



# ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 14/11/2025

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## A message from the Head of School

I'm so proud of our children! From the pantomime to Children in Need and our Remembrance activities, their behaviour and attitude have been excellent. It's been a real joy to see them take part in such a busy week so positively. Thank you to all parents who attended Parent's Evening. If you weren't able to make it, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet.

♥ *Miss Hayes*



## Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.6%

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



## Headteacher's Award



Robin- **Adeline/Samee**

Sparrow - **Zane**

Wren - **Jax**

Swallow - **Maryam**

Chaffinch - **Diane**

Goldfinch - **Freya**

Starling - **Chinemelum**

Kingfisher - **Aliyah-Jae**

Jay - **Safa**

Tawny owl - **Ajaay**

Kestrel - **Lia**

Red kite - **Sofia**

Buzzard - **Albi**

Golden Eagle - **Kenath**

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

It was so nice seeing you guys giving money for charity and seeing your amazing outfits.

Sadly not everyone is showing the school values, if you want the good things to happen please show the school values, especially in the higher years.

How was your parent's evening? Ours was good. We were happy to hear some of the JLT helped around.

**Chloe & Joris**

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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



## Key Dates: Autumn term 2

### Dates

### Year group

### Trips and Events

17/11/25 All year group parents  
19/11/25 Reception/Year 1  
20/11/25 Year 2  
21/11/25 All year groups  
25/11/25 Year 6 parents  
26/11/25 Year 4  
27/11/25 Reception/Year6  
27/11/25 Year 3  
27/11/25 Year 3  
01/12/25 Nursery/Preschool  
03/12/25 Reception  
04/12/25 Year 4  
05/12/25 Year 1  
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  
12/12/25 Year 4  
16/12/25 Year 5  
17/12/25 All year group parents  
18/12/25 Year 6

PINS SEND Coffee morning 9:00am to 10:30am  
Phonics workshop  
Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am  
Cultural Day  
SATS information coffee morning 9:45am -10:45am  
Roman Day  
Height and weight check 9:30am  
Ukelele concert 2:45 pm  
Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am  
Christmas performance 9:15 to 9:35 am  
Christmas performance 2:30pm  
Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am  
Christmas performance 2:30  
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  
Christmas performance 2:30pm  
Christmas performance 2:30 pm  
Tea with HOS and EP  
Christmas performance 2:30pm

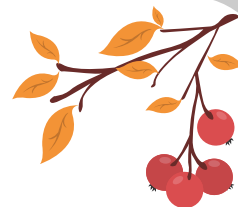
**Note: We're very sorry for any confusion caused regarding the Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance. Year 5 and Year 6 will perform together, with one show for Year 5 parents and another for Year 6 parents!**

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!

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## SCHOOL information



- **Letters Sent Today from School**
- Roman day letter for Year 4
- Phonics letter Year 1
- Christmas performance letter Nursery/Pre-School
- **Letters Sent this Week from External Providers**
- None
- **Messages Sent this Week**
- School Grid reminder to parents to Pre-order the food
- Update your consent on MCAS for Xmas Video



### 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!



The Christmas videographer is coming back! Please update your consent on MCAS under 'Xmas Video' to say whether you consent or not to the recording! The letter from the videographer with more information will come early next week.

### 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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# Communication at SCA



Thank you to those that attended Tea with the HoS and EP on Wednesday morning. It was such a wonderful chance to spend time with you, chatting over tea and cake (made by the wonderful Head Chef, Sam!). We will share feedback from this event in due course. If you didn't get to attend this time, check out the Big Listen letter on the website for future dates!



Thank you to the parents that spoke to myself or Mr Clarke at our station at Parent's Evening. We really appreciated you coming and updating us on your child's school experience, asking questions and sharing any queries/ concerns.

**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



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connection!



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# What's Been Happening at School this Week?



## nursery & pre-school



*Robin Class have had a wonderful 2nd week of exploring The Colour Monster. The children learnt the key vocabulary, sequenced the story, acted as different coloured monsters, and made their own monsters using various materials. The children also enjoyed sensory play with our jars and boxes.*

*In phonics, they are learning the sound 'a', and in maths, they are exploring positional language. Our Wow Wednesday was a hit with Pudsey Bear band making, and Fun Friday was full of excitement with Pudsey toast, science experiments, and outdoor fun!*



## Reception



*This week in English, we have been developing our own stories based on We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children have been so engaged and have begun to caption their own ideas. We have also been celebrating the work of author Michael Rosen through writing poetry and interactive story-telling.*

