



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 26/09/2025

A Community of Ambition



A message from the Head of School

This week has been a wonderful reminder of the strength of our school community.

From the joy of our Year 2 Reading Breakfast, to the informative maths workshop, to the excitement of European Language Day, and the warmth shown at our Macmillan cake sale with parents and neighbours, it has been a week full of connection, learning, and generosity. These events show what makes our school special: children, families, staff, and friends coming together to celebrate, to learn, and to support others. Thank you to everyone who joined in.

Miss Hayes



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.4%**

Our target for the whole school is 98%

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



Headteacher's Award

Robin- **Frankie/Camille**

Sparrow - **Rachel**

Wren - **Aedan**

Swallow - **Finley**

Chaffinch - **Harper-Rae**

Goldfinch - **Enzo**

Starling - **Kieana**

Kingfisher - **Teodora**

Jay - **Ezra**

Tawny owl - **Logan**

Kestrel - **Micah**

Red kite - **Leah**

Buzzard - **Sofia**

Golden Eagle - **Elijah**



A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

It has been a whole week since Chloe stepped up to be Head Girl. We have enjoyed supporting with the maths workshop this week. Our KSI prefects enjoyed helping at the reading breakfasts too. We cannot wait to see you all next week with your big smiles.

Chloe & Joris

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nursery & pre-school



Nursery is becoming busier each day as we welcome new children, and it has been wonderful to see how quickly everyone has settled in. This week we have been exploring The Rainbow Fish, sparking lots of excitement about the colourful scales and the story's message of sharing and caring. The children enjoyed creating their own fish through art and playdough, counting and sorting fish, practising writing their names, and even going "fishing in the sea" in small-world play. Both indoors and outdoors, they have joined in with great enthusiasm and had so much fun learning together.



Reception



Reception classes have been busy this week. We have continued our phonics lessons and we have learnt the sounds 'i,n,m and d'. We have begun our Talk for Writing lessons where we have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we have been working on our story maps!! We have also been sorting in our maths' lessons and we have learnt how to sort by colour, type and category...well done reception classes.

The children are doing such a wonderful job and the team here in reception are all very very proud of how far they have come in such a short time.

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Year 1



This week in Geography, Year 1 have explored their classrooms and created their own maps, carefully adding key features and learning how to represent spaces from a bird's-eye view. They loved spotting familiar objects and thinking about where everything belongs. In Art, Year 1 the children have been exploring shapes by experimenting with different types of lines. From straight and zig-zag to wavy and curly, the children discovered how lines can be combined to create interesting shapes and patterns. Their creativity really shone through, and they enjoyed turning simple lines into imaginative designs.

It's been a fantastic week of learning through exploration and creativity!



Year 2



Thank you to those parents and family members who were able to join us on Tuesday for our Reading Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many of you in our classrooms, sharing a story and a slice of toast with your children. Thank you for all you do to support your child's reading journey. We hope our Reading Breakfast inspires more story moments at home, and many more shared smiles over books! In other news this week, our meerkat Sunny was busy exploring different locations around our school, inspiring our story writing. We didn't realise he was afraid of heights until he climbed to the top of the play equipment in the playground! On Friday, we enjoyed celebrating European Languages Day.



Year 3



This week the children have been working hard in Geography learning about volcanoes and where most of the world's volcanoes are located.

We have also been continuing our learning of the French alphabet and French phonemes.

Reminder: This week's homework is set in their homework books, they will have one page of English and one page of Maths work.



Year 4



This week in Year 4 the children have been busy exploring and creating. In science they investigated different types of human teeth and made clay models of adult teeth, learning about how they work. In history we looked at the British Roman timeline and discovered how life changed during Roman times. In French we have started our animals topic. Ask your child which animals they can name in French and see what they have learned.

It has been a week full of curiosity and creativity.



Year 5



This week in Year 5 Religion, we explored some fascinating aspects of Christianity. We learned about the beauty and symbolism of stained-glass windows, discovering how they are not only works of art but also tell important stories from the Bible and help inspire worshippers. It has been wonderful to see the children asking thoughtful questions and making connections between what they see in religious buildings and what they are learning in class.



YEAR 6



In year 6 this week, we have started a new book in English called "Can we save the tiger?"

This book allows us to explore a non-fiction text about endangered species. We have discussed why animals are becoming endangered and what could lead to them becoming extinct.

