



Weekly News

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

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents,

Mother's Day Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Mother's Day Challenge today! It was a wonderful time filled with laughter, fun and creativity. The morning included the hilarious Easter bingo, with raucous Easter Jive Bunny games in the hall that had everyone on their feet! The creative spring hats were a joy to behold and the Nursery was filled with fun and delight.

Thank you once again for coming and making the event such a memorable experience. Your participation made all the difference, and we hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did!

Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm

Reception had a fantastic day out at Bocketts Farm! The children had an amazing time seeing all the animals, riding on the tractor and enjoying the beautiful weather. A big thank you to the parents who helped make this trip possible – your support is greatly appreciated!

Year One News

This week in literacy, Year 1 explored the history of Mothering Sunday. On Monday we learned how young British girls and boys in service were given one day a year to visit their families, and this special day was known as Mothering Sunday. On their journey home, children would often pick a posy of flowers for their mothers. Continuing with the theme of Mother's Day, the children worked on their reading and comprehension skills, answering a range of questions about the topic.

Reflecting on last week's visit to Brooklands, the children wrote a wonderful recount about their day. The bus museum and seeing Concorde were highlights of the trip. This week, our grammar lesson focused on identifying common and proper nouns.

In Maths, the children had a week full of hands-on measuring activities. They measured the length and height of objects using both standard and non-standard units before progressing to using centimetres. The children also had the opportunity to use balance scales to measure the mass of various classroom objects.

In science, the children enjoyed listening to the stories of Jack and the Beanstalk and Jasper's Beanstalk. Inspired by these tales, the children each planted their own bean and now eagerly awaiting the sprouting process!

In topic, Year 1 located Europe on a world map, focusing specifically on the country of France and some of its famous landmarks. We ended the week with a fun and delicious French cuisine tasting including baguettes, Brie and croissants which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Year Two News

This week, Year 2 took an exciting journey back in time to the Victorian era, experiencing what life was like for a Victorian school child. Mr Murphy guided the children through the strict rules of Victorian schools, teaching the children how children had to behave – and what might happen if they didn't! Jamie and William acted out what punishments might have felt like, helping everyone understand the discipline of the time.

The children had an unforgettable day filled with activities such as reading, writing, arithmetic, physical drills handling authentic Victorian artefacts, and playing with Victorian toys. They worked hard to perfect their posture, pronunciation, and deportment, just as children did in Victorian schools. Some of the most popular activities was learning to play parlour games, and the laughter from the game of "Squeak Piggy Squeak" was heard all around the school!

The Victorian theme continued through the week with Design Technology projects. Year 2 had the opportunity to design and make their Victorian toys, including a cup and ball toy and a thaumatrope. They loved getting creative while learning about the toys children would have played with in the past.

In Science the children have been closely observing the changes to their cress seeds. They chose the conditions in which to place their seeds and are eagerly checking them every day. Some seeds have been deprived of water, air, light or heat and James came up with the brilliant idea of planting some seeds underwater to see what happened they have no air!

In literacy, the children wrapped up their topic based on "Lizzy and the Cloud" by the Fan Brothers. They wrote a guidebook for anyone thinking of buying a cloud as a pet! Throughout this project, they applied their knowledge of different sentence types, noun phrases, prepositions, imperative verbs and conjunctions to offer their best advice for cloud care.

Exciting Announcement

You will have all heard about the exciting news that we have joined the RGS family of schools.

We are delighted to announce this new partnership that will strengthen and preserve the unique character of St Christopher's exceptional provision. This collaboration is built on a shared commitment to excellence – enriching teaching, expanding curriculum opportunities, and enhancing pastoral care.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent's meeting yesterday. We truly appreciate your time and involvement. As mentioned during the meeting, we recognise that parents were not given much time to attend, and we are grateful to those who were able to come.

A summary of the questions that were discussed and sent through via parent mail will be sent to parents. We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the parents who were present, took notes and shared the main points. Your support is invaluable! What fabulous collaboration!

