



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 24/10/2025

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A message from the Head of School

It's been a fantastic first half term, full of achievements and energy across the school. Autumn is well and truly here, with golden leaves, cooler days and more rain than I'd like! I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the week break.

♥ *Miss Hayes*



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is 95%

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



A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

Hi

We are so happy, all your outfits were amazing for the Disco and it was so fun seeing you, the songs were amazing. We can't wait to see you in a week's time!

Chloe & Joris

Headteacher's Award



Robin- Jakub/ Ama
Sparrow - Ahan
Wren - Evie
Swallow - Maame
Chaffinch - Tyler
Goldfinch - Ava
Starling - Lucas
Kingfisher - Malachy
Jay - Oliver
Tawny owl - Elvis
Kestrel - David
Red kite - James
Buzzard - Anna-Leigh
Golden Eagle - Naomi

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nursery & pre-school



Robin Class has had a very busy and exciting week! We celebrated Diwali and had a Halloween disco. The children joined in a special assembly about Diwali and enjoyed dressing up in different costumes for the disco. In class, they role-played, twirled, and even had a little fashion show in their costumes. Our story this week was "Dear Zoo". The children wrote letters to the zoo asking for a nice pet, pretended to be different animals, and explored the story through sensory activities. Outside, the children had lots of fun splashing in puddles, experimenting with floating and sinking using leaves and stones, and playing with ducks and boats in the water.



Reception



This week in Reception, we have been looking at 2D shapes and the properties of these. The children have begun to demonstrate their understanding by describing them and creating patterns out of them. We have also discussed the celebration of Diwali and have created decorations and diya lamps out of clay. For Halloween, the children have completed observational paintings of pumpkins and discussed how they decay. The teachers have been assessing phonics and we are so impressed with how hard the children have been working on their reading! Keep up the reading at home, we are so proud.



Year 1



Year 1 have been working really hard in Maths this week, practising adding numbers together and showing great progress with their number facts! Everyone has been super enthusiastic and confident when solving problems. We also had lots of fun at the Halloween Disco – there were some amazing costumes and plenty of dancing! Well done, Year 1, for a fantastic week of learning and fun!



Year 2



Year 2 have been exploring an Autumn theme in English this week. We have enjoyed sharing the story 'Don't hog the hedge!', describing the Autumn season and creating our very own shape poems! In R.E and Art, we have been learning about Diwali. Some children in our classes celebrated Diwali, The Hindu Festival of Light, this week. It was wonderful to hear them share their experiences and celebrations with the rest of the year group. We learnt about the story of Rama and Sita and created our own rangoli patterns. We hope you enjoyed our Harvest assembly performance and we wish you all a fantastic half-term break filled with fun and rest!



Year 3



Year 3 have had a lovely last week before breaking up for the half term. The children have been working really hard learning column addition and subtraction this week and learning how to cross over the tens and hundreds. The Year 3 children have got a well-deserved break before getting creative and coming back to school next half term to make volcanoes, vegetable tarts and rehearsing for our ukelele and Christmas shows! Next half term is going to be a very busy one!

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Year 4



Year 4 have had an excellent final week of the half term. In math's we have been exploring Area, recalling previous learning and understanding how to find the area of rectilinear shapes. In Science we finished our food and digestion topic with a lesson all about poo! The children used poo clues to find out about and identify different animals!

We also enjoyed seeing all the children's fabulous outfits for the Halloween disco. We wish you a restful half term and look forward to returning in November.



Year 5



In Year 5, we have been learning all about the traditions and history of Halloween. We explored how the celebration has changed over time and discussed the different symbols and customs associated with it around the world. Using what we learned, each student designed their own Halloween-inspired artwork, experimenting with a range of artistic mediums such as paint, collage, pastels, and mixed materials. The children carefully planned and sketched their ideas before bringing their final designs to life, showcasing their creativity and individuality. The finished pieces are wonderfully imaginative and capture the spooky spirit of Halloween perfectly!



YEAR 6



Wow! Where has that first half term gone?! The children have settled into year 6 brilliantly; they have taken on their responsibilities well and faced each new piece of learning with a positive attitude.

This week we carried out netball tournaments in P.E to bring together all of our learning. The children enjoyed putting into practice everything they had learnt.

