



Weekly News

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents,

Amazing Week at St Christopher's Week

This past week has been nothing short of amazing at St Christopher's, filled with exciting activities and celebrations as part of our 85th-anniversary festivities.

We started the week with an enchanting star-gazing session in a Star Dome, perfectly linking to our classes named after planets and our message to our children to "reach for the stars".

On Tuesday, we took a nostalgic trip back to the 1930s. The children looked wonderful dressed in clothes inspired by the 1930s, we listened to music from the era and participated in a special assembly and parade in the playground. They enjoyed playground games and lessons from the 1930s, inspired by materials found in our archives. It was a fantastic immersive experience that brought history to life. Do check out our Instagram [reel](#).

Wednesday was all about creativity. Every child took part in creating a piece of art, showcasing their imagination and artistic skills. The school was buzzing with creativity and collaboration, resulting in beautiful works of art.

Thursday featured a spectacular talent show by our Year 2 pupils. The range of talent was truly impressive, from dancing and singing to telling jokes, exercising, and even playing golf. The performances were delightful and showcased the diverse talents of our pupils.

We wrapped up the week with a celebration on Friday. The day started with a special assembly, followed by the traditional ice cream treat, a beloved tradition at our school since the 1950s. It was also a mufti day, adding to the festive atmosphere. The whole school gathered to celebrate and thank three very special members of our staff, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Rendall, and Ms Katerina (a member of our kitchen staff) for their incredible years of service. Mrs Taylor has been with St Christopher's for 35 years, Mrs Rendall for 30 years, and Ms Katerina also, almost 30 years. We are incredibly grateful for their extraordinary commitment and service to the school.

It has been a memorable week full of learning, creativity, and celebration. Thank you to everyone who made it so special.

Year One News

The children have had another exciting week and engaged in a variety of learning activities across different subjects. In literacy, they focused on punctuation and the spelling of keywords, as well as improving their sentence structure. They worked on their time capsule entries, reflecting on life in 2024 and practising their writing skills to ensure clarity and correctness.

In maths, the children concentrated on telling time, specifically learning to read o'clock, half past, and quarter to/past the hour. They participated in various exercises to master reading the time on both digital and analog clocks, enhancing their ability to tell time accurately.

In science, the focus was on the characteristics of amphibians. The pupils explored the fascinating world of these creatures, learning about their life cycles, habitats, and the unique adaptations that help them survive in different environments.

It's been a wonderful week filled with learning and discovery. The children have shown great enthusiasm and dedication across all subjects.

Year Two News

In preparation for our Star Dome visit, the children created their own alien characters, describing their habitats, diets, languages, and behaviours. They also thoughtfully considered what they would pack in a suitcase if they were to leave Earth for space. The children absolutely loved the Star Dome experience! Our literary journey with James and the Giant Peace has reached its thrilling conclusion. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story and the rich vocabulary it offered.

We had a wonderful time replicating lessons from 1938. The children focused on learning their addresses in case of emergencies, reminiscent of how children back then needed to know the locations of the nearest phone boxes and the addresses of local fire and police stations. In "arithmetic", we enjoyed some engaging geometry tasks involving right angles. We also had fun playing blow football games using straws and rolled-up foil for the football!

The children have contributed interesting information about life in 2024 to our time capsule, leaving a fascinating snapshot of the present for future generations.

As we near the end of the school year, the children have been busy collating memories and rehearsing songs for our final assembly. It promises to be a memorable and heartwarming event, celebrating all the wonderful moments and achievements of the year.

Year 2 Mathematics Awards

It may almost be the end of the school year, but maths still continues! Well done to Michaela for achieving her Bronze Star, to Anthony for achieving his Silver Star and to Rebecca, Meili, Jack, Leon, Juliana, and Henry for achieving their Gold Stars in the Maths Awards. Congratulations!

Finally to make the week extra special, we are thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted for Independent Pre-Prep School of the Year 2024 by the Independent School of the Year Awards! We are incredibly proud of our wonderful school, our amazing children, and our supportive community. This achievement belongs to all of us.

This week's lunch time superstar is Jamie B-R for showing how grown up you are especially when more ice cream was not possible!

