



# ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 03/10/2025

*A Community of Ambition*



## A message from the Head of School

As a school we have been working really hard to keep our communication clear and accessible.

We are also so proud of our open-door culture. While the specific staff member you need may not always be immediately available, there is always someone here to listen. If we can't see you straight away, we'll book a time that works and get back to you promptly. Thank you for working with us to keep communication strong!



*Miss Hayes*

## Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is **97%**

Our target for the whole school is 98%

## A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

*This week has been different because some of the year 6s went to a maths competition, guess what they won! We're thrilled that our Year 6 team won, and we're very proud of them. We've finished our mock SATs on Thursday.*

**Chloe & Joris**

## Headteacher's Award



Robin- **Zakariya/Millie**  
Sparrow - **Cody**  
Wren - **Sebastian**  
Swallow - **Alex**  
Chaffinch - **Shivika**  
Goldfinch - **Katie**  
Starling - **Patrick**  
Kingfisher - **Aliyah-Jae**  
Jay - **Devshri**  
Tawny owl - **Sachin**  
Kestrel - **Kienan**  
Red kite - **Serah**  
Buzzard - **Oliver**  
Golden Eagle - **Elsie**

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## nursery & pre-school



*This week in nursery, the children continued exploring the story of The Rainbow Fish. They have been learning about sharing and caring, and it's been lovely to see them putting this into practice with their friends. The children had lots of fun making colourful fish, singing fishy songs, creating fish tanks, counting on fish, and exploring sea life both indoors and outdoors. It's been a week full of creativity, learning, and fun!*



## Reception



*This week in Reception, we have continued with the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' through our writing and through creative tasks. We have made role play props and have collaborated on large-scale collage work (we cannot wait for you to see). In Maths, we have been exploring units of measure - we have sorted objects by size and have discussed height (both classes had a lot of fun putting themselves into height order!)*

*With the weather due to change next week, can you please ensure that your child is provided with a warm, waterproof coat every day.*

*Next week, we are looking at capacity and patterns. If you have any plastic bottles; boxes; water jugs; watering cans, etc - these would be brilliant to further the children's learning.*

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# Year 1



*This week, Year 1 have been learning about the past in History. The children talked about their favourite memories and special moments. Some children remembered family holidays, others thought about their first day at school or the first time they went swimming.*

*In English, we are reading Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.*

*The children tried hard to write their own stories in the same style and they enjoyed making up new characters. We are very proud of the children's work this week- keep it up!*

LITTLE  
MOMENTS  
**BIG**  
MEMORIES



# Year 2

*Year 2 have really enjoyed their Art lessons this week, developing their maps into 3D artwork. The children had fun choosing their own materials to represent different features and layering materials to make a 3D effect. In Maths, Year 2 practised counting in 1s and 10s on a numberline before estimating where different numbers belong on a numberline. In Geography this week we have been locating the North and South Poles and learning about the points on a compass.*

*In English, we have been using adjectives and prepositions to describe a setting from our story.*



# Year 3

*Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the term with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum! Kingfisher Class celebrated Black History Month by learning all about the inspiring mathematician Katherine Johnson and her incredible work with NASA. Meanwhile, Jay Class have been exploring the Stone Age and created brilliant handprint artwork to reflect life in prehistoric times.*

*We're now turning our attention to writing, as both classes prepare for their next Big Write on Monday. The children are full of ideas and ready to show off their creativity and progress!*

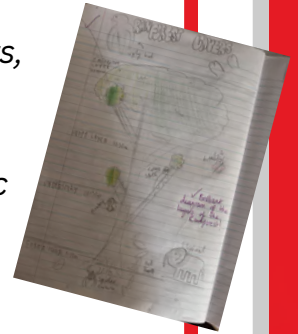




## Year 4



We can't believe it's already Week 5 of Autumn 1! Year 4 have been exploring the rainforest, learning about its layers, animals, and the Amazon. In English, we've been writing vivid setting descriptions, while in PE the children are developing cricket skills. In music, they're making fantastic progress on the recorder. It's been a brilliant start to the term, and we look forward to even more learning ahead!