*We had a brilliant theatre group come and perform Peter Pan - they were all beaming from ear to ear for the whole performance.*

*In Maths, we have been working on number writing and consolidating our understanding of 2D shapes.*

*We discussed the importance of Remembrance Day - the children were very respectful during our 2 minutes silence.*

*Please do come along to our Fun Friday event (09:00 - 09:45) where we will be showcasing the children's learning and you can experience their excitement and engagement.*

*Next week, we will be sending out information about our Nativity performance.*



# Year 1



*This week we have been looking at split diagraphs like e-e, aw, and ew. We continue to work on our upcoming x-mas show. We have been finishing our work on addition and subtraction topic. Remember to download the whiterose 1 minute maths app on apple and android to keep practicing this at home. Well done on all the lovely Christmas cards coming in.*



# Year 2



*Year 2 have had a wonderful week of learning. In Maths, we have continued our unit on addition and subtraction by exploring number bonds, adding and subtracting one and ten and beginning to add three digit numbers. In English, we have been diving into Little Red Riding Hood. The children have enjoyed describing characters, using similes, practising conjunctions and retelling the story from memory. In Science, we have been investigating microhabitats and learning all about different types of mini beasts. We are also enjoying our Music sessions where we are working hard on our songs for the Christmas Assembly. The children are very excited to keep practising their singing and learning their lines as we get closer to the performance. A big thank you to all parents who attended parents evening this week. It was so lovely to have such positive and meaningful conversations.*



# Year 3



*What an exciting week it's been! After Monday's fantastic Peter Pan pantomime, creativity has been in full swing. Both Jay classes and Kingfisher have wowed us with their stunning Stonehenge artwork—what masterpieces! And the fun doesn't stop there: next week, get ready for some explosive science as they make volcanoes erupt in class! Meanwhile, Year 3 have kicked off a brand-new Maths adventure, diving into multiplication and division. We can't wait to see all the amazing learning ahead!*





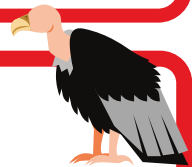
## Year 4



*Year 4 have been learning about and celebrating Armistice Day. We created our own remembrance poems, observed a two-minute silence, and listened to a special assembly about the importance of remembering. We've also been getting into the Christmas spirit with competitions and play rehearsals, and we loved watching the Peter Pan pantomime! Have hope everyone has a lovely weekend.*



## Year 5



*This week, the children enjoyed learning about the much-loved author and poet Michael Rosen. They explored his life, his work, and why we celebrate Michael Rosen Day, discovering how his playful use of language has inspired generations of young readers. As part of our study, the children revisited one of his most famous stories, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, engaging with its repeating patterns and imaginative journey. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience Rosen's creativity firsthand and to celebrate the joy of storytelling.*



## YEAR 6

*This week in year 6 has been a busy one!!  
We celebrated Michael Rosen Day with We watched a live lesson from Michel Rosen himself! The children loved his sense of humour! We then revisited a story from our early years... We're Going on a Bear Hunt!  
The children created their own versions by "Going on a Food Hunt!"  
Over chocolate mountains, through spaghetti rivers and into pizza fields!  
We cannot wait to share them with our younger children!*

*It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evening - thank you so much for working with us.*

*Anyone who couldn't get an appointment, Mrs George will contact separately.*



# School Activities



## Baby & Toddler group

### Week 8

Children had a great time today; they played with a variety of toys, including a guitar, train track, and soft toys. Thank you to Mrs Young and Mrs Azuiké for helping today in the Baby & toddler group. Thank you to everyone who came along. We can't wait to see you again next time! Please do invite your friends and family with babies or toddlers to join in the fun, too!



## Children in Need

Thank you to all the children for so warmly celebrating Children in Need and a special thank-you to Mr Murphy and Mr Lacey for delivering such inspiring assemblies!



**Money raised: £150**



## Peter Pan Pantomime



On Tuesday, we were treated to a fantastic Peter Pan pantomime performance by M&M Productions. A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA, whose support helped make this special event possible.

We were lucky enough to enjoy two shows — one for EYFS and KS1, and another for KS2 — giving every child the chance to experience the magic. The children's laughter was truly infectious, and it was heart-warming to see their faces light up with excitement and joy throughout the performance.



**Bikeability: Well done year 6 for showing such maturity and awareness of road safety during your sessions.**



**Congratulations Oliver in Jay class for passing your Level 3 swimming!**



**Remembrance Day:** Thank you to Miss McGowan for putting together such a wonderful, thought-provoking video for Remembrance Day as we take time to reflect and honour those who served in the War and those who continue to. It is posted on our school Facebook page if you would like to watch it.



