



# ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 21/11/2025

*A Community of Ambition*



## A message from the Head of School

What a joyful week we've had! Our snowy Wednesday brought such excitement for both the children and adults alike; they made the most of it, turning the day into a wonderful learning opportunity full of curiosity and laughter. We also loved celebrating Cultural Day. Seeing our community come together in clothing that reflected each family's heritage was truly special and reminded us of the rich diversity that strengthens our school community.

♥ *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- **Hetansh & Raya**  
Sparrow - **Mehra**  
Wren - **Reign**  
Swallow - **Sarayah**  
Chaffinch - **Georgia**  
Goldfinch - **Harrison**  
Starling - **Mishita**  
Kingfisher - **Joshua**  
Jay - **Rio**  
Tawny owl - **Amelia**  
Kestrel - **Anais**  
Red kite - **Jamie**  
Buzzard - **Matei**  
Golden Eagle - **Oscar**

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

Year 6 have been paying special respects by writing letters and drawing pictures for Ellie. You have seen them on her memorial bench. It is there if you want to sit there to remember or think about others that have passed away too. We miss Ellie in our class but always remember her.

**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

## Reports to Parents:

13/02/25 Year 1-6  
10/07/25 EYFS - Year 6



## Key Dates: Autumn term 2



### Dates

### Year group

### Trips and Events

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
05/12/25	Year 5	Music performance Buzzard @ 9 to 10am
05/12/25	Year 5	Music performance Redkite @ 10 to 11am
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 2:45 pm
11/12/25	whole school	Christmas Jumper day/ Christmas dinner
11/12/25	Year 5	Maths Breakfast 8:40 to 9:10 am
11/12/25	Whole school invited	PTA Christmas Movie Night after school
12/12/25	Year 4	Christmas performance 2:30pm
16/12/25	Year 5	Christmas performance 2:30 pm
17/12/25	All year group parents	Tea with HOS and EP
18/12/25	Year 6	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**
- **Choir letter for Year 3**
- **Letters Sent this Week from External Providers**
- **Christmas performance video letter**
- **Movie night letter from PTA**
- **Messages Sent this Week**
- **Tempest photos delivered**
- **Weekly Bulletin for families around Dunstable/Houghton Regis**



### 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



## 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

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 we read Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? and explored animals and colours through sensory play, story sequencing, and bear drawings. In maths we looked at number patterns, and in phonics we learned the letter t with words like tiger, tap, teddy and ten. The children loved playing in the snow and building snowmen. For Culture Day, we joined the assembly and took part in activities like making flags and cooking and had great ending of the week with Fun Friday!*



## Reception



*This week in Reception, we have been working hard on learning our songs and lines for our Christmas performance. Copies of these have been sent home this week in their reading book bags so please support your child to practise their lines and songs. Also within the reading bags are some home writing practice books to encourage your child to get excited about writing, we would very much appreciate it if you could be enthusiastic too!*

*The children LOVED the snow this week and we had great fun. Please be aware that whatever the weather we will be going outside. Please send in spare clothes (including pants/tights/socks) for your child so they are able to get changed when they get wet.*





## Year 1



*Thank you to the parents who came to the year 1 reading workshop for anyone who missed it please speak to your class teacher if you are unsure on anything. Children have enjoyed starting our art project of painting and exploring what happens when we blend colours. We have begun exploring shapes and can name some 2D and 3D shapes. Help us at home continue to find shapes around the house.*



## Year 2



*We have had such an exciting and busy week in Year Two as we get ready for our Christmas show. The children have been practising their lines and songs with so much enthusiasm and the Christmas spirit is definitely growing in both classrooms. This week we also celebrated Culture Day which was a wonderful chance for the children to share their family traditions and learn more about one another. We even had a bit of snow which the children loved exploring. They worked together to come up with adjectives like cold crunchy fluffy and sparkling which brought our descriptive writing to life. In maths we continued our addition and subtraction work and the children have shown brilliant confidence with their strategies. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our maths breakfast. It was lovely to see families enjoying games and finding the joy in maths with us. Have a lovely weekend!*



## Year 3



*Jay Class had a blast this week taking home their amazing history artwork and making their volcanoes erupt, while Kingfisher Class learned all about earthquakes and even carried out a fun mock evacuation! Next Thursday is packed with excitement. Join us for the Maths Breakfast in the morning and the Ukulele Concert in the afternoon. The children have been practicing so hard and can't wait to show you their fantastic progress. See you there!*





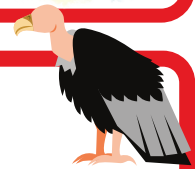
## Year 4



*It's been a busy week in Year 4! In Maths, we practised times tables and division, and in English we explored new vocabulary. In Geography, the children researched local woodlands and their habitats. They're also enjoying getting ready for our Christmas performance! We hope everyone has a great weekend.*



