



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 28/11/2025

A Community of Ambition



A message from the Head of School

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have taken the time to share feedback about our newsletter. Your thoughts really help us to keep improving how we communicate with you. You can read more about our approach to communication on the Communication page of this newsletter. I would also like to thank my staff for the hard work and care that goes into putting the newsletter together each week. Your commitment ensures our school community stays informed and connected.

♥ *Miss Hayes*



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.7%

The class with the best attendance this week is **Red Kite**



Welcome!

Please welcome our new school office administrator, Mrs L. Saunders. She is very kind and eager to get to know our children and parents.

A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

We are so excited to watch your Christmas performances. Nursery had theirs filmed by the filming crew this week... we are excited for ours to be done - we feel like movie stars! Keep singing and practicing your lines!

Chloe & Joris

Headteacher's Award

Robin- Kundiso/Aria
Sparrow - Ashley
Wren - Tharika
Swallow - Celian
Chaffinch - Aylan
Goldfinch - Isabella
Starling - Thashwin
Kingfisher - Charlie
Jay - Benjamin
Tawny owl - Ezra
Kestrel - Michelle
Red kite - Sia
Buzzard - Demi
Golden Eagle - Ella



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Key Dates for 2025-2026



Parent's Evenings:

17/03/2026 4:00 to 6:00pm
19/03/2026 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Year Group Assemblies:

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 @ 9:15 to 9:35am
03/12/2025 Reception 2:30 pm
05/12/2025 Year 1 2:30 pm
08/12/2025 Year 2 2:30 pm
10/12/2025 Year 3 2:30 pm
12/12/2025 Year 4 2:30 pm
16/11/2025 Year 5 2:30 pm
18/12/2025 Year5/6 2:30 pm

Reports to Parents:

13/02/25 Year 1-6
10/07/25 EYFS - Year 6



Key Dates: Autumn term 2



Dates

Year group

Trips and Events

08/12/25 Year 2
10/12/25 Year 3
11/12/25 Parents of Rock Steady children
11/12/25 whole school
11/12/25 Year 5
11/12/25 Whole school invited
12/12/25 Year 4
16/12/25 Year 5
17/12/25 All year group parents
18/12/25 Year 6

Christmas performance 2:30 pm
Christmas performance 2:30pm
Rocksteady concert 2:45 pm
Christmas Jumper day/ Christmas dinner
Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
PTA Christmas Movie Night after school
Christmas performance 2:30pm
Christmas performance 2:30 pm
Tea with HOS and EP
Christmas performance 2:30pm



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!



SCHOOL information

- **Letters Sent Today from School**
- **Swimming letter for Year 4**
- **Letters Sent this Week from External Providers**
- **Flu vaccination letter**
- **Movie night update from PTA**
- **Messages Sent this Week**
- **Christmas gift grotto letter**



Please

Please send children to school in their Christmas performance costume/outfit on the day of their show. The video will be recorded in the morning, with the performance in the afternoon.



Christmas classroom competition!

On Monday the children are invited to bring in decorations to decorate their classrooms! Please try to bring decorations you don't mind not getting back. If you want them returned, make sure they are named! Miss Hayes will be judging the classrooms on Monday 8th with the winners receiving:

- 1st Place - hot chocolate with Miss Hayes
- 2nd Place - 10 minutes extra break
- 3rd Place - 5 minutes extra break

Reminder

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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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Communication at SCA



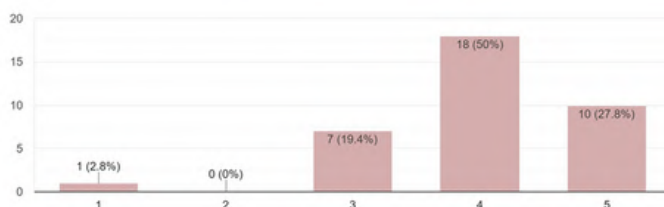
Communication Survey Results November 2025

Thank you to all of you that took the time to complete our communication survey. Your feedback gave us valuable insight into how we can better connect with families and support our children. We truly appreciate you sharing your thoughts, ideas, and experiences! Your input plays a key role in helping us grow and improve. We also want to thank you for your feedback regarding our newsletter. This was a brand-new addition last year, and we have put a great deal of time and care into building and improving it. Hearing what you enjoy, what's helpful to you, and what we can do better helps guide the direction of the newsletter moving forward.

