



ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY

Autumn Newsletter - 19/09/2025

A Community of Ambition



A message from the Head of School

This week saw our very first Headteacher Awards of the year! It was a joy to celebrate children showing our school values of Community, Ambition, Respect and Responsibility. Please do talk about and promote these values at home too to help us build a strong and caring community!

Miss Hayes



Attendance this week

Our whole school attendance for this week is **96%**

Our target for the whole school is **98%**

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



Headteacher's Award

Robin- Wren/ Jayveon

Sparrow - Bradley

Wren - Nura

Swallow - Inaya

Chaffinch - Junior

Goldfinch - Aria

Starling - Adam

Kingfisher - Eden

Jay - Rio

Tawny owl - David

Kestrel - Samra

Red kite - Mohammed

Buzzard - Ananya

Golden Eagle - Chandni



A message from our Head Girl & Head Boy:

The JLT would like to say a heartfelt goodbye to Mae as with a heavy heart she says goodbye to SCA and a big well done to Chloe for becoming our Head Girl. The KS1 prefects enjoyed helping at the year 1 reading breakfast this week. Thank you for coming.

Chloe &
Joris

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nursery & pre-school



This week in Robin class, we are continuing with our story 'Owl Babies'. The children have been developing their pencil control by drawing owls and learning about the different emotions the owls feel in the story. We have also been exploring where owls live, making nests, and collecting sticks and other natural materials during a "trail hunt." In maths, the children are learning to count and recognise numbers 0-5. Our new children are settling in beautifully, forming friendships, and enjoying all of the exciting opportunities in their new environment.



Reception



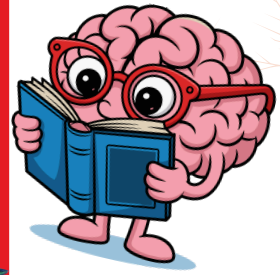
In Reception this week, we have begun learning phase 2 phonic sounds. The children have impressed us with their enthusiasm for writing in their practice books and during their learning play time. Sparrow class had a fantastic music lesson with Mrs Lawson - they learned new songs and began to explore rhythm through movement. (Sparrow class have music lessons up until Christmas; Wren class begin theirs after Christmas.) We have also had a wonderful time exploring different sensory materials like colourful rice and ooblek.



Year 1

The Year 1 Reading Breakfast was a great success, with many families joining us to share in a morning of reading and togetherness. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to read alongside their parents while enjoying breakfast. It was a pleasure to see such enthusiasm for reading and to celebrate the important role that families play in supporting a lifelong love of books. Thank you to all who attended.

PHOTO!!!!



Year 2

Year 2 are settling back into school really well! In Art this week, the children have been thinking about their journeys to school, mapping out their routes and the important things they see along the way. We're going to look at creating 3D maps next! In Science, Year 2 have enjoyed participating in groupwork, presenting information about the key life processes of both plants and animals to the rest of their class.

In Geography, we have been learning about the 7 Continents of the World. We learnt a new song to help us remember them and we identified them in atlases and recorded this on a map. We are also starting to sing Harvest songs ready for our assembly.



Year 3

Year 3 have started their cricket sessions this week, they practiced their catching stances and how well they can catch. Year 3 have also completed their first Big Writes this week all about writing a diary entry. They have put a lot of hard work into these. Well done to Year 3!





Year 4



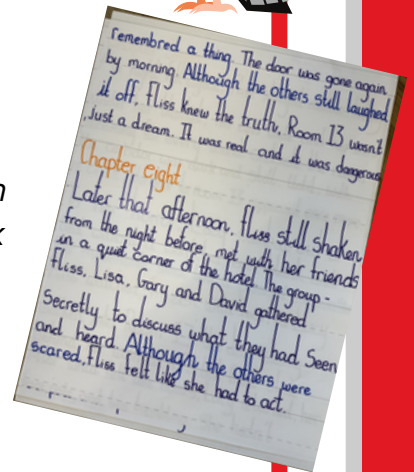
Year 4 have had a very busy and exciting week of learning! In maths, we have been representing numbers to 10,000 and practising how to partition them in different ways. The children have enjoyed using resources and visual models to show their understanding. In science, we started exploring teeth and their functions, learning about the different types and why they are important for keeping us healthy. We hope everyone has a restful weekend and enjoys the Autumnal weather!



Year 5



This term, our students have been diving into the thrilling novel *Room 13* by Robert Swindells. The story is not only capturing their imaginations but also inspiring them to develop their own creative and descriptive writing skills. With its suspenseful atmosphere and mysterious setting, the book fits perfectly with the autumnal season, bringing just the right amount of spooky excitement to our classrooms. Students have been using the text to explore powerful vocabulary, build tension in their own writing, and create vivid imagery that brings their ideas to life.



