



## Weekly News

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

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents,



A huge congratulations to our very first group of LAMDA students! Alisa, Luca, Sebastian, James M, Lyana, Estrella, Grace and William (all in Year 2) recently completed their first-ever LAMDA examination have achieved outstanding results – Distinction across the board!

We couldn't be prouder of their hard work, dedication and talent! This is a brilliant start to their performance journey – and this is just the beginning.

They of course couldn't have done it without the amazing Mrs Russell – a heartfelt thank you for her expert guidance, encouragement, and inspiration throughout.

We are delighted that Mrs Russell will continue to offer LAMDA at St Christopher's next year – here's to even more success to come!

### **Sport's Day Success!**

This morning, our annual Sports Day started with great enthusiasm as all the children in Nursery and Pre-Reception took part in a wonderful celebration of athleticism, teamwork and school spirit. The event was filled with excitement – from thrilling races to lively cheering, from both pupils and parents alike. Our House Captains played a key role, offering encouragement and support to the younger children, and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the morning.

A highlight of the day came when our Sports Captain, Rory, proudly announced the final scores, highlighting the friendly competition and collective effort of all involved. Congratulations to Dalh House for winning the Nursery shield this year!



A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated PE teacher, Miss Greenwood, and to all staff whose hard work and planning made this memorable event possible.

Thank you all for coming along and supporting our young athletes!

As we send out this newsletter, the main school Sports Day is now underway... who will win the House Shield this year? Find out next week!

### **Year One News**

It's been another exciting week in Year 1, full of creativity, imagination, and hands-on learning!

This week, the children have been developing their prediction skills through the story *The Great Pet Sale* by Mick Inkpen. They examined the front cover, blurb, and opening page to make thoughtful predictions about the storyline, sharing their ideas with great enthusiasm. To bring the story to life, the children used animal masks to act out key scenes, they let their imaginations run wild by creating their own alternative endings and performing them for the class.

The maths focus has been all about time. The children started by sequencing the days of the week and using time-related vocabulary such as yesterday, today and tomorrow in context. They then explored the concept of hours, minutes, and seconds. Armed with stopwatches, the class took on fun one-minute challenges – how many star jumps can you do in a minute? Can you take off and put on your shoes in time? The room was buzzing with energy and laughter as they timed themselves and compared results.

In topic, the children have been diving into the world of fashion design, with a spotlight on hats and fascinators. After exploring different styles and learning about their purpose and features, the children got creative designing their own headwear. This week they brought their designs to life using a variety of materials. The finished creations were a burst of colour, adorned with feathers, ribbons, and full of individual flair.

### **Year Two News**

On Monday, Year 2 visited the residents of Linden House to share some of their songs from *The Blue Crystal* show. These visits are always a highlight, with smiles all around as the children sing and chat with the residents. We are so proud of how confidently and kindly the children engage – sharing stories and enjoying a drink and biscuit together at the end.

Back in the classroom, *The Blue Crystal* continued to inspire our Literacy work. The children imagined they were writing a guidebook for visitors to the Planet Zarcon. After exploring real guidebooks, they wrote their own, packed with fun facts, travel tips, and fascinating details about the local wildlife. Jamie cleverly included a visit to a memorial for the “Final Battle”, and Chloe reassured readers that Zarcon creatures are perfectly safe – as they only eat bug-eyed monsters, not humans!

In maths, we have been mastering how to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. The children have enjoyed applying this in time-telling games, solving elapsed-time challenges, and even creating their own time-based puzzles for classmates to crack.

As part of our *James and the Giant Peach* topic, we’ve been exploring food chains. The children learned how food chains work and worked collaboratively to sort producers and consumers into the correct order – bringing the process to life through lively role-play!

In Art, we have focused on peaches, closely observing real ones to capture their unique colours and textures. The children experimented with two techniques: soft pastel blending and the ‘wet-on-wet’ watercolour method. The results artwork looks good enough to eat!

### **Summer Fair**

We are excited to welcome you all to our Summer Fair tomorrow from 2pm to 5pm! A huge thank you to our incredible PTA, who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family.

Come along and join us for what promises to be a fantastic event – we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Maths Superstars**

Congratulations to the following maths superstars for achieving their stars this week. Charlie for achieving his Silver star and Arthur, Edward and Rory for achieving their Gold Star. Well done!

