



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 07/11/2025

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A message from the Head of School

What a great first week back we have had, the children have settled back in so well! This half term, and the festivities it brings, provide such great events for fun and togetherness. We can't wait to share these special moments with you all!  *Miss Hayes*



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.3%

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



Headteacher's Award

Robin- Novah-Leigh/Sriansh
Sparrow - Samira
Wren - Harry
Swallow - Izahak
Chaffinch - Vihaan
Goldfinch - Sara
Starling - Tyga-Rose
Kingfisher - Major
Jay - Eliza
Tawny owl - Zion
Kestrel - Oliver
Red kite - Khaleesah
Buzzard - Nelli
Golden Eagle - Samuel

A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

It has been windy and cold. Sometimes it rains so don't forget to bring a coat! We were so proud of you guys showing the school values around the school. It makes us smile. How did your trick or treating go? How did the singing assembly go for you? We hoped you liked it. How did your half-term go? Did you have a good one?

Chloe & Joris

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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:

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
18/12/2025	Year5/6 2:30 pm



Key Dates: Autumn term 2

Dates

Year group

Trips and Events

10/11/25	Year 6	Bikeability Day 1
11/11/25	All year group parents	Parents evening
12/11/25	Year 6	Bikeability DAY 2
12/11/25	All year group parents	Tea party with HOS and EP 8:40 to 9:10am
113/11/25	Year 6	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
13/11/25	All year group parents	Parents evening
14/11/25	TBC	Flu vaccine 8:30am to 12:00pm
17/11/25	All year group parents	PINS SEND Coffee morning 9:00am to 10:30am
19/11/25	Reception/Year 1	Phonics workshop
20/11/25	Year 2	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
21/11/25	All year groups	Cultural Day
25/11/25	Year 6 parents	SATS information coffee morning 9:45am - 10:45am
26/11/25	Year 4	Roman Day
27/11/25	Reception/Year6	Height and weight check 9:30am
27/11/25	Year 3	Ukelele concert 1:30 - 3:30pm
27/11/25	Year 3	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
01/12/25	Nursery/Preschool	Christmas performance 9:15 to 9:35 am
03/12/25	Reception	Christmas performance 2:30pm
04/12/25	Year 4	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
05/12/25	Year 1	Christmas performance 2:30
08/12/25	Year 2	Christmas performance 2:30 pm
10/12/25	Year 3	Christmas performance 2:30pm
11/12/25	Parents of Rock Steady children	Rocksteady concert
11/12/25	Year 5	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
12/12/25	Year 4	Christmas performance 2:30pm
17/12/25	All year group parents	Tea with HOS and EP
17/12/25	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/25	Year 6	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

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- Flu Vaccination
- Luton News & Dunstable Gazette

Messages Sent this Week

- Poppy donation



Reminder



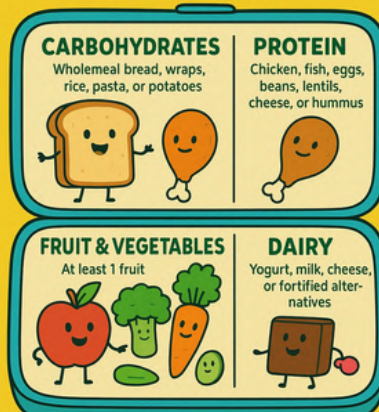
As temperatures drop, we want to ensure all children stay safe and warm. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather – including a warm coat, hat, gloves, and boots when needed.

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!



BUILD YOUR HEALTHY LUNCHBOX!



✓ INCLUDE THESE EVERY DAY:

- Carbohydrates
- Protein
- Fruit & Vegetables

✗ TRY TO LIMIT:

- Include only small amounts of sweets, cakes or chocolate

November 5th was National Healthy Eating Day! This is a great opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of a balanced lunchbox. Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch each day; nutritious food helps support their concentration, energy levels, and overall learning throughout the school day.

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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



Thank you to the parents that attended the Behaviour workshops. Mr Clarke filmed the presentation for those unable to come and this will be shared with you in due course. We will let you know when it is available to watch.

During half term, Mr Clarke shared a survey asking parents and carers for their feedback on the Newsletter. If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, please do! Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what you'd like to see included.



Parent's Evening...

As part of our Big Listen, Mr Clarke and Miss Hayes will have a table at Parent's Evening so that parents and carers can share their thoughts, feedback, and ideas directly with the EP and HoS.

Remember there are lots of exciting activities to look forward to as part of our Big Listen!

This half term's events include:



The Big Listen
Parent Voice Scheme
St Christophers Academy



SEND Coffee Morning



Surveys and Consultations



Information Workshops



Tea with the HoS and EP



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, our story was The Colour Monster! The children learned about different emotions and the colours that represent them, using key vocabulary such as happy, sad, scared, angry, and confused. They had lots of fun creating their own monsters with playdough and stickle bricks, and made beautiful bonfire paintings using a variety of materials. Our first Wow Wednesday was very special, with two parents joining us to make poppies and a Wreath together with the children. Fun Friday was a big hit too, with many families taking part in colour experiments, playdough making, and lots more exciting activities.



