



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 10/10/2025

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A message from the Head of School

It's been another busy week here at SCA!

I would like to express a big thank you to the staff, governors and parents who came to support at our Open Evening yesterday. A lot of work goes into an event like this. Thank you to those of you that attended and spread the word to family and friends!



Detective Torran has put correct classroom trail entries into a prize draw, winners to be announced next week!

♥ *Miss Hayes*

A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

We just had our open evening and year 6 were so glad to see you all there. We were so happy you wore yellow on Friday to support mental health.

On the 22nd is the Halloween disco, it is our favourite disco and we can't wait to see you there!

Chloe & Joris

Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.5**

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



Headteacher's Award



Robin- Millie and Zakariya

Sparrow - Cody

Wren - Sebastian

Swallow - Maahesh

Chaffinch - Faye

Goldfinch - Devaj

Starling - Kiera

Kingfisher - Oliver

Jay - Ali

Tawny owl - Ruben

Kestrel - Harper

Red kite - Vehant

Buzzard - Leon

Golden Eagle - Daniel

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nursery & pre-school



This week in Nursery, the children have loved exploring the story Handa's Surprise. They have been discovering a variety of delicious fruits from different cultures, such as orange, mangoes, pineapple, passion fruits and bananas and learning where these fruits come from. The children enjoyed role-playing in our fruit shop, pretending to sell and buy fruit, and even tried balancing baskets on their heads just like Handa! As part of Black History Month, the children also took part in a special assembly where they listened to a story from Africa, looked at traditional artefacts, explored coconuts, mangoes, and pineapples, and admired traditional clothing. Through these exciting and hands-on experiences, the children developed their understanding of different cultures and had wonderful opportunities to bring their learning to life.



Reception



In Maths this week, the children have had lots of fun exploring repeating patterns and capacity through water play. We have begun Science lessons this week, the children have wowed us with their knowledge on seasonal changes and the 5 senses. The children have really enjoyed writing their own stories from traditional tales - they are getting so good at mapping out their ideas and labelling with initial sounds. Next week, we will be working on number recognition and subitising. We will also be exploring maps and orienteering. If you have any local maps or world maps you can donate to us, that would be brilliant!



Year 1



This week in Year 1, we have been learning all about addition and how to use the plus sign (+) in our maths lessons. The children have been exploring how two smaller numbers, called parts, can be combined to make a whole.

To help us understand this, we've been using part-whole models – a simple and fun way to show how numbers fit together. For example, we might look at 3 and 2 as our parts, and discover that together they make 5!

The children have enjoyed using counters, cubes, and pictures to build their own part-whole models and explain their thinking. This hands-on approach helps them see that numbers can be broken apart and put together in different ways.

Keep up the hard work Year 1!



Year 2

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we practised addition and subtraction using exchange, working carefully with larger numbers. In English, we wrote descriptive settings filled with powerful adjectives and imaginative details. We also celebrated World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and thinking about kindness, positivity, and ways to look after our wellbeing. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in with enthusiasm. We hope everyone has a great weekend!



Year 3

Year 3 have been having lots of fun this week learning about volcanoes and why they erupt. The children are excited for next half term when they get to make their own erupting volcanoes.

This week Year 3 have also started learning on a new book in English 'The owl who was afraid of the dark', and spent a lesson on making predictions and asking questions about what they think is going to happen in the book. Our English book also links to our science learning of 'light and dark'.

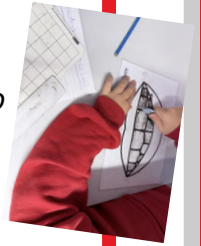
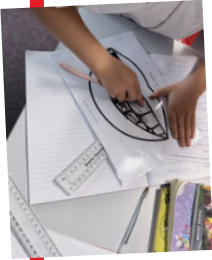




Year 4



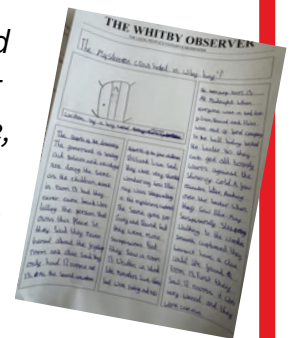
Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! In Maths, we practised addition and subtraction with exchanging, working carefully with numbers beyond 1000. In English, we wrote descriptive settings filled with powerful adjectives and imaginative details. In science, we investigated why we need to clean our teeth, and which kind of toothbrushes are best. We also celebrated World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and thinking about kindness, positivity, and ways to look after our wellbeing. We hope everyone has a great weekend!



Year 5



Our Year 5 students have truly embraced the spooky season by completing an engaging English project based on **Robert Swindells' chilling novel, Room 13**. They put their best creative and descriptive language skills to use, crafting sensational newspaper reports about the terrifying events at the Crow's Nest Hotel. The task was a fantastic way to practice journalistic writing skills, all while getting into the Halloween spirit with tales of midnight horrors and mysterious vampires!



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been working very well in Science. We have been looking at how the plant kingdom is organised and different plant groups. In doing so, Year 6 made 'Plant Jars' exploring the outdoors and art materials!



School Activities

Thank you



For wearing yellow for World Mental Health Day!



The children raised awareness that we are not alone with our mental health.

They did classroom workshops and learning; years 2-6 attended an assembly led by Mr George the BEST

Mindfulness Coach.

£231.10
raised in cash at the
Macmillan
bake sale!