Top of the leader board this week is Ahlberg House with a superb total of 3670 House points. Congratulations to Ahlberg house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Merit Awards:

Daisy GD, Henry D, Zara L, James C, William I, Tabitha B, Reva M, Luigi dSCM, Lars R, Juliana RM, Sunny Z, Thomas B, Leo SM, George T, Farzan MH, Ethan W, Alisa S, Aarav P, Karen L, Jamie S, Roberta PdM, Charlie L, Vihaan P, Ivan C, Remy K, Amelia H, William C, Thomas M, James M, Chloe B, Zhibo X, Harry P, Arvid M, Micah RK, Olivia BP, Sybil T and Oliver K

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow! What a busy week we have had celebrating our wonderful St Christopher's school and a fantastic 85th year! We started off the week with a spectacular space day. The children had the opportunity to visit the star gazing dome, it was a wonderful experience in which we got to explore the wonders of our solar system. We then travelled back in time on Tuesday to the 1930's and 1940's to celebrate the first years of St Christopher's. The children all looked fantastic, our activities included outdoor games such as hopscotch, duck, duck, goose, using chalk boards for marking and creating our own spinning tops in Blue room. We all got involved with the St Christopher's art day on Wednesday, we had lots of crafty materials for the children to get creative as well as visiting the lovely Mrs Degg's art workshop. We really enjoyed watching the year 2 talent show on Thursday and witnessed some wonderful talents! The school council held a lovely book sale, we got to visit the book stall to choose a new book. Finally, on Friday we had a fun packed mufti day with delicious ice cream from the ice cream van. We then enjoyed a whole school picnic in the hall, the week ended with a lovely film in Nursery during afternoon.



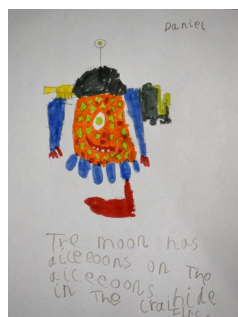
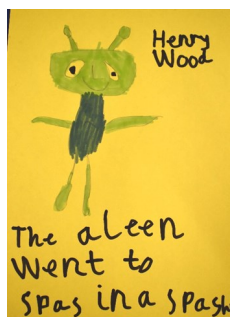
Reception News

In Reception we have been enjoying St Christopher's Week. On Monday a visit from the space dome sparked our enthusiasm for all things in our universe and beyond! We talked about the planets, how stars are formed and this started a very interesting conversation about whether aliens were real or not. We had some very thoughtful comments.

Mars decided that they wanted to create their own aliens and wrote about them. We made some very weird and wonderful creatures indeed.

On Tuesday we adored our 1930's dress up, we listened to some music of the time and the types of things children did back then. We really wished we could play in the streets like they did.

On Wednesday we thought about the founders of our school and created a poster each for our school time capsule. On the poster we drew things about our school that we thought children would like to know about in 85 years time. The best part of St Christopher's week was the arrival of the Ice cream van! Yum...Yum... Yum. We only wish it was ice cream Friday every week!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th July 2pm- Summer Music Assembly

All Year 2 parents & children playing instruments

Wednesday 10th July 11am - Leavers Assembly

Please enter via the back gate & Year 2's please wear your blazer and hats

Wednesday 10th July - Last day of term

Nursery, Pre-Reception & Year 1 - 12pm pick up

Year 2 will depart after the leavers assembly

**** PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING BACK ANY LIBRARY BOOKS ****



Mathletics: Congratulations to **Lucy S** and **Benjamin W** for your Epic Certificates

Congratulation's to **Arthur SA**, **James C**, **Estrella W** and **Amelia H** for your Legend Certificates.



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Rebecca G: Passing stage 5 swimming

Tristan T: Football certificate for attendance and contribution

Faith H: Student of the week at Stage Coach

Luca G: Student of the week at Stage Coach

Anna M: Medal for competing in a gym competition for ages 7-8 (and she's only 6!)

Zhibo X: Taekwondo medals

Juliana RM: Entry 3 drama award with distinction

Henry D: Trophy for winning the ESF national football tournament at St George's Park

Leo SM: Certificate for clearing the Tekagi Ninja Missions

Florence P: IDTA rosette awards for Theatre Modern Jazz – green rosette and Theatre craft – Emerald rosette

Meili L: came 5th in her age group at gymnastics competition & received an excellence award for mandarin at her language school

Leonardo D: Awarded player of the month at his football class

Charlie L: Student of the week at Stage Coach

Martha VA: IDTA rosette awards for Theatrecraft – Emerald rosette and Theatre Modern Jazz – Green rosette

Zhibo X: Earned silver and bronze medals in Taekwondo

Sybil T : Came 5th in a gymnastic competition earning a purple rosette

Benjamin W : Achieved his Chief Scout's Bronze Award for Beavers

