



## Weekly News

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

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents,

### **Early Years Show - A Grand Day Out**

What an incredible journey we shared during our Early Years performance of A Grand Day Out! From the bustling streets of London to the charm of Paris, from the wonders of space to the beauty of the seaside – our young performers took us on a magical adventure like no other.

Along the way, we visited the zoo, the farm, Bird world, the circus, and met an unforgettable cast of characters: friendly farmers, cheeky crabs, elegant flamingos, a lively marching band, brave astronauts and amazing circus performers.

With joyful singing, energetic dancing, hilarious jokes, and captivating performances, the children truly lit up the stage and made it a show to remember.

A heartfelt thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support our little stars – and an especially huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their creativity, hard work and unwavering enthusiasm. Your efforts made the magic happen!

Well done to our amazing young performers – you were brilliant!

### **Special Achievement Award**

We are incredibly proud to share that Luigi in Year 1 has received the prestigious St Christopher’s Special Achievement Award – a remarkable recognition for his dedication and hard work with his football training.

Luigi has been training tirelessly in football and has recently been selected to train with the Chelsea Football Club Pre-Academy – an amazing accomplishment and a true testament to his skill, passion, and talent on the pitch.

To be recognised at this level at such a young age is truly inspiring. Well done, Luigi – we can’t wait to see where your football journey takes you next!



### **Headteacher for the Day!**



Today, Friday, we had a very special guest leading the school – our very own Miss Hall from Year Two. She did a brilliant job taking on the role and was incredibly busy from start to finish.

Miss Hall began her day by welcoming children at the door and later took charge of the Merit Assembly, where she handed out merits and even chose the assembly song. She selected the lunch menu and enjoyed a meal at the special table with some friends, before handing out stickers.

Throughout the day, Miss Hall has also been keeping up with her own studies and rehearsals for the Key Stage One Show.

What a fantastic and memorable day for everyone involved. Well done, Miss Hall – you did a spectacular job!

### **Year One News**

In Literacy this week, Year One have been exploring adjectives and similes. Each class created their own animal alliteration book. Here are a few highlights:

- *Harry Horse has a hat – Sophia*
- *Racoons reach round rugged rocks – Laksh*
- *We were also so impressed by Dawn's wonderful simile: "The lady was as happy as a clown."*

Our comprehension work has linked to our science topic on animals. The children listened to detailed information about tigers and answered questions to test their understanding. Did you know that a tiger cub will go hunting with its mother when it is only 8 weeks old?

In Maths, Year One took their learning outside this week to explore direction and movement. The children practised describing turns (left, right), and movements (forwards, backwards). Later, they used a bookcase to learn about positional language, such as above and below.

In Science, the focus was on the identification and naming of amphibians. The children also compared amphibians to mammals, fish, and birds, discussing the similarities and differences between each group.

Rehearsals are well under way for our upcoming performance! We're excited to see all the hard work coming together.

### **Year Two News**

Year Two have put their learning about newspaper writing into action this week with impressive results! In class, they constructed reports inspired by scenes from their upcoming summer production, *The Blue Crystal*. Their creativity shone through in captivating headlines like Luca's: "Crooked Crafty Zarcons!"

The children focused on organising events into paragraphs including witness testimony – skills they had the chance to use in a real-life situation on Thursday. During a special day at Chinthurst, the pupils became investigative journalists, reporting on the mysterious closure of St Christopher's. They interviewed key witnesses including Mrs Grehan and Mrs Gunn and collaborated to piece together each other's accounts to create a full report.

Charlie asked insightful questions about why some taps kept running longer than other.

Thomas helped connect clues from outside the school to what happened inside.

It was a fantastic opportunity to develop their writing and reasoning skills in a fun, real-world context.

In Maths, the children have continued exploring fractions, extending their understanding to finding and recognising thirds. They've been using visual aids and practical activities to support their learning and deepen their understanding.

Excitement is building as summer show rehearsals move onto the stage! This week, the children began blocking scenes and building some fantastic action sequences – we can't wait to see it all come together!

### **Maths Superstars**

Congratulations to Remy for achieving his Bronze star in times tables and to Florence for achieving her Silver star. Amazing maths!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **864** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Merit Awards:

Remy K, Zhibo X, Chloe L, Austin F, Andrew L, Tristan T, Georgie GD, Teddy S, Kian Y, Lucy S, Muzhi D

**A Heartfelt Thank You**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during our recent water supply issue.

A special mention must go to our amazing staff, who responded swiftly and professionally, preparing everything in a short amount of time to ensure the children were safely and warmly welcomed at Chinthurst.

We are also incredibly grateful to Miss Trundle and her team at Chinthurst, who went about and beyond to make us feel so welcome in their school.

We truly appreciate the disruption this will have caused and are thankful for your continued patience, flexibility, and kindness.