Our goal is to continue making it informative, engaging, and useful for you throughout the year. Thank you again for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful to have such an involved and thoughtful school community. We are pleased to share some of the highlights of the results below, about our newsletter, and things we have done since receiving the feedback:

77.8% of parents rate our newsletter 4-5/5!

How do you rate our weekly newsletter?
36 responses



What do you like about our newsletter?

- 'Finding out about each year group'
- 'Very detailed information regarding the school week'
- 'I am aware what the kids are focusing on and I can support them at home'
- 'It's organised, easy to read and full of good to know dates'
- 'Everything!'

What you said....

'I miss Torran talks'

Important dates and events needs to be highlighted better - its very easy to miss due being at the end of the newsletter

'Section dedicated to events happening the week after'

What we did!

Torran's weekly section is now back!

Key dates are now the second page of the newsletter

The last page is now 'what's happening next week?'

We will continue to add to this as we take on board your feedback and can implement your ideas.



The
Big Listen
Parent Voice Scheme
St Christophers Academy



let's make the connection!



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What's Been Happening at School this Week?



nursery & pre-school

This week in Robin Class, we continued exploring Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? The children loved getting hands-on with colourful sensory materials, learning new texture words like soft, hard, smooth and prickly. We also discovered more about the animals in the story, where they live and the countries they come from. The children had great fun making their own shakers and experimenting with fast, slow, hard and gentle sounds. In phonics, we learned the letter p and spotted initial sounds in words like pig and penguin. Our maths learning focused on comparing lengths and counting the right number of objects to match them. To finish off the week, Fun Friday was a hit as children made yummy bear pizzas, carried out a science experiment, and continued practicing brilliantly for our Christmas performance!



Reception

In Reception this week, the children have been creating props for their Nativity Performance. They have wowed us with their creativity! We have also been working hard to learn our lines and sing our performance songs. In Maths, the children have explored the relationship between 2D and 3D shapes and continued with number writing. Keep up all of the hard work at home, it has been brilliant to see the children use their home writing books. We have had a few requests from parents for the 'Happy Happy' song - here is the youtube link!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axu6BhJfS8A&list=RDaxu6BhJfS8A&start_radio=1



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Year 1



We are exploring non-fiction writing and we are looking at facts about animals. We have continued to look at shapes and we have been finding them around the class and school. We have finished exploring maps and designing there own perfect playground.



Year 2



Happy Friday!

We have had a great week in Year Two. In maths we continued working on addition and subtraction, focusing on ten more, ten less, adding and subtracting ten, and adding two two digit numbers. Our stage is now up for our Christmas show! We have been practicing our Twinkly Nativity and we kindly ask that all costumes be brought in by December 1. In English we started our new book Katie in London and explored many different London landmarks. The children will soon be learning how to write non chronological reports. We also had the lovely opportunity to watch the Year Three ukulele concert which the children really enjoyed. Next week we will begin our classroom decorating contest for Christmas and we are all very excited. Well done for a wonderful week Year Two. We can't believe it is almost December!

Have a great weekend!



Year 3



This week the children had a lovely morning inviting their parents in to share their maths knowledge and play some fun math games, thank you to everyone who came, the kids loved it! The children have also finished their Ukelele lessons this week, ending this with a brilliant concert to KS1 and parents.

This week we have also been working with magnets in science, carrying out experiences and learning key vocabulary words such as; attract, repel and magnetic field. In Maths this week the children have been really enjoying their topic of multiplication and division, learning their 3's, 4's and next week their 8's



Year 4

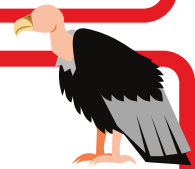


What a busy and exciting week in Year 4! In science, we explored electricity by conducting experiments and creating our own switches using different materials. We also had a fantastic immersive Roman Day, enjoying activities such as art, cooking, interactive storytelling, and role play. The children really threw themselves into the experience and had a brilliant time.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!



Year 5



This year's collaborative Christmas performance is off to a wonderful start! Our Year 5 and Year 6 students have been working together beautifully, joining forces to bring the timeless tale of Scrooge to the stage. It is genuinely inspiring to watch them support one another, blending their talents and enthusiasm to create what promises to be a truly memorable show. We can't wait to share their hard work with you all this Christmas.

Friday 05th December - Year 5 parents are invited to come into listen and create music with their child. Buzzard class parents are Invited from 9am-10am & Redkite class 10am-11am



YEAR 6

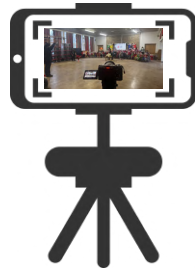


Year 6 have been busy busy busy this week! We have finished our auditions and given the children their parts for the Christmas performance and they have been working hard to learn their lines, songs and dances. We most definitely have some budding future stage stars.