LAMDA SHOWCASE FOR THE ST CHRISTOPHER'S COMMUNITY

Tuesday May 6th @ 6pm - finishing approx. 7.15 pm

We will be holding a LAMDA evening in the school hall, to showcase some of the poems and activities the children enjoy during their Monday lessons.

For those who may be wondering what LAMDA is and how this can enhance your child's literacy and communication skills, this could be a great opportunity to find out more about the LAMDA lessons that take place at St Christopher's during the school day for Year 1 & 2 children.

We are also hoping two pairs of former St Christopher pupils will return and showcase their acting skills with some drama pieces, giving the audience a flavour of the LAMDA Acting syllabus that follows on from the Introductory exams. We do hope you can join us. No booking necessary.

This week's lunch time superstar is Samuel in Nursery for being super enthusiastic and greeting the catering team with a wave and a hello everyday. Well done Samuel!

Merit Awards:

Jamie BR, Luca G, Thomas B, Florence P, Henry W, Lucy S, Laksh P, Kit W, Sofia L, Florence D

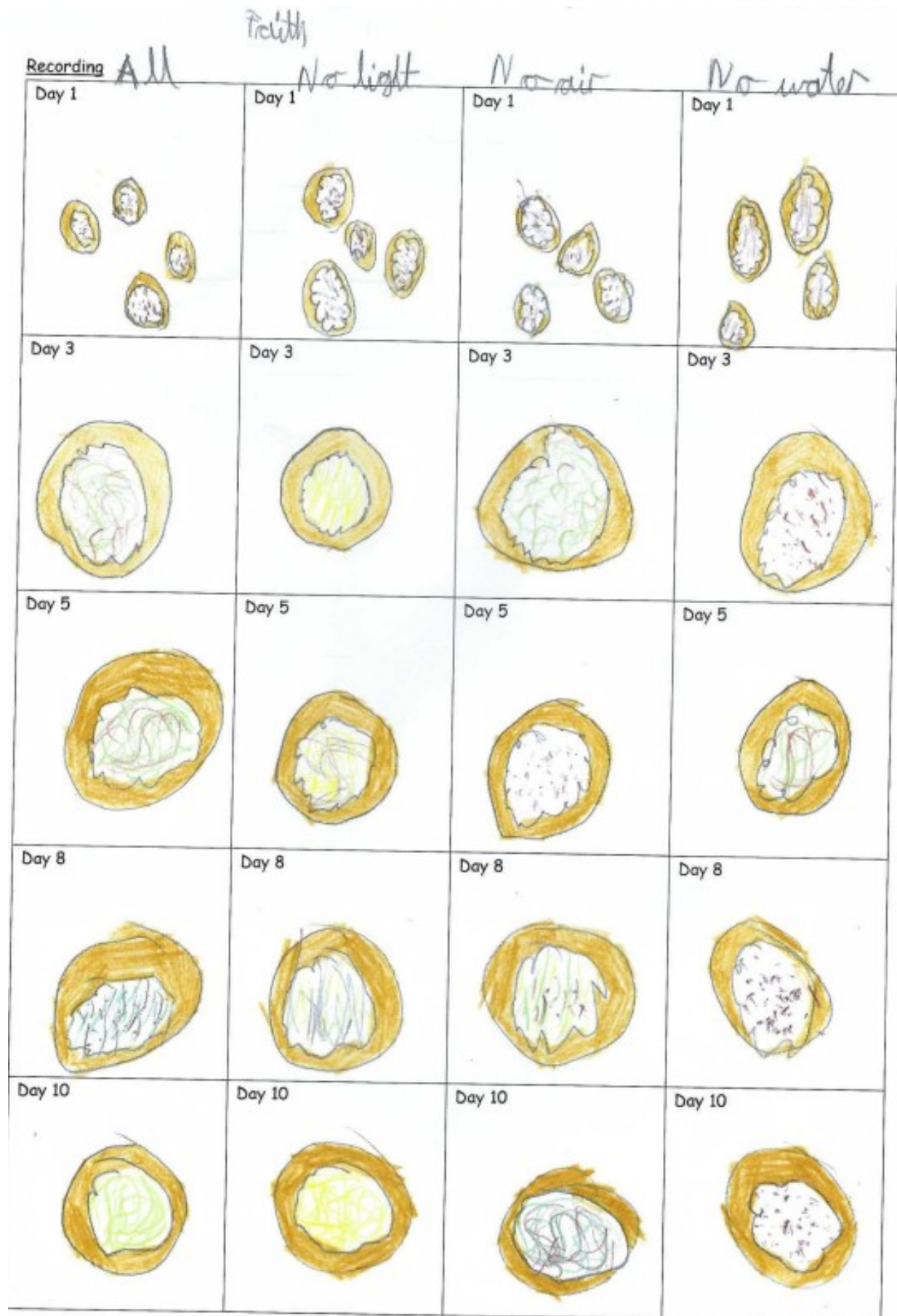
Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

