



## Weekly News

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

Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents,

### **Year 2’s Adventure at Juniper Hall**

Last week, Year 2 enjoyed a truly unforgettable trip to Juniper Hall on their first overnight residential filled with excitement and discovery. From orienteering and insect hunts to pond dipping and searching for small mammals, the children embraced every opportunity to explore the natural world. Den building encouraged teamwork and creativity, while the sleepover brought new friendships and shared experiences. It was 2 fun filled days of learning, and adventure—a truly wonderful time was had by all!



### **Pre-Reception Very First School Trip**

On Wednesday, our adventurous Pre-Reception children embarked on a truly special milestone – their very first school trip! At just four years old, these little explorers set off on a coach journey to *Little Street*, a magical miniature role play designed just for children.

From the moment they stepped off the coach, the excitement was palpable. Little Street offered a fully immersive role-play experience, where the children could step into the shoes of doctors, shopkeepers, firefighters, chefs, and more, every child was completely engaged in the world of make-believe.

It was a joy to see their imaginations come to life, their confidence blossom, and their friendships grow stronger through play. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who helped make this day such a success. We’re so proud of our Pre-Reception children for embracing their first big adventure with such enthusiasm and joy!

### **Father’s Day Challenge – A Morning to Remember!**

On Friday, we hosted our annual Father’s Day Challenge, filled with laughter, energy and unforgettable moments! Over 110 enthusiastic dads joined their children for a morning packed with exciting activities and shared adventures. One dad was joining us for his 11th consecutive year—a wonderful reminder of the lasting bonds and traditions we build together.

From racing through obstacle courses to building creative structures with pasta and marshmallows, there was no shortage of creativity and teamwork. The portrait station was a highlight, capturing joyful smiles and cherished memories between children and their daddies. Meanwhile our Nursery was buzzing with creativity as little ones enjoyed decorating biscuits and crafting colourful rosettes with their Daddies.

A big thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us- you helped make the morning such a joyful and memorable experience for the children. Your enthusiasm and support made it truly special!

## **Year One News**

In Literacy this week, Year One have explored the classic tale The Emperor's new Clothes. After reading the story together, the children enjoyed writing their own imaginative versions. In a fun role-play activity, they took turns interviewing the Emperor himself, challenging his unique fashion choices with some very thoughtful questions!

The focus in Maths was all about money. The children practised identifying different coins and notes, and then had the opportunity to apply their learning in the class shop activity – an excellent opportunity to use real-life maths skills in a fun setting.

In Science, the children asked the important question: Why is it important to care for our planet? The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about pollution, recycling, and ways to protect nature. Putting their ideas into action, they used natural materials to rebuild and improve the class bug hotel.

In Art, the children thoroughly enjoyed working with clay to create their own fish sculptures. After kneading, rolling, and cutting out their designs, they added incredible detail such as textured scales. Next week, they will bring their creations to life with paint – stay tuned to see their fabulous, finished fish!

## **Year Two News**

What a fun-filled and action-packed week it has been for Year 2!

Last week, the children had the exciting opportunity to visit Juniper Hall, and they've been busy back in class turning their adventures into persuasive brochures to encourage others to visit too. Thanks to the incredible range of activities—shelter building, mammal trapping, pond dipping, and even creating a bug hotel—their writing was full of enthusiasm and vivid detail. With so much to enjoy, it was easy for them to explain just how brilliant the trip really was!

Back in the classroom, Science lessons linked perfectly with the trip as the children explored the life cycle of a frog. They loved learning about the transformation from tadpole to frog and did an excellent job writing about each fascinating stage.

In Maths, the focus was on reading analogue clocks in 5-minute intervals. Although it was a challenging concept, Year 2 showed great determination and made fantastic progress with this important skill.

Art took a fun twist this week as the children used pastels to draw peaches. They experimented with shading, texture, and colour blending to create beautifully soft and detailed artwork.

In their iPad session, creativity and technology came together as the children designed and built a Lego robot tadpole that could move! This exciting activity brought together their knowledge of life cycles with problem-solving and digital skills.

Well done, Year 2, for an inspiring and successful week of learning and creativity!

## **Maths Superstars**

A big congratulations to our maths superstars who have been working hard on their times tables. Your dedication and determination are really paying off – keep up the fantastic effort! We're so proud of the progress you are making.

Well done to Teddy, Thomas, Luca and William for achieving their Bronze Stars and to Florence, Alisa, Vihaan, James, Ryan and Zhibo for achieving their Gold Stars.

This week's lunch time superstar is Sasha in Pre-Reception was nominated by the Catering Team for being such a fantastic eater and for appreciating the delicious lunches so much. Well done Sasha!

## **Merit Awards:**

William I, Daniel G, Sunny Z, Edward F, Chloe B, Thomas M, Muzhi D, Polly S, Ottilie H, Nola T, Julius S and Heidi L

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

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

## Work of the Week

This week, Year 1 have been looking at the story of The Emperor's New Clothes. This is an extract of Luigi's wonderful retelling of the story.

