



## Weekly News

"St Christopher's – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children."

**Friday 14th February 2025**

Dear Parents,

### **Wondrous Winter Concert**

What a wondrous winter concert we had on a chilly Monday afternoon this week. It was a charming celebration filled with merry melodies and fabulous singing. Year 2 reprised some of their Panto songs and had the audience tapping their toes, and we were blown away by some of the individual performances from our young musicians. Thank you so much to the parents who joined us and supported the children in their performances. What talent we have at St Christopher's!

### **Jupiter Assembly**

This week, Jupiter Class delivered an amazing assembly all about the history of Valentine's Day. They captivated the audience with their engaging storytelling, humour, and impressive memory skills in remembering all the lines! The children performed a fantastic retelling of 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson, bringing the story to life with expressive narration and enthusiasm.

To end on a heartwarming note, they gave a beautiful rendition of What the World Needs Now Is Love, Sweet Love, leaving everyone feeling uplifted.

Well done Jupiter Class – what a wonderful performance!

### **Year One News**

This week, Year One explored verbs with the help of Veronica Verb! The children had fun acting out different verbs for their partners to guess. As part of our transport topic, they also made paper aeroplanes, learning the importance of following instructions in order. After writing their own step-by-step guides, they tested their creations in a thrilling Grand Fly-Off in the playground!



In Maths, the children have been focusing on number bonds and doubles this week, using a variety of objects to help reinforce these key concepts in a hands-on way.

In Science, the children became little scientists as they investigated the best materials to patch up Winnie-the-Pooh's broken umbrella. Through a fun and practical test, they explored the properties of different materials and discussed which ones were the most suitable.

In our history of transport lessons, we watched clips of the earliest attempts at flight and researched the incredible journey of The Wright Brothers. The children then created a timeline of flight, tracing its development from the first flying machines to modern aeroplanes.

It's been a fantastic week of learning!

## Year Two News

Year Two have had an exciting and productive week! In Maths, they strengthened their understanding of multiples of two, five and ten while taking on the challenge of counting in threes. These skills came to life in problem-solving activities, where they practised grouping and sharing in twos.

In Literacy, creativity flourished as the children crafted poems inspired by a tree-supported house. They skilfully used personification and adverbs to bring their writing to life. A standout line from Alisa captured the beauty of nature's growth: "Slowly but steadily, year by year, the shoots grow into saplings."

Meanwhile, in Science, Year Two is preparing for an exciting investigation! Using eggshells as stand-ins for teeth, they are exploring how different liquids affect enamel. Predictions are already rolling in – Kian even suspects that one egg will completely disintegrate! The experiment begins after half term, so stay tuned for the big reveal!

## Reception News

This week in Reception, our superhero focus has been on 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. We have been amazed at all the incredible things a little worm can do. Inspired by all things wiggly and wonderful, we explored size ordering with worms, creating our own and comparing their lengths and even taking measurements. Using words like long, short, longer, and shorter, we sorted them accordingly, developing both our mathematical and descriptive skills.

We also put on our scientist hats and made some exciting predictions about what would happen if we left a gummy worm in a pot of water for 24 hours. Using our growing scientific vocabulary, we recorded our ideas in an investigation log. The children thought the worm might fade in colour, shrink, turn the water into a rainbow, or maybe even explode! After patiently waiting, we discovered, to our surprise, that the gummy worms had doubled in size. They had become smooth, sticky, and very squidgy! It was wonderful to hear the children using such fantastic language to describe their findings.

Our creativity didn't stop there. We had great fun gathering ingredients to make magic potions, just like in the story. The children wrote about what their potions could do. To end the half term on a sweet note, we enjoyed making chocolate worm cakes. A deliciously messy treat!

Be sure to check book bags for some \*\*special cards\*\*.



## Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parent's Evening. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout, with so many of you taking the time to meet with staff and discuss your child's progress. Your support, engagement and encouragement play a vital role, and we truly appreciate your collaboration with us in support your child's learning journey with us.

## PTA Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and took part in last Friday's Quiz Night. It was a night filled with fun, friendly competition, and fantastic teamwork – not to mention some tricky and thought-provoking questions.

A very special thank you to Mr Birchall and Mr Tarbitt for being such witty quizmasters, keeping us all entertained and on our toes. What brilliant brain-teasing success – we can't wait for the next one!