YEAR 6



In year 6 this week, we have continued our hard work. All of the children are participating well and trying their very best. In our reading comprehension session, the children were introduced to a new book called "*Cogheart*." This is a story set in Victoria Britain written by Peter Bunzl. The children were excited about the story line to this book and thought about what animal they would like to have as a mechanical servant. In Science we continued our learning about classification and made our own branching diagrams. These diagrams helped us classify cold-blooded vertebrates.



Baby & Toddler

Baby & toddler group Week 2

We had a small but very special baby and toddler group this week, with two little ones having all the toys to themselves! They loved playing with vehicles, dressing up dollies, blowing bubbles, and exploring shapes. Snack time was healthy and delicious with a mix of fruits and vegetables, followed by milk and water. The morning was filled with giggles as we sang nursery rhymes together. The Wheels on the Bus was a big favourite! Thank you to the two children who joined us and made the session such fun. We would love to see more families next time. Everyone is welcome to come along and join the laughter!



Thank you to our wonderful Friends of St Christophers Academy for organising the Bounce Back event!



BOUNCE BACK

Even though the windy weather meant we couldn't have the bouncy castles, the sun did make an appearance and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces! The sweets and toy stalls were super popular (but that's no surprise!). We're so grateful to everyone who stopped by, you made it a fun and memorable event for our school community.

A message from the Friends:

Thank you to those who supported us at our stalls yesterday after school outside of reception - we know it was not the event we had planned but we appreciate your support all the same!

In relation to the cancelled Bounce Back event, if you pre-paid for a wristband via an online payment, so we can refund you the amount paid, please can you contact us via email @ friends_of_sca@outlook.com.

We are busy preparing our next events so watch this space for what's to come this school year!
Friends of SCA



HOMWORK



In year 3 upwards we use a range of online learning platforms:



SCHOOL TRIPS



Planned educational visits and journeys for 2025-26:

All trips and visits are educational and important as they link to children's learning. At St Christophers, we aim to limit paid visits each year to one, to reduce the impact on parents'/carers' finances. In addition to this paid for visit, other opportunities with no cost included are taken to take the children on local visits or educational journeys to enhance their learning.

Year	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr 1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
N/PS					Exotic & farm animals (to school)	Visit to Local Park
R		Local walk			Farm	
1		Blows Down		Woburn Safari Park		Local walk
2		Local walk		Shuttleworth Collection		Blows Down
3				Hazard Alley	Lewsey Park	
4			Priory Church	Natural History Museum	Blows Down	
5					Priory church	Faith visit in Queens Park
6	Hindu Mandir		Home of Charles Darwin		A range of outings to celebrate end of year 6 and SATs	

**trips in bold are paid for, you will be informed ahead of trips/ outings with further information.*



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:

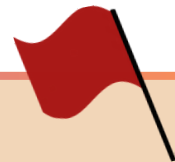
16/06/2026	Key stage 1
17/06/2026	Key stage 2
19/06/2026	EYFS

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>
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)
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



St Christophers Academy has community as an important part of our strapline: a community of ambition. We very much value the contribution of parents and carers to improving processes and practice, and driving school improvement.

This academic year (2025-2026), we will be holding a wide variety of listening activities so that we can get true understanding of the views of our community of parents and carers.

The Big Listen Parent Voice Scheme St Christophers Academy

Some events will be new, and some will be existing events which will seek to incorporate an element of seeking parent/carer voice. Please look out for the logo, and for opportunities for feedback. More information will follow.

Communication Friday

All letters from school will be sent on Communication Friday!

Other communication, either adhoc messages or letters from external providers, that need to be sent during the week will be. They will also be listed below in the school information section so you don't miss anything!



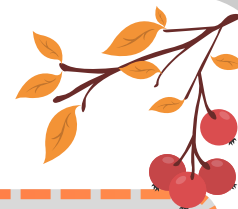
We are always here to help and want to make sure no one misses out on important information, please come and speak to someone in school if you have a question!



let's make the
connection!



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Letters Sent Today from School

- Uniform reminder
- MacMillan coffee morning

Letters Sent this Week from External Providers

- None

Messages Sent this Week

- Change to Bounce Back Event



Reminder

Scooters are not to be ridden around the school site and playgrounds after school. Children are also not authorised to go on the climbing frames or with play equipment after school.

Thank you for your support.

School Policy Update

The Safeguarding, Child on Child and Online safety policies have been updated and are available on the website under 'policies'. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by 26/09/25.

Stay in touch



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