The Emperor's new clothes  
A long time ago there was  
an emperor that loved clothes.  
Every hour he <sup>changed</sup> changed his  
clothes so that means that  
he changes his clothes 24  
times. Then he heard a  
loud knock on the big wooden  
door. The king went to open  
the big wooden door. When  
he opened the door there were  
two elegant strangers







## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow – what a hot week it's been! But the sunshine has brought us the perfect opportunity to enjoy plenty of water play in our Nursery Garden. The children had a brilliant time filling, squirting, and splashing water all around. This week, our learning focus has been on Teachers – understanding how they help us learn, keep us safe, and are trusted adults we can talk to if we ever feel worried. Our story of the week, *Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs Go to School*, helped us explore this theme in a fun and engaging way. In the mark making area, we've been practising our shapes while creating our very own pencil name labels. Over in our maths activities, we used dinosaurs and buckets to develop our counting skills – counting how many dinosaurs we could fit in each bucket! Our kitchen area has been a hub of healthy activity too, the children enjoyed making refreshing apple and banana smoothies to cool down in the warm weather. A special highlight for our Pre-Reception children was their fantastic trip to *Little Street*! From the excitement of the coach ride to sharing lunch together, the children loved every moment. They fully immersed themselves in role play, becoming brilliant builders, nurses, shop assistants, doctors, and even superheroes! To finish off our week, we welcomed our wonderful Daddies for our annual Father's Day Challenge. The children loved showing them around the Nursery and taking part in special activities, including biscuit decorating, making Father's Day rosettes, and drawing portraits. Wishing all our families a safe and sunny weekend – don't forget the sun cream and hats!



## Reception News

This week in maths, Reception have been exploring the idea of sharing fairly. Building on our work on dividing into equal groups, we've taken our first steps into the world of fractions, focusing on halves and quarters. And what better way to bring learning to life than by making our very own pizzas!

Our classroom was transformed into a mini pizza kitchen as the children carefully selected their toppings before popping their creations into the oven. Once cooked, we looked at what a half and a quarter might look like and learned that for sharing to be fair, each piece must be the same size.

Reception showed fantastic focus and precision as they cut their pizzas in half and recognised that two halves make a whole. They then took on the challenge of cutting their pizzas into four equal parts, learning that four quarters also make a whole. What a delicious way to learn!

This week we also completed our art inspired by Mughal India. We selected vivid colours to carefully decorate our printed clay tiles.

We also had so much fun welcoming the daddies into school for our annual Father's Day Challenge– it was a brilliant day filled with smiles, teamwork, and memorable moments.

Well done, Reception – what a fun and fantastic week of learning!



**The Foundation Team**



### **Art Award from Mrs Degg**

Georgia S - For you detailed tiger drawing, set against a jungle pattern.

Jack S - For leading the way with your ideas in the crafting area. You are amazing!

William I - For your 3D submarine painting, showing the light on the sea creatures. Wonderful!

Izzy H - For the beautiful sash you made for me.



### **Special Award:**

Thomas B - For being an outstanding Play Prefect, working hard and looking after the younger children.



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Polly S for your Gold Certificate

Congratulations to Arvid M and Chloe B for your Epic Certificates

Congratulations to Luigi CM and Ryan P for your Legend Certificates



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

Heidi L - Stage Coach star of the week for a lovely big loud voice in singing

Florence P - A certificate for submitting artwork to the young artists summer show at the Royal Academy of Arts and a certificate and rosette for her participation in the Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics General Club Championships 2025

Alfie H - Awarded a certificate and medal for swimming 5 metres

Reva M - Awarded a certificate and medal for swimming 5 metres

Isabella D - Awarded a certificate and rosette for her participation in the Leatherhead and Dorking Gymnastics General Club Championships 2025

Caitlyn M - Stage Coach star of the week for an amazing performance and focus all lesson

Grace C - Awarded the Mark Warner Little Mermaid Award for always being so majestic in the water

William C - Awarded the Mark Warner Little Mermaid Award for dazzling everyone with your sparkling talents

Chloe B - Awarded 2 rosettes for 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Handy Pony competitions riding Tinkerbell and winning 1st place in a team with her cousin at the Mid Surrey Pony Club fancy dress

Hugo Q - Awarded Star of the day by the Headteacher at Chinese camp

Tabitha B - Inducted into 3<sup>rd</sup> Epsom St Martins Beavers

Polly S - Successfully jumping her first course with a clear round on her pony Pablo

Sebastian C - Awarded - Josh Evans U7's season Trophy and player of the season, a trophy for being runner up in the U7's Guildford City tournament and a medal for being runner up in the U7's Mini Sheerwater tournament

James M - Josh Evans under 7 most valuable player trophy

## Dates for the Diary

### Friday 27th June - Sports Day

*Children to wear house t-shirts. Entrance via the back gate.*

*Nursery & Pre-Reception 11-12pm*

*Reception, Year 1 & Yr 2 2pm-5pm*

### Saturday 28th June 2-5pm- St Christopher's PTA Summer Fair



**Monday 30th June - Lost Property being displayed outside for collection**

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This summer there is a very special opportunity for St Christopher's students to join the Summer Musical Theatre Workshop run by Fitznells Music Centre. Our Head of Music Mrs Sophie Colchester will be the Workshop Director and Musical Director for the week-long event, which runs from 11 - 15 August. The workshop gives students the chance to learn songs, dances and scenes from their favourite shows, under the guidance of professionally-trained tutors, before taking to the stage for a Showcase Performance on the Friday afternoon. The workshop takes place at Ewell Castle School. To book a place, or for more information, email [fitznellsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:fitznellsmusic@gmail.com).



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