



Weekly News

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

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear Parents,

Exciting News!

We are thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted for the Independent Pre-Prep of the Year Award!

This prestigious recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our entire school community — from our incredible staff to our supportive parents and, of course, our brilliant pupils.

Being shortlisted is an honour in itself, and we are proud to stand alongside other outstanding schools in our RGS Family.

Thank you for being part of our journey — we look forward to the next steps with great anticipation!



A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing PTA

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible PTA for making this year’s Summer Fair such a huge success. Their hard work, dedication, and the generous time they give to the school are truly extraordinary.

From planning and organising to setting up, running stalls, and clearing away, the PTA team put in countless hours behind the scenes. Their efforts brought our school community together for a fun, vibrant, and memorable event that was enjoyed by all.

We simply can’t thank them enough for all they do. St Christopher’s is so lucky to have such a committed and passionate group of parents supporting our school.

As we look ahead to future events, we would love to welcome more volunteers to join the PTA or lend a hand throughout the year. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, every bit of help makes a difference—and it’s a wonderful way to get involved in school life and meet other families.

If you're interested in helping out, please get in touch with the school office or speak to a current PTA member—we’d love to have you on board!

Thank you from the PTA

To all the volunteers, teachers, parents, grandparents, children, alumni, and friends of the school – Thank you for helping to make the Summer Fair such a joyful, vibrant, and unforgettable event!

Your time, energy, and support brought the day to life – from setting up early in the morning, running stalls, cheering each other on, and bringing along your big smiles and even bigger hearts. It truly was a whole community effort, and we are so incredibly grateful.

A special thank you to the amazing parents who contributed to and dedicated their afternoons to the Country Tables. They were an absolute highlight – colourful, delicious, educational, and full of heart. The decorations, traditional attire, food, artefacts, and cultural pride on display were simply extraordinary. Thank you for sharing your time, heritage, and creativity so generously. The children absolutely loved it – and so did we!

And of course... the bumper cars! 🎡 What a hit! The laughter, the squeals of delight, the little races – it was pure joy to watch. We hope every child walked away with special memories, especially our Year 2 children, who are getting ready for their next adventure. What a wonderful way to mark the end of their time at SCS!

From all of us – thank you, thank you, thank you for making the day so special. Your spirit, kindness, and sense of community is what makes SCS truly shine.

With heartfelt appreciation,

♥ The St. Christopher’s PTA Tea

Special Thank You

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the incredible parents who helped organise and generously contributed food to the country tables at this year’s Summer Fair.

Your efforts made the *Around the World* theme truly come to life — not only by celebrating the rich cultural heritage within our school community, but also by showcasing the warm and generous spirit that makes St Christopher’s so special.

We were proud to feature delicious dishes from six countries — Ghana, Jamaica and other Caribbean nations, India, South Africa, Romania, China, and Sri Lanka. The variety and vibrancy you brought to the event were deeply appreciated by all and helped create a joyful and memorable experience for everyone who attended.

Thank you, in particular, to:

Mrs Patel, Dr Patel, Mr and Mrs Malavkar, Ms Sisu, Mr and Mrs Pollock, Mr Yolland, Mrs Ezeanaka, Mr and Mrs Bandara, Ms Ren, Mrs Zhang, Mrs Tobin, Dr Smith, Ms Felix, and Mrs Wood.

Farewells, Welcomes and New Beginnings

As the school year comes to a close, it’s time to say goodbye to some much-loved members of staff and welcome new faces to our St Christopher’s community.

After an incredible 17 years at St Christopher’s — and an impressive 20 years of teaching — Ms Kay is retiring. She has been a much-valued member of our community, and we know she’s looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. We wish her all the very best for this next chapter and thank her for her years of dedication, wisdom, and warmth.

We’re also saying goodbye to Miss Huggett, who is moving to a school closer to home. She has been a fantastic part of our team, and we will miss her greatly. We wish her every success in her new role.

Looking ahead to September, we’re delighted to welcome Miss Stirling, who will be joining us in Year One. We’re excited to welcome her to St Christopher’s.

We’re also pleased to share that Mrs Taperell will be leading Forest School sessions next year. Forest School is an exciting outdoor learning initiative that promotes confidence, creativity, and resilience through hands-on experiences in nature. From building dens and identifying wildlife to learning teamwork and problem-solving skills, children will have the opportunity to develop in a rich and natural environment. Mrs Taperell’s is a qualified Forest School Teacher and her passion for the outdoors and child-led learning makes her the perfect person to lead this wonderful new programme.

Moving Up Morning

Thursday brought a big moment in the week – Moving Up Morning!

The children were filled with excitement as they met their new teachers and found out which classes they will be in next year. It was a lovely opportunity to explore their new classrooms and begin building connections ahead of the next big step in their learning journey.

Class 2024-2025	Receiving Class 2025-	Teacher	Support Staff Team
Pre-Reception	Neptune	Miss Rendall	Mrs Burke Mrs King
Pre-Reception	Mars	Mrs Wheatley	
Mars	Saturn	Miss Speer	Mrs Richardson Mrs Roberts
Neptune	Jupiter	Miss Stirling	
Jupiter	Mercury	Mrs Leyland	Mrs Bohn Mrs Skilton Mrs Quayle (Autumn Term mornings)
Saturn	Venus	Mrs Gunn	

Thank you from Ms Kay

To all the parents past and present,

Thank you very much for the incredibly generous gift voucher and the kind words. I feel grateful to have been part of St. Christophers and to have worked with you and your children, sharing in so many meaningful moments along the way over the last 17 years. I am looking forward to retiring and helping to look after my three grandchildren! Thank you once again for your kindness.

