



Weekly News

“St Christopher’s – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children.”

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents,

Pre-Reception Assembly

Our Pre-Reception children put on a heartwarming assembly in honour of Mother’s Day, celebrating the wonderful love and care of our mothers. They sang, danced, and spoke beautifully, expressing their gratitude in the most touching way. A highlight of the event was their lovely rendition of You Are My Sunshine, which filled the hall with warmth and joy. It was a truly special celebration, reminding us of all the incredible love that mothers bring into our lives.

Sharing our Learning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Sharing our Learning event on Tuesday! The children loved having the opportunity to show their parents and grandparents all the amazing work they’ve been doing. Your support and enthusiasm made the morning even more special.

Year One Trip to Brooklands Museum

Year One had an exciting adventure at Brooklands Museum, exploring the world of transport! The children saw incredible racing cars, a historic bus, and even the famous Concorde – what an amazing experience!

The day was filled with curiosity, fun, and plenty of questions as they learned about different types of transport from the past and present. It was a fantastic trip, creating wonderful memories for everyone.

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteer their time to come on all our school trips, we couldn’t do it without you!



Year One News

This week in literacy, we have been learning about the rules for plurals – adding s or es. The children enjoyed a hands-on lesson, where they found objects and decided which rule applied. This practical approach made the learning experience fun and engaging!

In Maths, we have been exploring the number line up to 50. We started the week by identifying missing numbers on our classroom number line. The children then practised estimating and making good guesses. We also discussed the concept of halfway on a number line and determined whether numbers were more or less than halfway.

The highlight of the week was their visit to Brooklands! The children began their day at the Bus Museum, where they had the chance to sit on both an old-fashioned and a modern-day bus. They even dressed up as conductors and tried out a bus simulator! Later, they explored the museum, searching for the oldest plane, car, and bike. They also had a turn sitting in a racing car and walking through Concorde. The children behaved wonderfully and were fantastic representatives of our school.

In Science, we have been learning about fruits and vegetables. The children explored different types and identified whether we eat the root, leaves, flowers, stem, seeds, or fruit of the plant. This lesson sparked great discussions about healthy eating and plant growth.

It has been a fantastic week of learning and discovery!

Year Two News

This week, the children wrote an apology letter from Milo the Cloud to Lizzy, reflecting on his frequent temper tantrums. The children also explored the suffixes – full and -less, using them to enhance their writing with exciting adjectives. Later in the week, we turned our attention to poetry, crafting spring-themed pieces. After brainstorming as a class and in pairs – using techniques such as alliteration, personification, similes, and metaphors – the children independently composed their own poems.

Here is how Estrella began her poem:

Spring is beginning, blooming buds, slowly awakening

In Maths, Year 2 continued applying their understanding of money to two-step problem-solving. The children used bar models to decide which operations were needed, with plenty of discussion and demonstration of different strategies. Rory particularly enjoyed using the bar model, as it helped him choose the correct operation, and he's a big fan of partitioning because "it helps me add mentally in my head!"

In Science, Mercury class decided to investigate what plants need to grow. To test this, they are observing how cress grows under different conditions – without sunlight, warmth, cotton wool to anchor the roots, and with excessive watering. We're eagerly awaiting the results over the next couple of weeks!

In topic, the children stepped back in time to explore Victorian toys and made thaumatropes – an optical illusion that combines two images through movement. The children attached a pre-drawn design to a straw, and after lots of spinning, they watched the images merge! Next week, we'll take it a step further by designing our own images.

Summer Uniform

Just a gentle reminder that summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays, it shouldn't be worn during the Spring Term.

This week's lunch time superstar is Georgia who recently had a delightful conversation with the catering team which brought smiles and amusement to all involved.

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **2168** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Merit Awards:

Chloe B, Ryan P, Estrella W, Rory L, Ashwin S, Adam Z, Otilie H, Heidi L

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

"St Christopher's – the best possible start through excellence, empathy and endeavour."