Thank you all.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

*“St Christopher’s – the best possible start through excellence, empathy and endeavour.”*

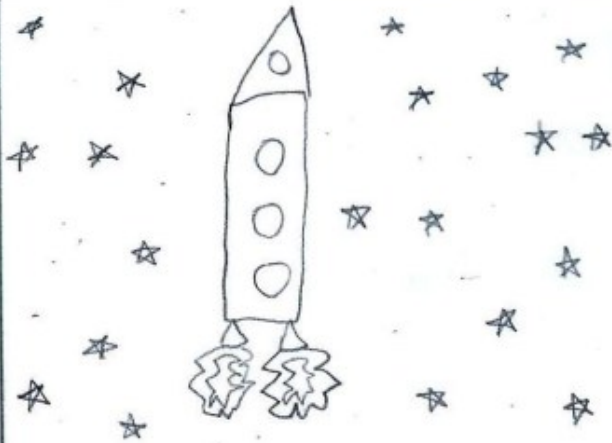
## Work of the Week

Year 2 have been learning how to write newspaper reports this week. They have used the events from their summer production 'The Blue Crystal' as inspiration. Here is Lyana's fantastic report about a scene in the story.

# HUMANS VS ZARCONS

By Lyana Lee

Tor chooses his crew.



his rocket

Captain Tor is zooming out to the Zaron planet into space on Wednesday!

He is communicating with the three famous scientists Einstein, Galileo and Archimedes to choose the best crew possible.

Mr Spook captain Tor's assistant said "There is smoke everywhere, we need to land on planet Zaron to get the blue crystal back and save the whole world! The two Zaron leaders have a week yes only a week to get the blue crystal back! If we don't all life on earth will be destroyed!"

Captain Tor is now choosing his crew. He picked Zed and Theo and asked Anis if she wants to go. If you are interested visit [www.Hero.co.uk](http://www.Hero.co.uk)



## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Nursery has had a fantastic (busy) last week of the half term, albeit slightly shorter than one of our normal weeks!

The Early years show was a huge success and the entire nursery team were incredibly proud of each and every one of the children. It was truly heartwarming and impressive seeing the children performing on the stage especially at such a young age and with so much enthusiasm too.

Their hard work went on behind the scenes as the children helped to create the backdrop and parts of their costumes. Having the children add their personal touches really displayed their talents and gave the children a sense of ownership and teamwork knowing that they really helped bring the production together.

We were so blown away by their singing, dancing, and acting all in one production. Seeing their creativity and confidence on display was something so special. We hope that everyone who came to watch enjoyed the show, it was certainly the highlight to our week. Although, the children may say that the picnic lunch was their highlight of the week...!



## Reception News

This week, our Reception children have been absolute superstars, taking the lead in our Early Years Production of *'A Grand Day Out'*.

Mars Class whisked us away on an exciting journey to London, and what an adventure it was! Who could resist the invitation to *'Come Follow the Band'* after their rousing musical performance? The children lit up the stage with confidence and joy.

Our fabulous, flamboyance of flamingos showed us how to *'Shake a Tail Feather'* or two! Their infectious energy had the whole audience toe-tapping, clapping, and grinning from ear to ear.

Every child had learned their lines beautifully, and they even recorded a brilliant train announcement ahead of the show. Bravo to all involved — you made us incredibly proud!



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

Half Term 26th - 30th May

### Tuesday 3rd June - Reception trip to Nower Wood

*The children should wear their PE tracksuit and trainers. We will advise if waterproofs are needed closer to the time.*

### Tuesday 3rd June 6-7.30 - Dr King Self Regulating Event

### Wednesday 4th June 1.30 – 3.30 - Nursery & Twinkle parent/teacher discussions

### Friday 6th June - Extra Drama Club



Award by Mrs Degg -Dawn F - for your creativity and technical skills, you made a remarkable paper pinafore dress.



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Leonardo D for your Silver Certificate

Congratulations to Arvid M, Chloe B and Ethan Wong for your Diamond Certificate

Congratulations to Mateo B and Reva M for your Legend Certificate



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

Sylvie A - HeadStart star of the day certificate

Lyana L - Awarded a distinction certificate for her Pianoforte performance in Jazz - primary

Chloe L - StarTastics certificate for much improvement in forward rolls, great listening

Florence P - Certificate from young artist summer show for making and submitting artwork of a daffodil.

Charlie L - Stage coach star of the week certificate - for great work in class.

Alfie H - Certificate for playing rugby for Sutton and Epsom RFC in the under 5's squad

Henry W - Certificate for playing rugby for Sutton and Epsom RFC in the under 6's squad

Muzhi D - Certificate for playing rugby for Sutton and Epsom RFC in the under 6's squad

Chloe B - Performed with her gymnastics squad Aerial tumbling at the Nonsuch fair

Isabella D - Awarded a puffin certificate for swimming

Reva M - Awarded a medal for taking part in a 400m running event and a certificate for experiencing level 1 flyer at ifly

Sebastian C - awarded a medal for being Runners up in the under 7's West Sussex football tournament.

Caitlyn M - Awarded level 2 in swimming

Alisa S - Certificate from young artist summer show for making and submitting artwork.

Heidi L - Awarded Star of the week at StarTastics for great work on floor skills and vault.

