



Weekly News

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

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Grandparents Morning

We were thrilled to welcome our wonderful grandparents into school this week for two special mornings of joy and connection. The morning was filled with smiles as families joined us for merit assembly, shared in their grandchildren’s learning, and enjoyed fun activities together. A highlight was Year 2’s brilliant performance of “Grandma, Can You Rap?” – full of energy and delight! Mrs Waite’s homemade biscuits went down a treat too. Thank you to all who came and made the mornings so special.

PTA Ball

What an amazing evening we had at this year’s Secret Garden Ball! Set in the stunning surroundings of Denbies, the night was truly one to remember.

A huge thank you goes to our incredible core team, who poured so much time and thought into every detail – from the music and games to the beautiful centrepieces. Their hard work set the scene for a fabulous night filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit.

The raffle was another highlight, with some fantastic prizes up for grabs – thank you to everyone who donated and supported it.

Well done to Faith who will be the Headteacher for the day next week!

A magical evening all round.

Year One News

This week the children wrote some fantastic book reviews based on “Clara Button and the Magical Hat Day.” They thought carefully about the characters, setting, and plot, and considered which age group the book would appeal to. As a creative follow-up, the children selected their favourite scene and turned it into a comic strip, using speech bubbles and dialogue. Martha particularly impressed us with the detail and thought she put into her work – well done, Martha!

Linking with our topic on clothing, our new text is The Elves and the Shoemaker. The children have made character stick puppets and worked brilliantly in groups to act out the story, bringing it to life through their imaginative performances.

This week’s maths focus has been on halves and quarters. The children explored how to find halves and quarters of both shapes and quantities using practical apparatus. Hands-on learning really helped to deepen their understanding.

In Science, our topic was fish. The children examined a variety of fish and labelled a diagram with key features such as gills, fins, scales, tail, mouth, and eye. We also enjoyed watching stunning underwater footage from David Attenborough’s Ocean series, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion.

We’ve been exploring clothing from around the world. The children had great fun modelling different traditional outfits. A special thank you to Muzhi and Reva, who proudly shared and modelled their beautiful traditional dress with the class – what a lovely way to celebrate our diverse heritage!

Year Two News

In Maths, the children have been revising their knowledge of fractions, with a particular focus on recognising and finding $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of amounts. There's been plenty of problem-solving and reasoning too. Rory impressed everyone with his quick method for finding $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24: "I halved 24 to make 12 and then halved it again to make 6". Very speedy thinking, Rory!

Meanwhile, many children have been working hard on their 2, 5, and 10-times tables. Teachers have been busy quizzing eager learners, and several have proudly earned the coveted bronze badge – awarded personally by Mrs Grehan. She's had a steady stream of enthusiastic Year 2's knocking on her door, and it doesn't look like that's going to slow down any time soon!

In Literacy, the children have been learning how to use paragraphs effectively in their writing. Sebastian took this learning a step further by spotting paragraphs in his reading and confidently explaining why the author used them – what a star!

Finally, with the summer show on the horizon, Year 2 have been enthusiastically rehearsing their lines. There's a real buzz of excitement as scenes begin to take shape and the children prepare for their final performance at St Christopher's. It's shaping up to be truly memorable!

Before and After School Reminders

Before School: Children are welcome to play in the playground before the school day begins, but they must be supervised by an adult. Please ensure that your child is not dropped off at the gate and left unattended – all children must have an adult with them during this time.

After School: As we have after-school clubs and Owls running, we kindly ask that parents and children leave the school site promptly. Children are not permitted to play with any school equipment after school.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to keep everyone safe.

This week's lunch time superstar is Estrella for her kind words and appreciation towards the kitchen team for the delicious lunches served, with a special mention for the yummy potatoes! Well done Estrella.

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **696** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Merit Awards:

Faith H, Vihaan P, Charlie L, James M, Edward F, Florence P, Thomas B, Sebastian C, Luigi CM, Cora M, Ralph C, Izzy H, Harry P, Martha VA, Alex Z, Caitlyn M, Adam Z, Rowan BR, Eva B, Quinn S, Isabella D, Georgia S, Florence D, Heidi L, Finn G, Sylvie A

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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Work of the Week

In Year One we have been looking at different groups of animals. This week we have looked at fish. Cora has labelled this fish beautifully.

