



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 05/09/2025

A Community of Ambition



A message from the Head of School

Welcome Back!

I am delighted to welcome all of our children, families, and staff to the start of a new school year. I look forward to the months ahead and to working together to support every child and continuing to strengthen our school community.

On Wednesday, Years One to Six joined me for our welcome back assembly, where I shared a story from my holiday about saying "yes" to something new. Straying beyond my usual annual run in the teachers' race on Sports Day, I joined a parkrun and ran a 5K! It was a reminder that stepping outside our comfort zone can be rewarding. This year, I encourage us all to say "yes" to new experiences! Whether that's trying a different food, making a new friend, learning a new language, or giving a new sport a go. I look forward to hearing what they (and you) might say yes to!



Miss Hayes

If you're inspired by Miss Hayes' running, see local running opportunities below!

Mrs McCloskey, our SENCO, welcomes you back to school and wanted to let you know that her days for SENCO have changed to Mondays and Tuesdays. She would appreciate it if any contact could be made on those days as she will be teaching the rest of the week. Thank you for your support with this.



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nursery & pre-school



Nursery have had a wonderful start to the term! Our recent home visits were very successful, giving us a lovely opportunity to make connections and begin building strong relationships with our new children and their families. We were also delighted to welcome back our existing nursery children today . They settled back into class beautifully after the holidays, had great fun exploring the activities, and were so pleased to see their friends and teachers again.



Reception



What a fantastic start to the term for our new Reception classes. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled in. All children have been working hard already and have been great to get to know the school rules and routines. We have had fabulous circle time sessions; amazing story times; and the children are already showing us how clever they are!



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Year 1

Welcome Back, Year 1!

We're so happy to have you back—what a joy it's been to see so many smiling faces! This week, we've been busy settling into our new classrooms, getting to know each other, and exploring our new routines.

We've already jumped into some exciting Art activities, written about our summer holidays, and have been practising our numbers. What a fantastic start to the year—well done, Year 1!



Year 2



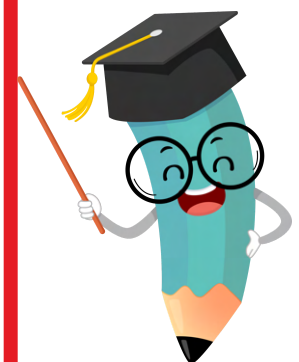
The children have settled back really well into Year 2 and we have started some of our lessons. We have also been going through our school rules and routines. PE days are Mondays and Thursdays and children wear their PE kit into school. Reading books will be given out shortly and the children can change their books by themselves once they have read them. An adult will need to sign their reading record before they can change their book. Thank you for your support with this



Year 3



Year 3 have had a lovely first week back at school. The children have settled in really well, getting to know their new teachers and routines. We have started to look at our book for English lessons and looking at the place value of numbers





Year 4

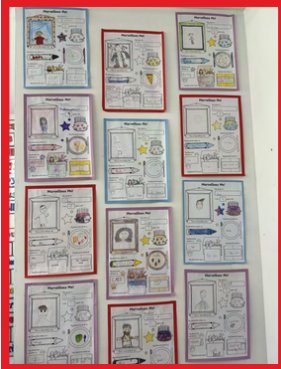


Year 4 have settled into their new classes really well! The children have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and classmates, and finding out about the exciting topics they will be learning this year. It's been great to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they begin a fun and busy year of learning.

WELCOME BACK!



Year 5



The first week back at school has been a fantastic start to the year! We've already learned so much about Year 5, from exciting new subjects to the skills we'll be developing throughout the term. Our new teacher has introduced us to some fun ways of learning, and we're all looking forward to the creative learning ahead. It's also been great to meet new friends, and we're excited to work together and make this year unforgettable. Everyone is settling in well, and we're ready for all the adventures and challenges that lie ahead in Year 5!



YEAR 6

A warm (but very wet) welcome back to our year 6 families. The year 6s have settled back into a school routine very quickly and have started learning already! They have taken this last beginning of primary school in their strides. I am extremely proud of all of them and I am very excited to be teaching them.

This final year at primary school can be a scary one but with support and working together, it can be full of good memories and excitement. In amongst the learning we have found time to play games to get to know each other and share fun things that happened over the summer holidays! I know one of my highlights was seeing a member of our class on the plane! I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the meet the teacher sessions on Tuesday and Thursday next week. If you can't make it, please feel free to contact me so we can touch base.

Here's to a great year!

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Standing proudly with Miss Hayes and Mr Torran, are our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2025-26, Mae and Joris. Congratulations again and we look forward to your leadership!

Thank You

To our wonderful school contractor, Terry, who gave the school a much needed paint! We love our SCA red!