Alison Kay

Year One News – Creativity, Curiosity, and Laughter

Year 1 have had an exciting and enriching week! As we approach the end of term, the children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work.

In Literacy, the children reflected on Sports Day, writing lively and detailed recounts of their races and the exciting atmosphere of the event. They also spent time thinking about their favourite memories from Year 1, showing just how much they've grown this year—both as learners and as individuals.

In Maths, we've been learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. Using mini clocks, the children practised moving the hands and reading the time aloud, developing both confidence and practical understanding.

Science this week was full of *wow moments* and hands-on discovery!

- In the Dancing Raisins experiment, the children were amazed as raisins floated up and down in fizzy water.

Water drops on a penny was a brilliant exercise in patience and prediction.

- Making rainbows with sweets was as colourful as it was fun!

And with colour mixing using food dye, the children loved discovering and naming the new colours they created.

In Art, the children got creative with nature. Using natural resources, they worked in teams to design and make collaged hats. Each one was completely unique and full of imaginative flair.

What a fantastic week, Year 1—full of learning, laughter, and creativity!

Year Two News – Learning, Laughter, and a Leap into the Trees!

It's been another action-packed week in Year 2!

The children have been putting the finishing touches on their Zarcon books using *Book Creator*. They've loved writing imaginative stories about a fictional alien while presenting their work in a non-fiction format—creativity and facts beautifully combined!

In Maths, we explored positional language through engaging, hands-on activities. Using practical tasks, the children learned to confidently use words like *above*, *below*, *next to*, *between*, *left*, and *right*—bringing learning to life through movement and play.

As part of our topic work, the class delved into the fascinating world of the Earth's oceans. They carefully labelled them on maps and uncovered some wonderful facts about what makes each ocean unique.

To round off the week in style, Year 2 took to the trees at Go Ape! There was a brilliant sense of adventure (and plenty of excited squeals!) as the children tackled zipwires and high ropes with courage, determination, and fantastic teamwork. We were so proud of their bravery and the way they supported one another.

Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week full of learning, laughter, and leaps of confidence!

Maths Superstars

Congratulations to the following children who achieved their maths times tables stars this week – Estrella achieved her Silver Star and Ethan achieved his Gold Star. Well done!

This week's lunch time superstar is Sienna in our Pre-Reception class, you are constantly polite and share lovely compliments with the catering team about the yummy lunches. Well done Sienna !

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **1375** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

Work of the Week

This week in Nursery, we've been learning all about the seaside and how to stay safe in the sun! Eloise created a beautiful picture of her and her family just about to go swimming in the sea! She carefully wrote her name all by herself and even labelled her picture using the vocabulary cards. What a fantastic effort – well done, Eloise!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Summer is in full swing, and we've been making the most of the sunshine while staying safe and cool! This week in Nursery, we've been learning all about the beach and how to stay safe in the sun. With the warmer weather here, we've taken extra care during outdoor play - spending time in the shade and retreating to our lovely, air-conditioned Nursery during the hottest part of the day. The children have been learning how to look after themselves in the sun, including:

Drinking plenty of water, wearing sun hats and sunglasses, applying suncream, and finding shady spots when it gets too warm. One of the highlights of the week has been water play - splashing around in the water trays has been a fantastic (and fun!) way to cool down. As part of our beach-themed learning, the children have enjoyed creating sandy artwork and shell collages, exploring ocean life through sensory play and stories, learning about water safety and how to stay safe near the sea. We also got creative in the kitchen, making and decorating delicious ice cream biscuits with colourful icing - yum!

To finish the week, we had our Moving Up Morning! The children had the chance to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers (for Reception) or new key workers (for Pre-Reception). It was a lovely opportunity for them to begin building confidence in their new environments, and they really enjoyed getting to know their future groups and spaces.



Reception News

What a fun and busy time we've had in Reception!

This week, we enjoyed making healthy Pirate smoothies — they were absolutely delicious! The children loved cutting up the fruit and blending it all together. Yummy and nutritious!

We also had our **Moving Up Morning** and visited our new classrooms and teachers. It was very exciting, and the children showed great confidence and curiosity as they explored their new settings.

Despite all the end-of-term excitement, we're still doing lots of learning! We've been: Recapping our phonics sounds, writing about Sports Day completely independently - what an achievement, reading and learning tricky words and even learning French names for sea creatures - *très bien!*

We also had a fantastic time in our biscuit decorating competition — a sweet (and slightly sticky!) success. There's still more fun to come in our final week together. While it's always a little sad to see the children move on, it's also such a joy to watch their growth, development, and blossoming independence. We are so proud of all they've achieved this year — well done Reception!



The Foundation Team



Dates for the Diary



Monday 7th July 2pm - Summer Music Concert

Entrance via the hall door



Wednesday 9th July - St Christopher's Day

Children to wear home clothes



Friday 11th July 10.30am 12.20pm- Leaver's Assembly

Year 2 parents to enter via the back gate

Friday 11th July - Last day of school timings

Nursery & Pre-Reception - please collect from front of school (through staff car park)
at 12 noon

Reception and Year 1 please collect via the back gate at 12 noon

Year 2 will depart at 12.20 after the leavers assembly and the opportunity to take
photos and to say goodbye

PLEASE RETURN ANY LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE SCHOOL

