - Max
Swallow - Nathan
Chaffinch - Samuel P
Goldfinch - Tommy
Starling - Yousef
Kingfisher - Aryana
Jay - Anatasiaia
Tawny owl - Jolene
Kestrel - Nicholas
Red kite - Dara
Buzzard - Ava
Golden Eagle - Leo

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nursery & pre-school



This week in Nursery and Pre-School, we continued exploring Handa's Surprise and Handa's Hen. The children loved using their senses to explore a range of exotic fruits such as coconuts, pomegranates, pineapples, and passion fruits. They also had great fun making and tasting their own fruit kebabs! Our fruit shop was very popular, with busy shoppers using trolleys, baskets, money, and tills. The children enjoyed creating fruit baskets, making fruits from playdough, and balancing baskets on their heads just like Handa! It's been a wonderfully busy week full of fun, fruits, and imaginative play.



Reception



This week in Reception the children have learnt the sounds: b,h,f and l in their phonics lessons. We use the scheme 'Little Wandle' who have some amazing videos online if you would like to become more familiar with the scheme. In Talk for Writing we have been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' and the children have started to recognise the initial sounds of some words. We are so proud of them! In Maths we have learned one more and one less, composition of numbers and they been introduced to some of our core maths resources such as tens frames.



Year 1



In phonics we have been exploring various different graphemes of phonemes we already know including ue, u and ie. In maths we are continuing with addition and have been exploring number bonds to 10. In science we have been exploring seasonal change and look forward to present the weather next week.

Swallows have enjoyed making their musical instruments which Chaffinch will be making soon.

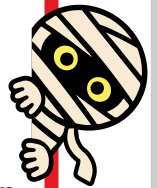


Year 2



In Maths this week, Year 2 have been working really hard counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Please continue to practise this at home with your children as it will really help them in their future Maths lessons! In Science, we were fascinated to learn about some weird and wonderful animals, explaining how each animal has special features to help it survive in its habitat. Did you know the 'Hairy frogfish' is camouflaged to look like coral and seaweed in its ocean habitat? They use their wide fins to walk along the seabed and find small creatures to eat! We have also been very busy rehearsing for our Harvest Assembly - we hope you are able to join us to see our performance next Wednesday!

Since our assembly falls on the same day as the Halloween Disco, children are welcome to wear non-uniform.



Year 3



Jay Class explored Black History Month by learning about the inspiring life and legacy of Muhammad Ali. The students were fascinated by his achievements both inside and outside the boxing ring, and they had thoughtful discussions about courage, determination, and standing up for what's right.

Meanwhile, Kingfisher Class took a journey back in time to the Stone Age, where they learned about cave paintings and how early humans expressed themselves through art. The class worked together to create their very own collaborative cave painting!

We're also wrapping up our Light and Dark topic in science. Students have been learning about different sources of light, how shadows are formed, and what happens in the absence of light. It's been a bright and illuminating few weeks!

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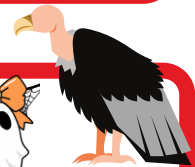
Year 4



As Autumn 1 draws to a close, Year 4 have been busy! We've finished our Maths unit on addition and subtraction and begun exploring the features of a diary entry in English. In Geography, we've been learning about the people who live in the Amazon Rainforest and their fascinating way of life. We're looking forward to an exciting final week of the half term. Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 5



Year 5 have continued to work very hard. We have really enjoyed reading Room 13 and are now nearing the end which is building nicely in suspense and tension.

Earlier this week, we welcomed our Year 5 parents for a reading breakfast. It was lovely to see the children sharing their reading with their parents and talking about their books.

As we enter the final week of this half term, we look forward to making progress and building towards Harvest Festival and Halloween.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have had a wonderful time at the Hindu Mandir this week. We were able to observe a service followed by lots of questions the children had for the leaders. It was a wonderful experience. Year 6 were very polite. Well done year 6!

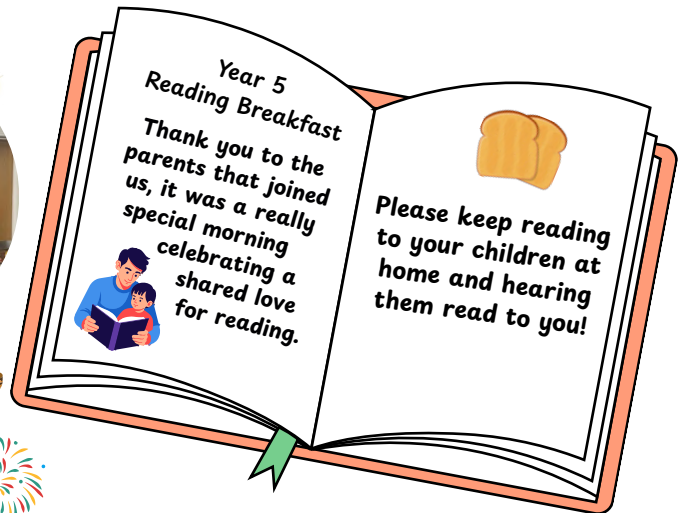


School Activities

Diwali Assembly



Mrs Sharma and Mrs Chilakapati put on a special Diwali assembly to learn about the celebration, see some traditional outfits and artifacts and do some dancing with the children!