We have also finished our unit of R.E this week. The children created their own board and card games to demonstrate how Hindu's lead a good life.

We also shared information with the children about an exciting show we are going to put on for Christmas!!

Have a restful half term and I look forward to working with you all again in the run up to Christmas!

School Activities



Baby & Toddler group

Week 7

We had such a lovely time at our group today! The children really enjoyed playing with the train tracks and trains, building models with blocks, and making ice cream which is always a favourite!

There were lots of smiles, hugs, and lovely moments of friendship's. The children used their imaginations beautifully while playing with the ponies and dolls. Our healthy snack of fruit and vegetables was very popular again.

We were excited to welcome our three guests today! They joined in singing nursery rhymes and enjoyed listening to the story Duck in the Truck. We even had some great helpers at tidy-up time especially from one of our new guest!

We had so much fun together and can't wait to see you again after half term.

Thank you for joining us and please invite your family and friends with babies or toddlers to come along too!



Thank you to Friends of SCA for arranging the Halloween Disco for our school. Children had a great time!



Half Term Highlights!

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks filled with learning, creativity, and community. Here's a look back at just some of the wonderful things we've achieved together.

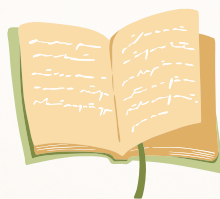


A range of assemblies



PTA Bounce Back

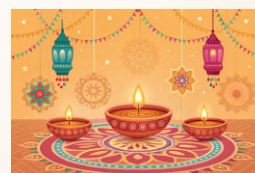
Reading Breakfasts



MacMillan cake sale



Harvest festival



Diwali celebrations

Black History Month celebrations



Halloween Disco

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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:

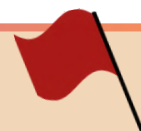
16/06/2026	Key stage 1
17/06/2026	Key stage 2
19/06/2026	EYFS

Christmas Performance:

01/12/2025	Nursery/Preschool
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 2



Dates

Year group

Trips and Events

04/11/25	All year group parents
06/11/25	Year 1
11/11/25	Year 6
11/11/25	All year group parents
12/11/25	Year 6
12/11/25	All year group parents
13/11/25	Year 6
13/11/25	Year 6
13/11/25	All year group parents
14/11/25	TBC
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
27/11/25	Reception/Year 6
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
11/11/25	All year group parents
11/12/25	Year 5
12/11/25	Year 4
17/12/25	All year group parents
18/12/25	Year 6

Behaviour workshop
Maths Breakfast
Bikeability Day 1
Parents evening
Bikeability DAY 2
Tea party with HOS and EP
Bikeability Day 3
Maths Breakfast
Parents evening
Flu vaccine 8:30am to 12:00pm
PINS SEND Coffee morning 9:00am to 10:30am
Phonics workshop
Maths Breakfast
Cultural Day
SATS information coffee morning 9:45am - 10:45am
Height and weight check 9:30am
Ukelele concert 1:30 - 3:30pm
Maths Breakfast
Christmas performance
Christmas performance
Maths Breakfast
Christmas performance
Christmas performance
Rocksteady concert
Christmas Jumper Day
Maths Breakfast
Christmas performance
Tea with HOS AND EP
Christmas performance

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



As we reach the end of our first half term, we want to celebrate the fantastic progress we've made together in strengthening communication across our school community!

It's been wonderful to see parents, carers, and staff engaging so positively through sharing ideas, celebrating successes, and helping us keep everyone informed and connected.

Thank you for working with us so openly and constructively; your partnership makes a real difference. As we look ahead to the busy weeks of the second half of the Autumn term, we look forward to continuing this positive dialogue and building on this positive momentum as we move into the next half term.

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

Next half term's events include:



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



**SEND Coffee
Morning**



**Information
Workshops**



**Surveys and
Consultations**



**Tea with the
HoS and EP**



**let's make the
connection!**



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Letters Sent Today from School

- Artsmark and questionnaire
- EYFS Tapestry and Activity Updates

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- Photographs ordering reminder

Messages Sent this Week

- Bikeability reminder to Year 6 parents



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!



Parent's evening bookings are live!

Thank you to everyone who has booked their parents evening slot. A friendly reminder to do this, if you require any support please speak to Mrs Sharma when we return after half term.



Bookings will close at 12pm on Monday 3rd November.



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