We cannot wait to perform for you!



Filming started this week for the Christmas performances!



School Activities



Hello everybody, just a little reminder that I'm here for grown-ups as well as children. I help children feel calm, listened to and supported, but parents and carers are always welcome to pop in too. If you'd like to say hello, have a cuddle or get to know me better, I'll be here with a wagging tail!

Mr Torran



Our Year 3 students shone brightly at the ukulele concert, showcasing their growing musical skills with confidence, rhythm, and huge smiles



We had a fantastic time at Baby and Toddler Group this week with four lovely guests joining in the fun! The children were busy zooming cars around, selling the most delicious pretend ice creams, blowing magical bubbles, and creating wonderful drawings. Snack time was a big hit too everyone enjoyed the fresh fruit and the super-tasty cheese twists! We finished with lots of giggles and singing as we joined in with favourite nursery rhymes like Wheels on the Bus and Twinkle Twinkle, followed by the much loved story Ted in the Bed. All the children got involved in counting the pictures, and a special well-done to Liam for his fantastic counting skills! What a joyful morning!



Baby & Toddler group

Week 10



Year 3 Maths Breakfast: A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Maths Breakfast! It was fantastic to see so many families taking part in fun maths activities and exploring practical ways to support learning at home. We really appreciate your enthusiasm and support, it makes such a difference to the children's confidence and enjoyment of maths. Thank you so much for sharing your positive feedback about this event.



Year 4 Roman Day



Year 4 had a wonderful time during their Roman Day. In just one day, the children explored Roman life through a range of fun and hands-on activities. They created colourful mosaics inspired by Roman designs and made and tasted honey biscuits like the Romans. They practised their maths and problem-solving skills by cracking Roman numeral codes and drew pictures of Roman soldiers. Each child designed their own shield and took part in an interactive story, pretending to be a soldier on a mission. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about history.



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Other Activities



**Come along to support
our Year 3 choir!**

Priory Church on Friday 5th

December from 6:10 - 7:15pm

Luton shopping mall on Saturday

13th December 11:40am - 12:45pm



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NEW!

What's Happening at School Next Week?



Monday – Nursery and Pre-School
Christmas Performance 9:15am ★

Tuesday –

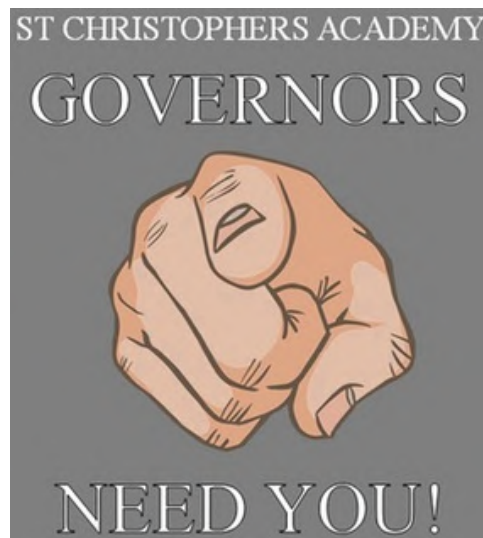
Wednesday – Reception Christmas
Performance 2:30pm ★

Thursday – Year 4 Maths Breakfast
8:40-9:10am ★

Friday – Year 5 musical performances (in the
classroom). Buzzard 9-10am and
Red Kite 10-11am. ★
Year 1 Christmas
Performance 2:30pm ★

★ parent/carers invited to attend.

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Could You Help Shape the Future of St Christophers School?

The Governing Body at St Christophers is keen to hear from **parents, carers, and members of our local community** who may be interested in becoming a **school governor**. It's an important and rewarding voluntary role, helping to shape the strategic direction of the school and ensuring it continues to meet the needs of the community it serves.

You don't need any prior experience — just enthusiasm, commitment, and a genuine interest in supporting children's education. Governors work as part of a team to provide oversight and constructive challenge, rather than being involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

Full training and support are provided, and our governing body is friendly, welcoming, and committed to making a difference.

If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office to arrange an informal chat — expressing interest doesn't commit you at this stage; it's simply an opportunity to learn more about what's involved.

We'd love to hear from you and hope you'll consider joining us in supporting the continued success of St Christophers.

Mark Liddiard
Chair of Governors