Reception



The reception children have come back from their half term break refreshed and ready to learn. Our new topic is 'Woodland Wonders' where we will be learning all about seasonality, hibernation and our new Talk for Writing story is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children are really enjoying the story! In Phonic this week we have learnt the new sounds digraphs 'ff, ll, ss' and the letter 'j'. We have also introduced our reading carousel as seen at the Little Wandle school of excellence. The reading carousel ensures that the children have daily access to a variety of written media, such as non-fiction, catalogues and newspapers, as well as being read stories. and groups will be reading daily to an adult. We conducted an experiment in science this week and the children had wonderful predictions and made fantastic observations. Next week in maths, we will be concentrating on the numbers 0-6 and subitising (recognising a number by looking)





Year 1



This week we have been looking at split diagraphs like a-e, i-e, o-e, and u-e. We had an awesome time at our maths workshop we showed our parents lots of fun things we learn and use in maths to help us develop. We are looking forward to impress you again with our upcoming x-mas show.

As part of our upcoming Remembrance Assembly on Tuesday 12th November, we would love to include a live performance of The Last Post. If you, or someone in your family, plays the trumpet or cornet and would be happy to take part, please contact Ms McGowan via the school office.



Year 2



Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some time to rest and recharge. It has been lovely to see all the children back, full of energy and ready for another exciting term of learning. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, using different strategies to solve problems and explain our reasoning. In English, we have started our new text Little Red Riding Hood.

The children have enjoyed exploring the story, describing the characters, and beginning to plan their own retellings. In Science, we have launched our new topic on microhabitats and minibeasts. The children have been curious and enthusiastic as we discussed where small creatures live and how their habitats help them survive. As Remembrance Day approaches, we have been learning about its importance and making thoughtful poppy artwork to show respect and remembrance. It has been a fantastic start to the new half term. Well done, Year 2!

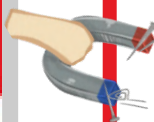


Year 3



It has been lovely welcoming Year 3's back into school this week after a well-deserved week off. They have already been working so hard this week starting new topics in English and Science. In Science we are now learning about forces and magnets. In English we are starting a new book called The Ghanaian Goldilocks a modern twist on the original fairytale. So far, the children have researched all about Ghana on their computers and learnt some key vocabulary from our book by playing a fun game.

The children are also very excited about starting to learn our christmas songs ready for our christmas show and have taken home all their lyrics this week.

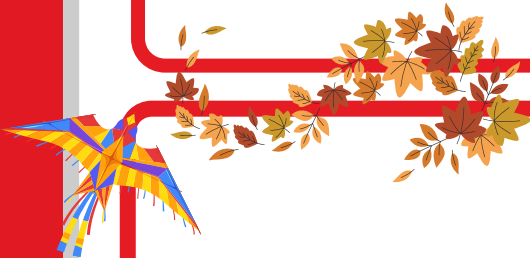




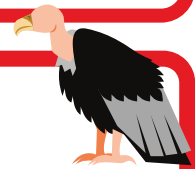
Year 4



Year 4 have enjoyed learning about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night, discovering why it is celebrated each year. We also created some colourful Bonfire Night artwork! We also explored Remembrance Day and discussed its importance in honouring those who served. After the break, we're back into routines and ready for a brilliant half term!



Year 5



This week in Year 5, the children have been reflecting on the importance of Remembrance. They designed and coloured beautiful poppies to honor those who have served and sacrificed during times of conflict. Through class discussions and stories, we talked about the bravery and selflessness of the soldiers who fought to protect not only Britain but the whole of Europe, ensuring the freedoms we enjoy today. The children showed great empathy and understanding as they learned why we wear poppies and how remembering the past helps us to value peace in the present and future.



YEAR 6



This half term in English, Year 6 have begun reading the book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. We've enjoyed exploring this heart-warming story about friendship, courage and protecting our planet. The children have enjoyed learning about Bear Island and it has sparked some wonderful conversations about climate change. Well done Year 6!



School Activities



Baby & Toddler group

Week 8



Our Baby and Toddler Group had a fantastic time this week! The children enjoyed a variety of fun activities, including building towers, making shapes with playdough, colouring, and completing puzzles. We also had a special guest join us and is a talented musician who played the guitar beautifully and brought lots of energy and smiles to the group! Everyone enjoyed a healthy snack and drink (the crackers were definitely a favourite!). The children were brilliant listeners during song time, joining in with favourites like The Wheels on the Bus, Incy Wincy Spider, and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. We had lots of giggles reading The Train Ride, especially when everyone joined in with animal noises and "choo choo-ing" like the train! Thank you to everyone who came along. We can't wait to see you again next time! Please do invite your friends and family who have babies or toddlers to join in the fun too!












 Hello Everyone, I am
 back to work. I hope
 everyone is doing well! I
 am very glad that you
 miss me.
 Thank you for visiting me
 at the office this week.
 Have a lovely weekend!