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# Other Activities

**SAVE THE DATE**

**PINS**  
Partnership for Inclusion 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@snappct.org.uk](mailto:PINS@snappct.org.uk) and see our PINS webpage

**Popups Cafe**  
Village Green Pavilion  
4.30pm - 6.30pm

**2025**

**MONDAYS**

Are you between the ages of 12-18?  
Then come along and join in!

Looking for a fun, safe place to hang out and make new friends?

**What we offer :**  
Games & Activities  
Chill Zone  
Snacks & Drinks

*Just bring your positive vibes and energy.*

Houghton Regis Youth Services

Sessions only available during Term time only.

Join us on Facebook

**NOT MY CHILD**

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO  
\* EXPLOITATION  
\* KNIFE CRIME  
\* COUNTY LINES

**CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENT AIMED AT RAISING AWARENESS AND EQUIPPING YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION, KNIFE CRIME, & COUNTY LINES

**WHY ATTEND?**

- HEAR REAL STORIES:** Hear lived experiences from parents whose children have sadly fallen victim to such crimes
- RECOGNISE THE SIGNS:** Learn how to spot the early warning signs that your child is being exploited
- EXPERT ADVICE:** Get practical advice on what to do if you have concerns about your child's safety
- SUPPORT NETWORKS:** Connect with organisations that can offer further support and guidance

ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN BE A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMES. IT'S CRUCIAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNS AND KNOW WHERE TO TURN FOR HELP.

**5:45PM - 9:15PM**  
**WEDS 19 NOVEMBER 2025**  
**CEDARS UPPER SCHOOL**  
**LEIGHTON BUZZARD**

Bedfordshire Police

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**YOUTH CLUB**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Ages 12 - 18 years  
**5 pm - 7 pm**

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
Sandringham Hub, 48 Sandringham Drive,  
Houghton Regis, LU55UP

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
Houghton Regis, Baptist Church,  
Hammersmith Gardens,  
Houghton Regis, LU5 5RG

**FUN, FRIENDS, AND ADVENTURE**  
- JOIN THE CLUB!

Houghton Regis Town Council

YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

**OFF ROAD OFF LIMITS**  
**E-SCOOTERS & E-BIKES**

Bedfordshire Police is taking firm action against the illegal use of e-scooters and other e-vehicles in public places.

**THINK BEFORE YOU BUY**

These vehicles are not road legal unless part of an approved rental scheme - **there is currently no such scheme active in Bedfordshire.**

Privately owned e-scooters and e-bikes cannot be insured, making their use in public spaces illegal.

If you are caught riding an e-scooter, e-bike or any other offroad vehicle in a public road or any other public space, **your vehicle may be seized and destroyed.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO REPORT NUISANCE VEHICLES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
**WWW.BEDS.POLICE.UK**

**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:

- Nursery - 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 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**SCHOLASTIC** **READING** **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!

**Bluey**  
AMAZING STORIES!

**Doc Man**  
The best new book!

**STAR GATES**  
PEELY PETS PARTIES

DATE: 19/11/25 TIME: All day  
LOCATION: St Christopher's Academy

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**  
**ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY**  
**GYMNASTICS**

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

**DATES: 7<sup>th</sup> NOV, 14<sup>th</sup> NOV, 21<sup>st</sup> NOV, 28<sup>th</sup> NOV**  
**5<sup>th</sup> DEC & 12<sup>th</sup> DEC**

**PRICE: £36 WHEN ALL DATES BOOKED (C6 PW)**  
**OR £6.50 PW FOR PAY AS YOU GO**

**LIMITED PLACES!!**  
Great for developing balance, flexibility, strength and coordination!

**HOW TO BOOK**  
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Check out this facebook page, recommended by one of our wonderful Mums, for lots of great ideas of things to do with the kids!

**Mum's guide to Dunstable**

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**NEW!**

## What's Happening at School Next Week?



**Monday** – PINS SEND project coffee  
morning 9:00 to 10:30 am

**Tuesday** –

**Wednesday** – Phonics workshops Yr 1:  
9-9:45am★  
and Reception: 9:45-10:30am★

**Thursday** – Year 2 Maths breakfast at  
8:40-9:10am.★

**Friday** – Cultural Day: Children and staff  
invited to wear clothes  
representing their culture.  
(No donation required).



★parent/carers invited to attend.

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