## Year 5



Our Year 5 scientists have been soaring to new heights, diving into an exciting investigation of air resistance! We explored how the shape and size of an object can affect its descent, and then applied this knowledge to design and build their own working parachutes. The pupils truly shone, demonstrating incredible initiative in selecting and testing materials, remarkable creativity in their canopy shapes, and excellent application of scientific methods as they adjusted their designs based on trial results. It was fantastic to see them use evidence to solve design challenges and successfully engineer the slowest, most successful flight possible!

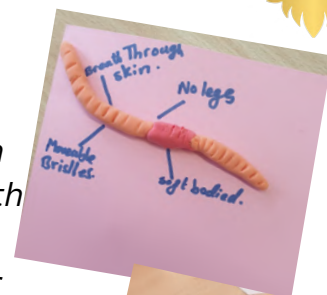


## YEAR 6



This week has been another busy one in year 6! We have taken our first round of mock SATs. The children have done themselves proud and completed these with diligence and strived for their very best. I am an extremely proud of all of the children. The results for these will be sent home soon.

The highlight of the afternoons this week was a Science lesson about invertebrates. The children looked at insects from our school grounds and then used air dry clay to create a detailed model of an invertebrate!

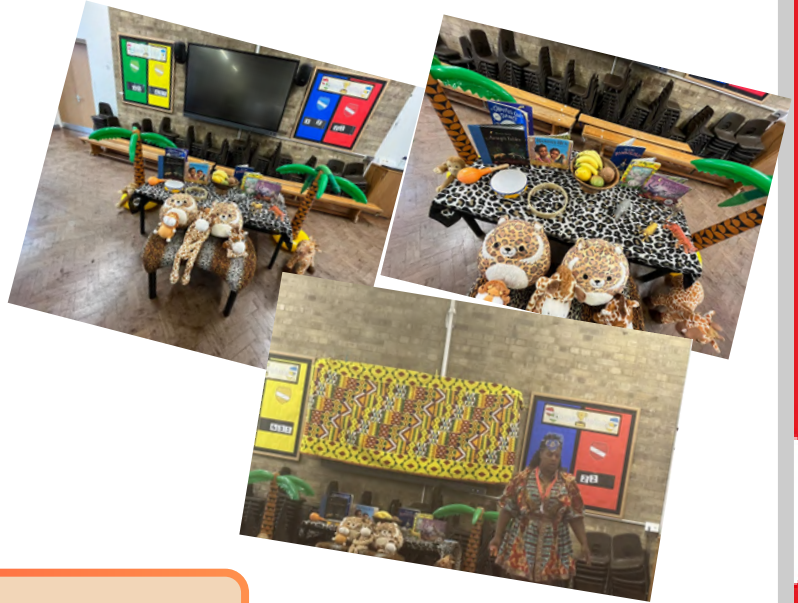


# School Activities

## Black History Month assembly -

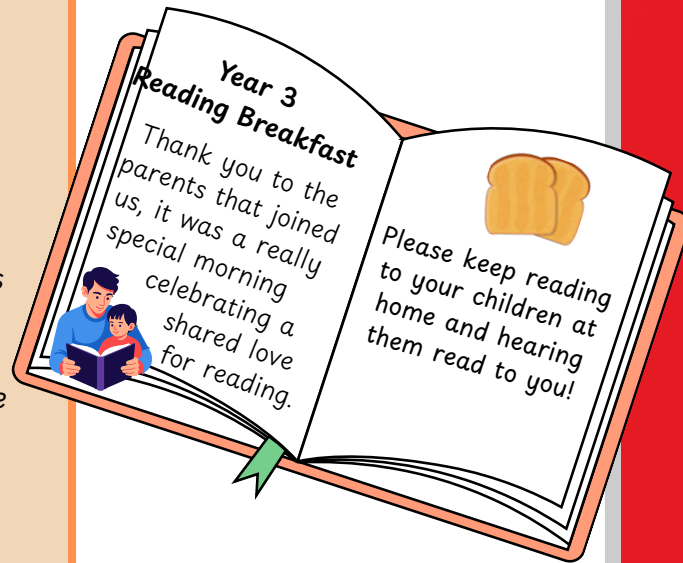
We were so fortunate to have a visitor share some African storytelling and start our celebrations!