## Valentine's Day Treat

A huge thank you to everyone who baked or brought in some delicious treats for the children today and to the PTA for organising prizes for the winner of the star cake! All the children enjoyed eating the scrumptious cakes at their snack time today.



## Valentine's Day Disco

A huge heartfelt thank you to our phenomenal PTA for organising such a fun-filled Valentine's Disco. I am sure the children will have a truly magical and memorable event. I am sure we all agree that the PTA's hard work, enthusiasm and creativity make a huge difference, and we are so grateful for your time, talent, and tremendous effort.

## Changes to Owls Timings

A letter has gone out to Owls parents about new arrangements for picking up children. The letter includes the following information:

We would like to inform you about a change in the pick-up arrangements for Owls which will begin from Monday 24th February (the first Monday after half term). Due to an increase in numbers, we are adjusting the pick-up timings to ensure a smooth transition between activities, to have sufficient time to eat tea and to better support our systems for safely releasing children to their parents or carers.

We have carefully planned the new timings to maintain flexibility for parents as much as possible. However, please note that if you arrive outside of these times, staff will not be able to step away from their scheduled activities, except in exceptional circumstances.

The following times are the new collection times for children who are at Owls:

16.00 – first collection time

16.15

16.45

17.15 – from 17.15, parents can come and collect their children at any time after 17.15 up until 18.00 when Owls finishes.

This week's lunch time superstar is Polly, the Catering Team have nominated you for being such a fantastic eater and for appreciating the delicious lunches so much. Well done !

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of 1202 House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

From myself and the staff we wish you all a restful half-term

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

## Merit Awards:

George Z, Sophia M, Alisa S, Austin F, Arvid M, Jamie BR, Faith H, Isabella D, Julius S, Lars R, Dawn F, George T

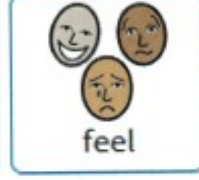
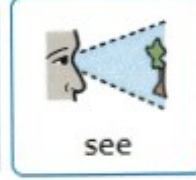
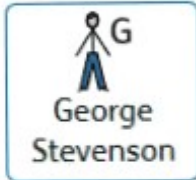


## Work of the Week

Year 1 have been exploring the life of George Stephenson and how trains transformed people's lives. Cora has written a fascinating letter from the perspective of a passenger on the first steam train!

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LO: To learn about George Stephenson and the impact the train made on people's lives.



Dear Daddy

I went on the first <sup>train</sup>  
steam train.

I saw the <sup>dark</sup> tunnels  
steam trains

some rabbits and  
the <sup>feathery</sup> geese I

felt happy but

I now <sup>noticed</sup> that

the black tunnel was <sup>scary</sup> scary

Love from Cora

✓ Well done Cora 

## Dates for the Diary

17th February - 21st February - Half term



**Monday 24th February - Year 2 Singing at Linden House**



**Thursday 27th February - Poetry Final**



**Thursday 27th February - Year 2 Cross country at Danes Hill**

*If your child has been selected bring in a pair of running shoes with grip (either football/rugby boots or astros) Parents wishing to watch the race should arrive at Daneshill School at 1pm for a 1.30pm race start.*

**Friday 28th February - Open Morning for Prospective Parents**



**ISA London South Art Competition 2024:**

Alisa S - 1<sup>st</sup> place for her Mondrian hat design

Year 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> place for their Felt Mondrian piece

Charlie L - 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his Mondrian style necklace



**Mathletics:**

Congratulations to Polly S for your Silver Certificate.

Congratulations to Tristan T, Lars R and JT C for your Gold Certificates.

Congratulations to Arvid M, Estrella W, Chloe B, Henry W and Muzhi D for your Platinum Certificates.

Congratulations to Reva M, Ivan C, Georgie GD, Aaron E and Mateo B for your Emerald Certificates.

**Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school**



Cora E - Cora was awarded 'Poppet of the Week' certificate at PQA stage school, for using fabulous imagination during class.

Adam Z - Awarded his stage 1 Swimming Certificate

Leonardo D - Certificate of achievement from Little Kickers

Leonardo D - Awarded Duckling 2 Swimming Certificate

Estrella W - Achieved a pass for her RAD Level 1 Brade Grade 1

Estrella W - Awarded Gymnastics Silver 1 from Star-Tastics