1 Label the goldfish.

Well done
Super labelling
Cora

scales

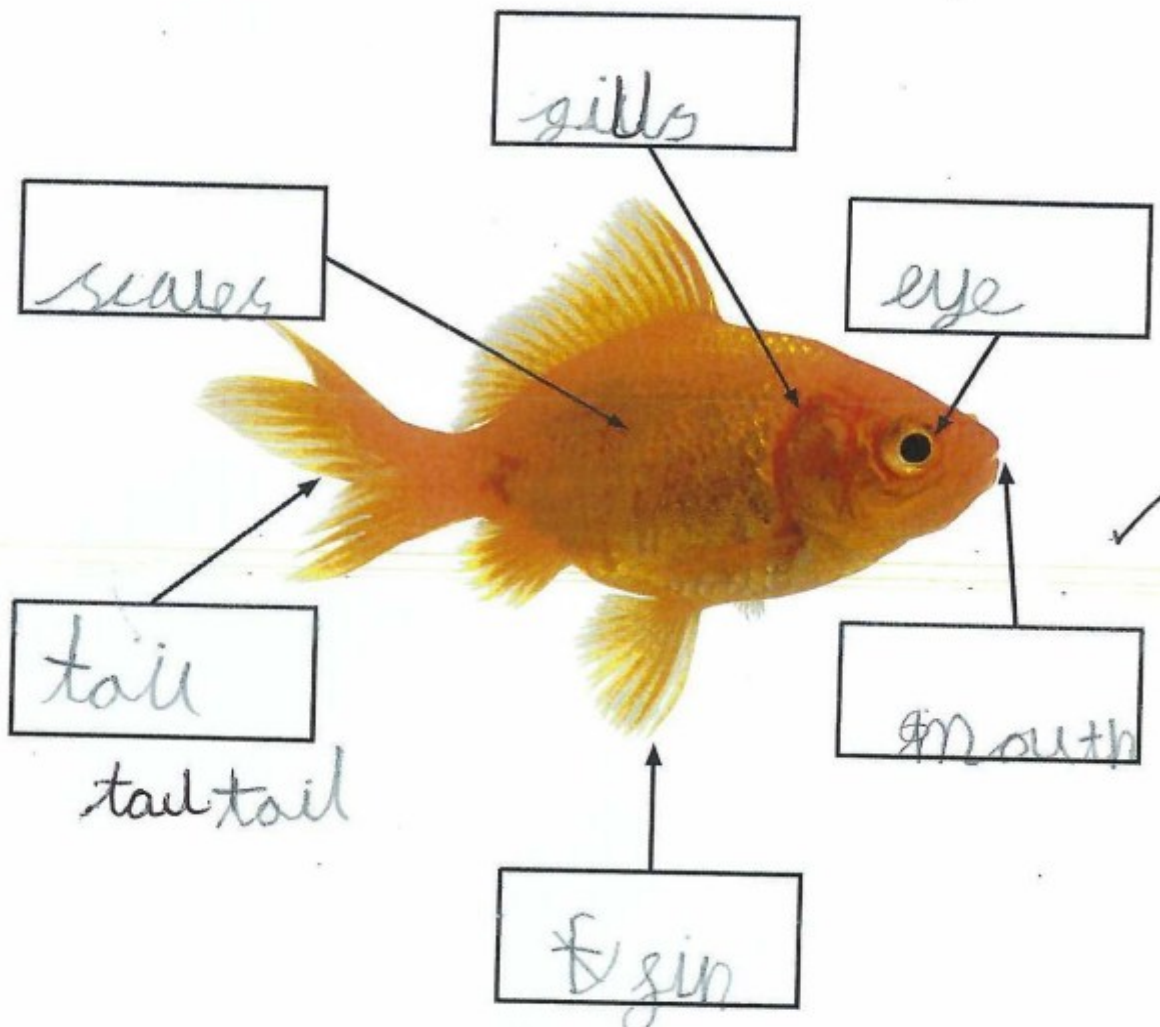
eye

fin

tail

gills

mouth



fish you use their gills to breathe.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

The children had a wonderful time during Grandparents' Morning—thank you to all the grandparents who joined us! It was a lovely opportunity to share special moments together. We had a fabulous time celebrating our wonderful grandparents. The children created sparkling crowns, designed "Best Grandparent" rosettes, and drew beautiful portraits that truly captured the love and joy their grandparents bring. It was two heartwarming mornings filled with creativity, smiles, and cherished memories!

This week, we've also been learning all about firefighters. The children have enjoyed exploring the important work they do, learning about fire safety, and engaging in fun, themed activities. In addition, the nursery has been busy rehearsing on the stage. The children have been working hard—singing, dancing, and practising their lines as we prepare for our upcoming performance. We can't wait to share it with you!

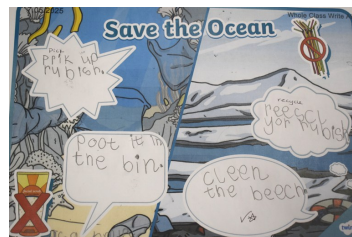


Reception News

In Reception we have been very busy! We have been looking at subtraction and using different methods to find an answer, whether it is using practical apparatus or crossing images out. Some of us were even counting back. What clever mathematicians we are! We have also been revising odd and even numbers using a tens frame.

We have been continuing with our fish theme and have added an eight tentacle creature to our display – the Octopus! Lots of bright colours were chosen – Don't they look great! We also made some crabs too. Watch out they don't pinch you.

We have been thinking about our ocean and how to keep it clean and free from litter. We made a poster to promote this. We have been practicing our double sounds too including many tricky words. We are working hard to hold a sentence and write it down without help, such independence. We will certainly be ready for Year 1 in September.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th May 6.30pm - Year 1 to Year 2 Preparation Evening

Year 1 parents to attend

Tuesday 20th May - Cookery club has been cancelled

Please book into Owls if required

Tuesday 20th May & Wednesday 21st May - EYFS show

Tea & Coffee available under the porch from 8.30am

Tuesday 3rd June 6-7.30 pm - Dr King Parent Information Evening

Booking available via Parent Mail



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