In History, we looked at a census from 1841. We discussed what life was like for Victorian children at the time. Some of them worked in factories from the age of 10 to help support their families. We couldn't imagine having to go to work - suddenly school seems much more attractive!

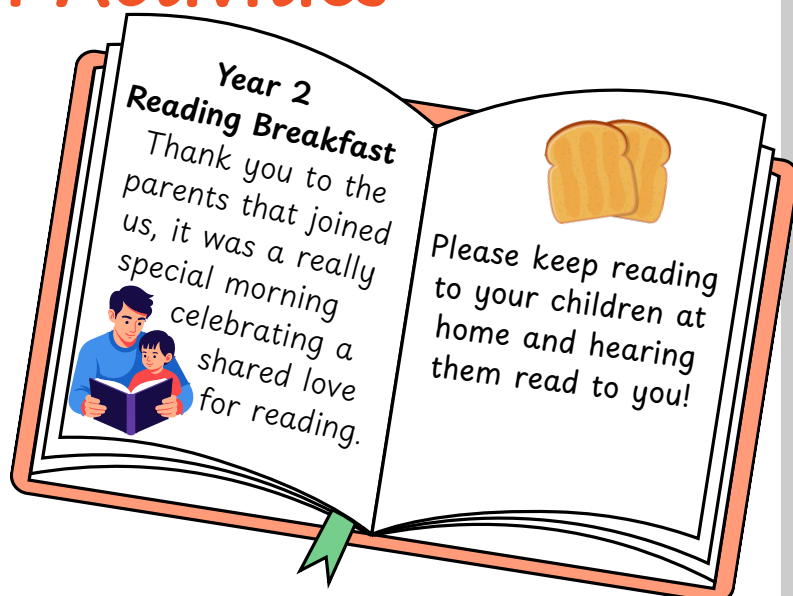
Next week, we are going to be supporting the children through a round of mock SATs. This is earlier than planned but we want the children to become a customed to the question types to allow for more support.



Miss Masters delivered an assembly on European Day of Languages, where pupils came together to celebrate the richness of languages and cultures across Europe.



School Activities



THE GREAT SCA BAKE OFF WINNERS

From the brilliant bakers to the enthusiastic cake-eaters, thank you! Our Macmillan cake sale was a sweet success thanks to your donations and purchases. Every crumb helped support Macmillan's incredible work for people living with cancer.



Best cupcake: **Yareeqa Yr 6**



Best biscuit: **Isabella Yr 1**



Best chocolate cake: **David Yr 5**



Most House entries: **Winter**

AS THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT COMPETITION TO JUDGE - WELL DONE TO ALL ENTRIES, YOU RECEIVE 10 HOUSE POINTS EACH!



Baby & Toddler

Baby & toddler group Week 3

We had a wonderful baby and toddler group this week with five children, and although it was a small group, the room was full of laughter and fun. The children enjoyed drawing, role-playing as ice cream sellers treating Mrs. Sharma and me to delicious Strawberry ice-cream, pushing cars and trucks, and playing energetic games with pans, pizzas, and lemons. Our youngest guest focused on building with Lego blocks, showing great concentration. Snack time was a mini feast with vegetables, breadsticks, crackers, biscuits, milk, and water. We sang nursery rhymes with actions, danced, played instruments, and listened to Goldilocks and the Three Bears, finishing with a cheerful goodbye song and a warm hug. We hope to welcome more children next week, so please invite friends and family with babies or toddlers to join the fun.

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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:

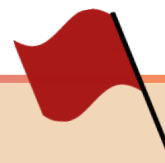
16/06/2026	Key stage 1
17/06/2026	Key stage 2
19/06/2026	EYFS

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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30/09/25	Year 3	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
07/10/25	Year 4	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
09/10/25	Everyone 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



More information
coming in next
week's Newsletter!

The
**Big
Listen**

Parent Voice Scheme
St Christophers Academy

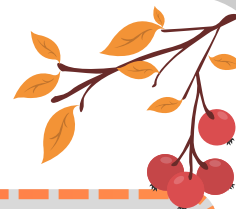


let's make the
connection!



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!

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Letters Sent Today from School

- Reception Gazette letter
- Consent form for Reception class
- Phonics letter for EYFS

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- None

Messages Sent this Week

- Students of 1960



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 friendly reminder that the school gates close by 3:45pm, please make sure that (unless you are with a member of staff) you leave the premises before this time.

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