Work of the Week

Florence in Year 2 has applied all the literacy skills she has learnt so far to write a captivating story beginning. This is her impressive writing; will the knight survive?

It was a calm and ~~nothing~~ quiet night.
Nothing was ~~stirring~~, until... a huge ~~and~~ bolt of ~~let~~ lightning ~~to~~ struck a straw hut! The people, who had been sleeping in the hut, came ~~to~~ rushing out and ~~then~~ ~~it~~ sprinted to all the other huts, ~~and~~ ~~it~~ crying things like "the three-headed dragon is back!" They were ~~the~~ ~~not~~ right. A moment later ~~it~~ everyone was rampaging ~~and~~ around the camp. ~~Only~~ ~~no~~ one person was completely ~~not~~ cool. ~~That~~ person was a ~~the~~ knight. Suddenly a giant ~~three~~ red ruby red, fire-man-eating ^{three headed} dragon ~~emerged~~ ~~emerged~~ emerged from the darkness. In ~~the~~ a blink of an eye the ~~the~~ dragon ~~roared~~ and breathed fire like a golden ~~throaty~~. The knight saw this as his ~~sign~~ to fight. The dragon and knight fought ~~out~~ and fought ~~at~~ some ~~more~~ more until the knight was pressed against ~~at~~ the edge of a cliff. The towns ~~or~~ ~~folk~~ ~~folk~~ people had seen this and started digging a grave however the knight had spotted a bridge.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an amazing week we've had in Nursery! A huge congratulations to all our Pre-Reception children for their incredible Assembly – you truly impressed us. We hope parents enjoyed it as much as we did.

A big thank you to everyone who could join us for sharing our learning on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents, and we hope you enjoyed engaging with the children in their activities. This week in Nursery, we've been learning all about life on the farm! We've explored the different animals that live on a farm and discussed the hard work farmers do to take care of the animals and grow the food we eat. In the kitchen, we made some tasty pig and chick rice cakes – they were a big hit! In our calm room, the children used different shapes to create their own tractors, learning how tractors help farmers get around the farm. We also loved spending time outdoors, enjoying the beautiful weather. The children continued to look for signs of spring and created some beautiful observational drawings of daffodils. I has been another busy week in Nursery.



Reception News

We have had another great week of learning and playing in Reception.

Continuing our farm topic, Mars have been enjoying the book 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury, and have written letters all about it. In Neptune class, we have focused on 'Farmyard Hullabaloo' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz, and drawn super story maps of an imaginary tractor ride around the farm. In our classrooms, we have been making collages of tractors plus designing and building miniature farms using building blocks and toy animals. We are getting really excited about our trip to Bockett's Farm next Thursday and can't wait to see a real-life farm in action.

In phonics, we have now finished teaching all the Phase 3 sounds with the last few being ure, er and air. We have sent home a sound mat with all of these digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound,) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound,) for you to use at home. In the coming weeks, we will revisit all of the sounds learnt since September to revise any we are unsure of.

In Maths, our focus this week has been doubles. We have been using numicon butterflies to double numbers, stamping paint dots on dominoes and using mirrors. Some children have even been talking about odd and even numbers and halves as well – very impressive.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 24th March - Last week of clubs

There will be no playdough or construction club on the 27th March

Please note that there is an extra Rugby on the 31st March and an extra Football on the 1st April



Thursday 27th March Bocketts Farm - Reception Trip

The children will need to wear their PE kits and their waterproof coats with trainers

Friday 28th March - Mother Day Challenge

Meet on the field from 8.30am for a warm welcome

Please remember to park considerately



Mathletics: Congratulations to Ryan P for your Diamond Certificate

Congratulations to Chloe B for your Emerald Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Poppet of the week: Cora E for growing confidence at stage school in 'Mission Impoppetable'

Florence D Star-tastic star of the week for great effort the whole class

Chloe B Star-tastic star of the week for great jumps on the springboard

Amy M Star-tastic star of the week for amazing jumping on the trampette and balancing on the beam

Austin F for swimming 10m and passing stage 2

Isabelle D for swimming 5m