PE Timetable



Classes

Nursery (Robin class)
Reception(Wren and Sparrow Class
Year 1 (Swallow)
Year 1(Chaffinch)
Year 2 (Starling and Goldfinch)
Year 3 (Jay and Kingfisher)
Year 4 (Tawny owl and Kestrel)
Year 5 (Red kite)
Year 5 (Buzzard)
Year 6 (Golden eagle)

Days of PE

Wednesday
Friday
Tuesday and Wednesday
Monday and Wednesday
Monday and Thursday
Tuesday and Thursday
Tuesday and Thursday
Thursday and Friday
Friday
Monday and Tuesday

Swimming

Red Kite - Thursdays & Buzzard - Fridays

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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 6:00 pm
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

Christmas Performances:

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

Sports Days:

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

Key Dates: Autumn term 1



<u>Dates</u>	<u>Year group</u>	<u>Trips and Events</u>
09/09/25	all year groups	Meet the Teacher
11/09/25	all year groups	Meet the Teacher
11/09/25	all year groups	Bounce back PTA event
12/09/25	Year 4	Bikeability level 1
16/09/25	Year 1	Reading Breakfast(8:40 to 9:10am)
22/09/25	all year groups	Maths workshop for parents (9:45 to 10:45am)
23/09/25	Year 2	Reading Breakfast (8:45 to 9:10am)
24/09/25	all year groups	Maths workshop for parents (2:30 to 3:30pm)
26/09/25	all year groups	McMillan coffee morning fundraising event 9:00am
30/09/25	Year 3	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
07/10/25	Year 4	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
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)
21/10/25	Year 6	Reading Breakfast (8:40 to 9:10am)
22/10/25	Year 2	Harvest assembly (parents invited)
23/10/25	all year groups	Halloween Disco

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Communication at SCA



Thank you to everyone who has shared feedback with us about school communication. We know how important it is that information reaches families clearly and on time, and we're making some changes this year to make things simpler for everyone.

Introducing... Communication Friday!

- All letters will be sent home on a Friday, the same day as the weekly newsletter.
- The newsletter will include a section called "Letters Sent Home This Week" so you can quickly check what has gone out.
- Copies of all letters will also be available on the school website under 'Letters and Newsletters'.
- A printed folder of every letter will be kept in the front office for parents to look through.
- The newsletter will also be displayed on a dedicated notice board each week.

We are lucky to have such a strong community of families at our school, with parents sharing information through friendship and social circles, group chats, and playground conversations. We encourage you to keep supporting one another by passing on reminders and updates.

We are always here to help and want to make sure no one misses out on important information. Thank you for working with us to keep communication clear and supportive for everyone



Communication:

ALL contact is made directly to parents via our system delivered straight to your inbox (the MCAS App). Please ensure you are up to date and able to access this.

Paper letters can be printed in the office for you upon request.

Check out our
newsletter board!



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Letters Sent this Week

- Rec to Year 1 letter (for year 1 parents only)



Note:

Lost property is on display now, ALL UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DISPOSED of Wednesday 10th September!

We appreciate the love for Labubus and all things fun, but we kindly ask that pupils avoid bringing decorative keyrings or accessories on their school bags. These items can easily become lost or damaged during the school day. Please note that the school cannot accept responsibility for missing or broken keyrings, so we advise against bringing them in.



Reminder



Dear parents/Carers, Please don't forget to preorder your child's lunch by 9am. Lunches can be ordered in advance daily, weekly or for the term.

Please contact the office if you're unsure about ordering food via School grid.

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

School Activities

Superlashes Designs

Bounce Back EVENT

11TH SEPT 2025

WRISTBAND ENTRY

WRISTBANDS FOR SALE FROM TODAY!

£4 EARLY BIRD WRIST BAND - AVAILABLE FROM TODAY

£5 WRIST BAND - FROM 3RD SEPTEMBER

£6 WRIST BAND - ON THE DAY

STARTS 3:30PM

BOUNCY CASTLES, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE

WRIST BANDS INCLUDE ACCESS TO EVERYTHING WITH NO ADDED FEES

Just a reminder to keep up to date with our friends of St Christopher Academy, please follow their page on the social media

Thank you Friends of SCA!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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GYMNASTICS

CLUB RUNS: FRIDAYS FROM: 3.30PM – 4.30PM

YEARS: 3, 4, 5 & 6

DATES: 12TH SEP, 19TH SEP, 26TH SEP, 3RD OCT, 10TH OCT & 17TH OCT

PRICE: £36 WHEN ALL DATES BOOKED (£6 PW) OR £6.50 PW FOR PAY AS YOU GO

LIMITED PLACES!!

Great for developing balance, flexibility, strength and coordination!

HOW TO BOOK

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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Starting again from 12TH September

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BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS AROUND THE DUNSTABLE AND LUTON AREA.

AGE 0-4 WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED. A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £2 PER FAMILY.

FRIDAYS 9:00-10:30 AM (TERM TIME ONLY)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS * TOYS AND BOOKS * THEMED ACTIVITIES * ARTS AND CRAFTS * OPEN-ENDED PLAY * SENSORY PLAY * YOGA * SINGING AND STORIES * PARENT TO PARENT SUPPORT

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