Year 2 devised their own experiments to test what plants need for growth. In Venus, the children wanted to find out if plants could grow without water, without air or without light. They have been busy recording their observations. Here are Faith's wonderful observations.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a Fabulous week we have had in Nursery and Pre-Reception. We have been very busy learning all about Mother's Day and thinking about how special our mummies are to us! As it is such a special day on Sunday, we decided to make our wonderful mummies some special gifts. We have been using our creative skills to make wonderful Mother's Day cards, we wrote our names inside all by ourselves and decorated the front with some beautiful flowers. Whilst thinking about our wonderful mummies we have also been thinking about Easter. In our craft room we have been recreating the life cycle of a chick. We start with the mummy hen, the hen then lays the egg, the egg hatches and...out comes the baby chick. In the kitchen we worked together to make a yummy dip for the Easter bunnies' vegetables. Grating cucumber and lime into some yoghurt and with a sprinkle of some herbs, our dip was ready, we chopped some carrots and peppers to give our dip a taste. It was very tasty! In the calm room we have been busy being scientists, with our skittles experiment. We described each step and watched what happened to the skittles once we added some water. We saw all of the colours 'melt' from the sweets and we could see a rainbow appearing on our plates. We then created step by step observational drawings of our experiment, we had so much fun!

We also had a fabulous time on Friday Morning with our Mummies! The children worked with their mummies to create a personalised flower, an easter crown to make Mummy 'Queen for the Day', a rosette and we even decorated some tasty biscuits to share with Mummies. What a busy week for Nursery and Pre-reception!



Reception News

This term, we have had great fun with our learning. We have been reading the story of *Oliver's Vegetables* and looked at how the different vegetables in his Grandad's garden grow! We focused on the days of the week and put them in order. We then made 'Days of the Week' paper chains, and we all remembered the order – what a clever bunch we are.

As our story was about growing plants, we decided to make and grow our own 'cress heads'. Every day, we can see the seeds change, and we are looking forward to having some in our salads and sandwiches when we take them home.

One of the best parts of our week has been our school trip to Bocketts Farm. Excitement was at an all-time high! We had the perfect day—we fed sheep and goats, saw a mummy pig and her piglets, learned about horses, watched pig racing, stroked a rabbit and hen, and even went on a tractor ride. We even had time to explore the slides and 'bouncy pillows'. We had the BEST DAY EVER!

Another highlight was our Mother's Day Morning. Cards were made, and it was great to spend time with our mummies doing all the activities. What a busy and very fun-packed week!



The Foundation Team



Wednesday 2nd April - Last day of term

*Nursery & Pre-Reception Parents - School will finish at 12pm
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents - School will finish at 12.10pm*

Thursday 24th April - Summer Term commences

Children to wear their summer uniform

[Uniform Guide 2025](#)



Mathletics: Congratulations to Luigi CM for your Diamond Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

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

Charlie L- Excellence in Art award

Faith H- Beavers Road and Rail safety badge and Snowsports for skiing badge; Stagecoach performance

Farzan MH- STAnley5 Swimming award

Lucy S- Gymnastics star of the week; Personal Best in Parkrun; Beavers collectors badge and Health and Fitness badge