This week’s lunch time superstar is Ashwin for enjoying seconds and always having a smile on your face. Well done Ashwin!

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

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

## Work of the Week

Year 2 have been looking at peaches in Art lessons this week inspired by their class book of James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. They used artist's watercolour tubes to blend the various colours using the technique known as 'wet-on-wet'.

Here is Ryan's scrumptious painting.



Ryan

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a fantastic week we've had celebrating International Week! The children have been busy discovering different cultures, traditions, and foods from around the world through art, music, storytelling, and hands-on fun. It's been a joyful journey of learning and exploration, and we're so proud of how curious and enthusiastic all our little learners have been. In the Green room we tapped into the rhythm of Spanish music by making our very own castanets using different materials. The children loved decorating them with bright colours and practising their clapping beats to traditional flamenco tunes! The kitchen has been smelling wonderful as the children have visited Italy creating their own pasta sauce. Chopping and slicing different vegetables, tomatoes, mushrooms and peppers all prepped to be blitz in the blender to create their healthy Italian pasta sauces. In the Yellow room each child has been writing and decorating their 'postcard' from a country of their choice, sharing what they 'saw' and 'did' on their imaginary travels. To finish them off the children added some stamps and postal deliveries were made via 'Nursery-Airways' - our role play aeroplane we have had set up. In the Blue room the children were inspired by traditional African designs, they created tribal masks using bold patterns, earthy tones, and natural textures. This sparked wonderful discussions about identity, culture, and community across the continent. In the garden summer is officially here, and we're so excited to soak up the sunshine and explore all the fun that this season brings! The children have been working very hard this week practising their Sports Day routines, and didn't it pay off! All the children were Sports Day Superstars and made all the nursery team proud!



## Reception News

Another action-packed week has whizzed by in Reception.

We have been preparing for Sports Day by writing invitations for our parents to come, and discussed what it means to be a 'good sport'. All the children decided it was a super idea to support our friends and congratulate them for trying their best. Some children drew Sports Day on long strips of computer paper, so please have a look on Neptune's windows! We can't wait to hear Miss Greenwood's start whistle and show off the sporting skills we have been learning. It has also been International Week, so we completed some activities linked to Antarctica, including learning facts and making penguins. All the talk of snow and ice has helped us stay cool!

Of course, we continue to enjoy lots of reading sessions, stories and phonics lessons revisiting Phase 3 digraphs including, oa, ai, qu, ee and sh. Learning to read, use and spell tricky words in sentences has also been a priority.

In Maths, we have been experimenting with capacity and using rice and lentils to demonstrate our understanding of full, half full, empty, nearly empty and nearly full. We also recorded this on paper using stamps and stickers on jar templates.

We are looking forward to the PTA Summer Fair on Saturday too!



**The Foundation Team**



## Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 28th June - PTA Summer Fair 2pm-5pm**



**Thursday 3rd July - Moving Up Morning**



**Friday 4th July - Year 2 Go Ape - Funded by the PTA**

*The children should wear their PE kit and trainers, and long hair must be tied back. Please make sure that your child also has their school fleece, raincoat and water bottle as all the activities will be outside. Please apply a 'one application' sunscreen to your child prior to school.*

**Please note clubs have now finished for the Summer Term**

**From Tuesday 30th June - Lost property will be laid out under the porch**

*Please do take the time to have a look as any items not collected will be donated to the PTA second hand uniform cupboard*





# HOLIDAY COURSES

OFSTED REGISTERED

MULTI-ACTIVITY FUN SINCE 1991

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE MULTI-SPORTS, ART, DANCE,  
DISCO, LEGO BUILDING, PUZZLES, THEMED GAMES & MORE!

\*\*\* **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED** \*\*\*

**14<sup>th</sup> July - 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

- ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL, EPSOM (KT18 5HE)
- STAMFORD GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, EPSOM (KT19 8LU)
- WARREN MEAD SCHOOLS, BANSTEAD (SM7 1EJ)
- ST MARTIN'S SCHOOLS, EPSOM (KT18 7AD)

**Rec-Y6**

Boys & Girls  
\* Rec-Y2 at St C

**9.00am**

Start time

**4.00pm**

Finish time

**5.30pm**

Extended Day  
\* Unavailable at St C

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