Yoga for the teachers!

A big thank you to Ms. Vorobjova for so kindly sharing her yoga practice with the teachers this week. Teaching is a very fast paced, stressful job and it supported us all to take a moment to slow down and prioritise well-being time.



Baby & Toddler group

Week 7

The Baby and Toddler group has been a highlight today as we celebrated Diwali by looking at Rangoli patterns, listening to Diwali songs, and dancing. Children loved playing with trains and tracks, teddies and interacting with each other, building their friendships. Children also had a healthy snack followed by singing nursery rhymes. They were all fascinated by the Dragon story, making actions and noises, and ended with lots of fun and smiles.



harvest festival

Just a reminder that we're collecting Harvest donations, please drop them at the office!





Key Dates for 2025-2026



Parent's Evenings:

11/11/2025	4:00 to 6:00 pm
13/11/2025	4:00 to 6:00 pm
17/03/2026	4:00 to 6:00pm
19/03/2026	4:00 to 6:00 pm

Year Group Assemblies:

22/10/2025	Year 2
12/02/2026	Year 5
04/03/2026	Year 3
25/03/2026	Year 4
20/05/2026	Year 1
15/07/2026	Year 6 leavers assembly

Sports Days:

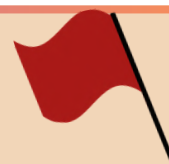
16/06/2026	Key stage 1
17/06/2026	Key stage 2
19/06/2026	EYFS

Christmas Performance:

01/12/2025	Nursery/Preschool
03/12/2025	Reception
05/12/2025	Year 1
08/12/2025	Year 2
10/12/2025	Year 3
12/12/2025	Year 4
16/12/2025	Year 5
18/12/2025	Year 6



Key Dates: Autumn term 1



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Trips and Events</u>
21/10/25	Year 6	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10 am)
22/10/25	Year 2	Harvest assembly (parents invited)
22/10/25	All year groups	Halloween Disco

Please note: we try our best to keep dates the same, but sometimes a new date might be added or there may be a change in date!

Communication



at SCA



Where can I read the newsletter?

- Sent electronically on a Friday
- On the school website
- Paper copy on display outside school
- Paper copy in a folder in the school office

Where can I see school dates?

- Newsletter
- School website
- Weekly diary on whiteboard at the school gate
- Daily reminders on whiteboard at front of school

Where can I read letters?

- Emailed on Communication Friday
- On the school website
- Paper copies in a folder in the school office

How do I keep up to date with school information?

- The school newsletter
- The school website



If you have a question about an event, please ask BEFORE the event!
And if you feel more information about it could be shared in the newsletter please do let us know.



The Big Listen
Parent Voice Scheme
St Christophers Academy



let's make the connection!



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Letters Sent Today from School

- Reception photos Gazette

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- None

Messages Sent this Week

- None



Reminder

As temperatures drop, we want to ensure all children stay safe and warm. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather – including a warm coat, hat, gloves, and boots when needed.

Breaks and outdoor activities will continue as long as conditions allow, so proper winter clothing is essential.

Thank you for helping keep our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn this winter season!



Parent's evening bookings are going live!

On Monday (20th) you will receive a notification through MCAS to book your appointment. If you need support with this please speak to the office staff.



Bookings will close at 12pm on Monday 3rd November.



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Whether it's a sporting, musical, writing, cooking or a painting success....we want to hear about it!

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Other Activities



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ART CLUB!

A friendly club where children make, build and create wonderful artwork to take home and treasure.

Mondays 3:30 – 4:30pm
3rd November – 8th December (6 sessions)
Open to children in Years 2 - 6
£45.00 – including all materials
Bookings open Friday 17th October at 7pm. Please visit:
www.bookwhen.com/loveartandcraft

A new project every half term, exploring lots of techniques and processes

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9AM - 3PM **MON 27TH TO THUR 30TH OCT** **AGES 5-11**

Scan the QR code or follow the link below to book
<https://bit.ly/OctoberChantry>

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ENTRY FOR Y1-Y6 £4

FRIEND'S OF ST CHRISTOPHERS PRESENTS

halloween disco

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2025

ENTRY FOR NURSERY, PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION: £3

TRICK OR TREAT

SWEET BAGS INCLUDED

NON-UNIFORM PRICE INCLUDED
DRESS AS SCARY AS YOU WANT

SPOOKY TUNES FROM DJ CRAIG - PERFECT PERSONALISED PARTIES

NURSERY, PRESCHOOL & RECEPTION - 2:00-2:30PM
Y1, Y2 & Y3 - 2:30-3:30PM
Y4, Y5, Y6 - 3:30-4:30PM

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