World Science Day Assembly - Led by Mrs Kennedy

Today, we held an assembly in celebration of World Science Day which is on November 10th. The children explored the different branches of science, learned how we conduct experiments, and discovered the contributions of various scientists throughout history. ..



Year 1 Maths Breakfast: A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our very first 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.



PTA

Singing assemblies have started! Each Tuesday morning, pupils in Years 1-6 come together in their Key Stages for our new Singing Assemblies, led by specialists from Inspiring Music. The children are really enjoying learning to sing with our visiting music experts and developing their confidence and performance skills.

Friends of SCA are working with My Child's Art providing you the chance to bring your child's Christmas masterpiece to life on a variety of products. Simply get your child to create their masterpiece on the paper provided, and return to school no later than this Monday, 10th November, so it can be sent to My Child's Art in time for uploading to our school's portal. If you submit a creation, information will be shared with you about how to access the parent portal. 20% commission on all orders placed will go towards Friends of SCA fundraising for the school, so we value your support. For inspiration on art ideas, visit the following link:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/christmas-artwork-gallery>



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Other Activities

SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

SAVE THE DATE

PINS
Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

PINS is a national project that brings health professionals, educators, and experienced parent carers together to support primary schools.

Welcome from SNAP Parent Carer Forum!
We are inviting you to join our first PINS Coffee Event
Date: 17th November 2025
From: 9am To: 10.30am
Place: St Christopher's Academy

Each session will be themed and for our first session we will be introducing SNAP Parent Carer Forum, the PINS project, as well as the 6C's framework. We are looking forward to meeting you and hearing about your parent carer experience, and that of your child.

The Goal

To help every child feel included, understood, and supported—especially those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

PINS is designed to:

- ✓ Help schools improve how they support children with SEND
- ✓ Offer early help to children who may be struggling - with or without a diagnosis
- ✓ Provide training for school staff to build skills and confidence
- ✓ Enhance communication and partnerships between schools and families

MORE INFORMATION >>> For more information please email PINS@snappcf.org.uk and see our PINS webpage

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY
GYMNASTICS

CLUB RUNS: FRIDAYS FROM: 3.30PM – 4.30PM
YEARS: 3, 4, 5 & 6

**DATES: 7TH NOV, 14TH NOV, 21ST NOV, 28TH NOV
5TH DEC & 12TH DEC**

**PRICE: £36 WHEN ALL DATES BOOKED (£6 PW)
OR £6.50 PW FOR PAY AS YOU GO**

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SEASON'S GREETING
BEST
CHRISTMAS CARD

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

You can design your Christmas card however you want - paint, draw or collage. Whatever you like as long as it has a Christmassy feel about it. Your design can be A4 or A5 in size, landscape or portrait.

£15 Amazon voucher prizes will be awarded to the best design in each of the following categories:

- ★ Nurseries - Reception
- ★ Years 1-4
- ★ Years 5-8
- ★ Years 9-13
- ... and a grand

★ Voucher Prize
£30 for an overall winner!

Please remember to write your **NAME, ACADEMY/NURSERY** and **YEAR GROUP** on the back of your design.

Submit your entry via your school/nursery by
9am Monday 1st December

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our
BOOK FAIR
to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

DATE: 19/11/25 TIME: All day
LOCATION: St Christophers Academy

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NEW!

What's Happening at School Next Week?



Monday – Year 6 Bikeability.

Tuesday – Pantomime performance in school.
Remembrance Day celebrations.
Year 6 Bikeability.
Parent's Evening at 4-6:45pm.★

Wednesday – Tea with the HoS and EP at
8:40-9:10am.★
Year 6 Bikeability.

Thursday – Year 6 Maths breakfast at
8:40-9:10am.★
Year 6 Bikeability.
Parent's Evening at 4-6:45pm.★

Friday – Children in Need: wear spots/ colours
(non-uniform day and bring a £1).
Year 6 Bikeability.



★ parent/carers invited to attend.



Parent's Evening



Who to Find & Where:

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening next week! To help the evening run smoothly, please take a moment to check where each teacher will be located, below you will find a full list of staff and their room allocations below.

Maths and English books will be available for you to look through before your scheduled meeting time, so please arrive a few minutes early if you'd like to review your child's work.

To ensure everyone has the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers, it is imperative that meetings are kept to 10 minutes.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping the evening run smoothly.

<u>EYFS</u> Robin - Nursery/ Preschool Key Workers Wren - Reception Teachers (Mrs Mazzey and Mrs Hales)	<u>The Hall</u> Year 5 Teachers (Mr Murphy and Mr Wintle) Year 6 Teacher (Mrs George) HoS / EP
<u>Year 1 Classrooms</u> Swallow - Year 1 Teachers (Mr Lacey, Mrs Kennedy / Mrs Hart) Chaffinch - Year 2 Teachers (Mrs Strong / Mrs McCloskey and Mrs McGowan)	<u>Year 2 Classrooms</u> Starling - Year 3 Teachers (Miss Shannon and Miss Prosper) Goldfinch - Year 4 Teachers (Mrs Blomfield and Miss Masters)

**Any questions speak to Class Teacher or a member of
the admin team.**

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