## Year 5



*Year 5 have been busy exploring the wonderful country of Romania for Culture Day, and their hard work has truly shone. The children learned about Romania's mountains, rivers, and wildlife, as well as its colourful traditions and stories. They used this learning in their English fact files, in art by creating pattern-inspired designs, and in geography as they compared Romania with the UK. Their teamwork, curiosity, and positive attitude have made this project both exciting and meaningful, and the whole year group should feel very proud of what they've achieved.*

**Music performance on 5Th December: Parents are invited to listen and create music with their child.**

**Buzzard class 9 to 10 am and Redkite 10 to 11 am**



## YEAR 6

*This week has been another busy one in Year 6! We have started practising our Christmas Performance! The children are very excited to be learning all of the songs and their passion is contagious. They have also enjoyed researching our given country and their culture - Ireland! Did you know that Ireland is one of the largest immigrant communities in the UK?! It was amazing to see all of the children in their cultural dress and colours today too.*

*I look forward to seeing you at our SATs coffee morning next week.*



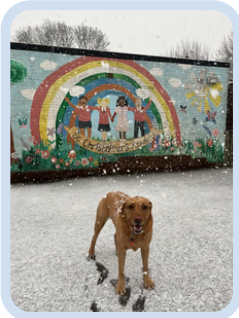
# School Activities

## Baby & Toddler group Week 9



It was much more exciting day because 'Torrán' our school dog has joined our session saying hello and wagging his tail. It was a lovely session, and we hope you will invite your friends and family with babies and toddlers to join us.

Polite reminder: Please keep an eye on your children at all times to help keep everyone safe and support their behaviour.



Woof Woof!

I was so happy seeing how happy all of you were when the snow came on Wednesday! I loved running around in it, it gave me the zoomies! I even chased a few snowballs but they kept exploding in my mouth!  
Best snow day ever!



## St Christophers in the Snow



## Cultural Day



We celebrated Cultural Day with a wonderful assembly led by Miss Masters, highlighting the many countries and heritages that make up our school community. It was a joyful opportunity to learn more about one another, share our traditions, and appreciate the rich diversity that brings us together.



**Year 2 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.



Thank you to the parents that attended the Year One & Reception Phonics Workshops. Remember, we don't expect you to know the answers or be a phonics expert, so please do speak to the teachers for any support!

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# Other Activities



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



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**NEW!**

# What's Happening at School Next Week?



**Monday –**

**Tuesday –** Yr 6 SATS information coffee  
morning 10:00am - 10:45am ★

**Wednesday –** Yr 4 Roman Day:  
Children invited to come in  
dressed in traditional Roman  
attire as they live the day as  
a Roman.



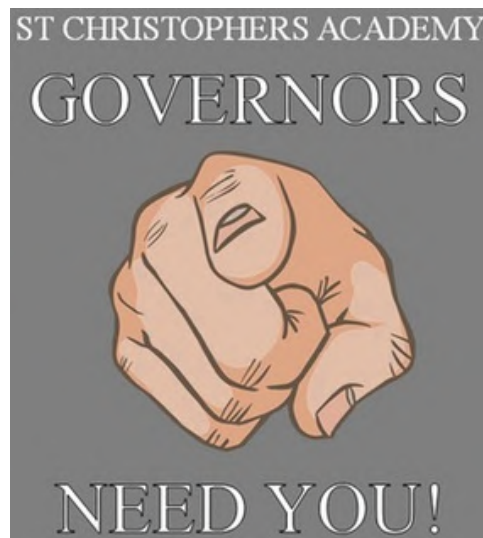
**Thursday –** Year 3 Maths Breakfast  
8:40-9:10am ★  
Rec & Yr 6 NHS height  
and weight check.  
Year 3 ukulele concert  
at 2:45pm ★



**Friday –**

★ parent/carers invited to attend.

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### **Could You Help Shape the Future of St Christophers School?**

The Governing Body at St Christophers is keen to hear from **parents, carers, and members of our local community** who may be interested in becoming a **school governor**. It's an important and rewarding voluntary role, helping to shape the strategic direction of the school and ensuring it continues to meet the needs of the community it serves.

You don't need any prior experience — just enthusiasm, commitment, and a genuine interest in supporting children's education. Governors work as part of a team to provide oversight and constructive challenge, rather than being involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

Full training and support are provided, and our governing body is friendly, welcoming, and committed to making a difference.

If you'd like to find out more, please get in touch with the school office to arrange an informal chat — expressing interest doesn't commit you at this stage; it's simply an opportunity to learn more about what's involved.

We'd love to hear from you and hope you'll consider joining us in supporting the continued success of St Christophers.

Mark Liddiard  
Chair of Governors