Baby & Toddler group Week 5

This week at our Baby and Toddler Group, the children were full of excitement as they explored a range of fun activities! They enjoyed playing with trains and cars, and had great fun role-playing in the ice cream shop pretending to make and sell ice cream. Some children loved caring for the dolls, pushing them in buggies, dressing them up, and putting them to sleep. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming as the children played and learned together. They also joined in with singing favourite nursery rhymes and were very focused while listening to the story of The Three Little Pigs, before having lots of giggles making pig noises together!

See you all next week!



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It's the start of October which means we are in spooky season - we will be hosting our Halloween Disco on Wednesday 22nd October for all to enjoy some spooky fun! Further details about disco times, ticket prices and how to purchase tickets will be issued shortly!

As a reminder, thank you to parents who has reached out to us via email to obtain their bounce back wristband refund. For any parents still owed a refund for this event, please contact us at friends_of_SCA@outlook.com.

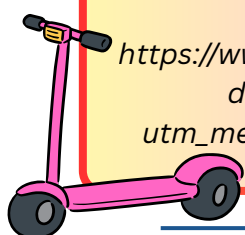
Alternatively, any outstanding refunds owed, that has not been issued back to parents by lunchtime on Monday 6th October will be handed back to the school in cash, for them to pass onto parents via their child.

Wheely Good Fundraising!

As shared in last week's newsletter, Harper-Rae in year 1 has taken on a challenge to scoot 2km every day in October to raise money to buy children who may be spending this Christmas in Hospital!

To sponsor her please head to her Go Fund Me page:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/james-peerless?](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/james-peerless?utm_medium=CR&utm_source=CL)
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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:

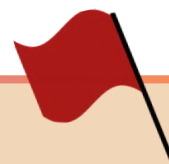
16/06/2026	Key stage 1
17/06/2026	Key stage 2
19/06/2026	EYFS

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>
10/10/25	Whole school	Wear Yellow for World Mental health day
13/10/25	All year groups	Individual photos portraits
14/10/25	Year 5	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
15/10/25	Year 6	Visiting the Hindu Mandir (10am-12pm)
21/10/25	Year 6	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
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



**WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK**

The
**Big
Listen**
Parent Voice Scheme
St Christophers Academy



let's make the
connection!



We are always here to help and want to make sure no one misses out on important information, please come and speak to someone in school if you have a question!

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Letters Sent Today from School

Year 5 letter about Whatsapp

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- Year 6 Bikeability

Messages Sent this Week

- Download the Mychildatschool app (MCAS)
- Update consent on MCAS if not already done

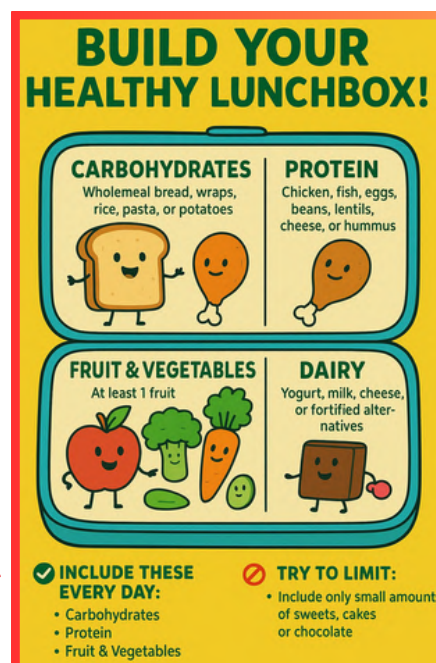


Reminder

List of reminders as mentioned in previous newsletters:

- Only stud earrings are to be worn at school.
- No earrings/taped ears on PE days.
- Children are not to ride bikes or scooters on school grounds.
- Children are not to go on the climbing frames or play with play equipment after school.
- We advised not to bring key rings in backpacks however, we understand how they support children, so we ask children to keep one or two keyrings.

A
healthy
lunch
for a
healthy
mind!



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Want to share an achievement?

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

Send in your news to:

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Other Activities

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

27TH - 31ST OCTOBER | 9AM - 3PM
VENUE 360 | LU1 3JH
(EARLY DROP OFF / LATE PICK UP AVAILABLE)
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT | AGES 5-13

EARLY BIRD DEAL!!
BOOK BEFORE 17TH OCT FOR:
DAY RATE £21.60 / WEEK RATE £100

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EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - £21.60 - ENDS 18TH OCTOBER

J&R PERFORMANCE CAMP

TO THE NEXT LEVEL
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
VENUE 360
9AM-3PM | AGES 5-13
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J&R GOALKEEPER CAMP

KEEP THOSE SHOTS OUT
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
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At Flitwick
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EBSNA EVENT 05/11/2025

EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL NONATTENDANCE EVENT

About the Event This session is designed for parent carers of children and young people who are experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) or Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA). EBSNA is a broad term that describes situations where a child or young person finds it difficult to attend school, ranging from reduced attendance to not attending at all. It is important to understand that this is not deliberate defiance or truancy—rather, it is a complex issue that occurs on a spectrum. There are often many underlying factors that can contribute to EBSA/EBSNA, including:

- Emotional, social, or mental health needs
- Undiagnosed or unmet Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- External circumstances.

This event aims to provide support, understanding, and resources for parents navigating these challenges.

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BOOK NOW

Scan the QR code or click here to book

MORE INFO For more information on EBSNA visit The Local Offer [CLICK HERE](https://localoffer.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/centralbedfordshire/directory/site.page?id=aC2E8rRD2fs)

November Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

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