We would love for parents and carers to be part of this celebration. You are warmly welcomed to come into school to share stories, experiences, music, art, or simply to join us in recognising and honouring Black history together.



## Baby & Toddler group Week 4

This week at Baby and Toddler group we welcomed 5 children, including 3 new friends! The children enjoyed mark-making, chatting, and playing with trains, cars, and dolls. Snack time was healthy and delicious with strawberries, carrots, grapes, oranges, and bananas, followed by milk and water. Singing with Mrs Young was great fun. Our favourites included Wheels on the Bus, There's a Dinosaur, and a new song about a Big Red Bus. We ended with the story Puppy on the Farm, where the children loved the animal noises and the funny wobbly eyes! We look forward to see you all next week again and hopefully with many more babies and toddlers joining us.



## Wheely Good Fundraising!

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. She has chosen to buy presents for both Great Ormond street hospital and Luton and Dunstable hospital. Harper-Rae has spent a lot of times in both of these hospitals the past 6 years, and last Christmas she was actually in over Christmas. When she was in she got given gifts from the play team and it's something she has remembered and decided this year she wants to do her own charity fundraiser to give back and put a smile on any Children's face who may be in over Christmas! We are super proud of her and she has already raised over £1000 pounds.



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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:

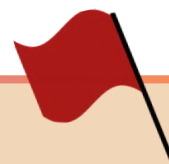
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| 16/06/2026 | Key stage 1 |
| 17/06/2026 | Key stage 2 |
| 19/06/2026 | EYFS        |

## 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> |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
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|          |                          |                                         |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 07/10/25 | Year 4                   | Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)      |
| 09/10/25 | <b>Everyone</b> invited! | Open Evening (5-6:30pm)                 |
| 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



See the Big Listen letter for key dates and more information!

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

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!



let's make the connection!



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## Letters Sent Today from School

- Harvest Collection
- Reception Home Time
- Year 6 Open Evening Support letter
- Staffing Update
- The Big Listen letter

## Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- FOSCA Halloween Disco

## Messages Sent this Week

- Download the Mychildatschool app (MCAS)

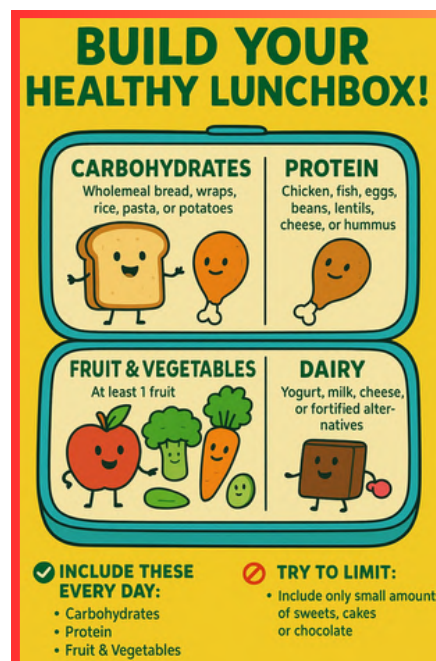


## Reminder

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!



## Stay in touch



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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:

[SCA-admin@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:SCA-admin@bestacademies.org.uk)



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5-6:30pm

Come along and discover all that our school has to offer!

- 🍴 Delicious food tasting
- 🏫 Explore our classrooms
- 🚶 Guided walk around the school
- 🔍 Fun treasure hunt for children

It's a great chance to meet our staff, see our facilities, and get a feel for our welcoming school community.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



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## SEPTEMBER 2026 ADMISSION NOW OPEN

**OPEN EVENING**  
**WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER FROM 5:00PM TO 6:30PM**

Come along to

- ▶ Meet our dedicated teachers and learn about our curriculum
- ▶ Explore our school facilities and ask any questions you may have



**MORE INFORMATION**  
☎ 01582 500 960  
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**START SEPTEMBER 2026  
REGISTER NOW**

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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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