



Weekly News

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

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Year 2 Honours Assembly

At St Christopher’s, we believe in nurturing leadership, responsibility, and a sense of pride from an early age — and our **Honours Assembly** is a truly special tradition that reflects this. It’s a unique opportunity for our Year 2s to be recognised for their strengths and entrusted with meaningful roles within the school community.

On Thursday, Year 2 discovered their special roles during the Honours Assembly. The whole school gathered to celebrate, and the cheering and encouragement from the children for one another was truly heartwarming. Each child took pride in receiving their honours, and they are already embracing their new responsibilities with great enthusiasm. Many have even begun sharing ideas and plans for their roles.

We are so excited for the year ahead and can’t wait to see the children shine as leaders and creative thinkers in their final year at St Christopher’s.

What a Pirate Day!

Shiver me timbers, what a day we’ve had! Our young buccaneers and trusty crew (the staff!) came decked out in their finest pirate gear – eye patches, bandanas, and even a parrot or two. The day was packed with pirate-themed fun: we listened to swashbucklin’ pirate tales, joined in treasure-filled activities, and practised our best “Arrr!” and “Ahoy!” It was a jolly good adventure for all!

Reception’s Magical Day at Discovery Land, Priory Farm

What a magical adventure our Reception children had at Discovery Land! From winding woodland trails to hidden treasures, every corner was bursting with surprises waiting to be found. The children became explorers for the day – discovering the wonders of nature, and letting their imaginations run wild. With wide smiles and plenty of laughter, it truly felt like stepping into a storybook world.

Year One News

Year 1 have been busy with lots of exciting learning this week!

In English, we revisited our Phase 3 trigraphs *ear*, *air*, *ure*, and *igh*. The children loved acting out the story of *Cave Baby*, giving each animal its very own action. They then created colourful “character splats,” using adjectives to describe appearance and behaviour – Jack wowed us all with his brilliant words for the bear!

In Art, we explored natural objects and created ephemeral artwork, inspired by artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. With Mrs Degg, the children also experimented with clay, designing and building their very own houses.

In Maths, we focused on recognising numbers as words. Fun matching activities helped build both confidence and accuracy.

In PE, the children practised gymnastics, learning to create straddle and pike shapes. They showed fantastic listening skills, especially when following instructions from Chloe.

In Topic, we investigated old toys. The children enjoyed interviewing teachers about their childhood favourites – Mrs B shared her love of *Sooty and Sweep*, while Mrs Leyland reminisced about her beloved Sindy doll.

What a wonderful week of learning, exploring, and creativity!

Year Two News

We have been very busy in Year 2 this week!

In Maths, we learned how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We then used this skill to help with addition, practising how to exchange ten ones for a ten when crossing ten. We also explored the properties of 3D shapes and enjoyed describing their different features.

In English, we read *Me and You* – an alternative version of *Goldilocks*. We had fun comparing this story with the traditional tale before planning and writing our own sequels. William especially impressed us by challenging himself to use inverted commas in his speech – what a star!

In Science, we became investigators, testing different types of paper towels to see which absorbed water best. The results were surprising and sparked lots of discussion!

In PSHE, we explored the different rights children have both in and outside of school. Tristan shone in this lesson, confidently listing many rights – including the right to food! We also thought about the responsibilities we each have to make sure those rights are respected.

Finally, to end the week on a high, we held our Honours Assembly. Each child was given a special role, making for a truly heartwarming and celebratory close to our week of learning.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 26th September in the Hall

We'd love you to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! Come along, enjoy a cuppa, and help us raise funds for a wonderful cause. Donations of cakes and bakes are very welcome – the more treats, the merrier!

Open Morning at St Christopher's – 3rd October 2025

Do you have friends or family looking for a Nursery or School place? Please do tell them about St Christopher's! If you have younger siblings you would like to register, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. It is never too early to register — we already have children registered to start in **2028**!

We will be holding an Open Morning on 3rd October, offering the perfect opportunity to explore our school, meet our staff, and see our wonderful learning environment in action.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community!

This week's lunch time superstar is **Abigail H** for always having a beaming smile as well as showing such polite manners to all the kitchen staff . Well done !

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

Merit Awards:

Tristan T, William I, Chris X, Mateo B, Emma S, George H, Jocelyn VA, Malyk RK, Adam Z, Irina B, Miran F and Isabella D

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

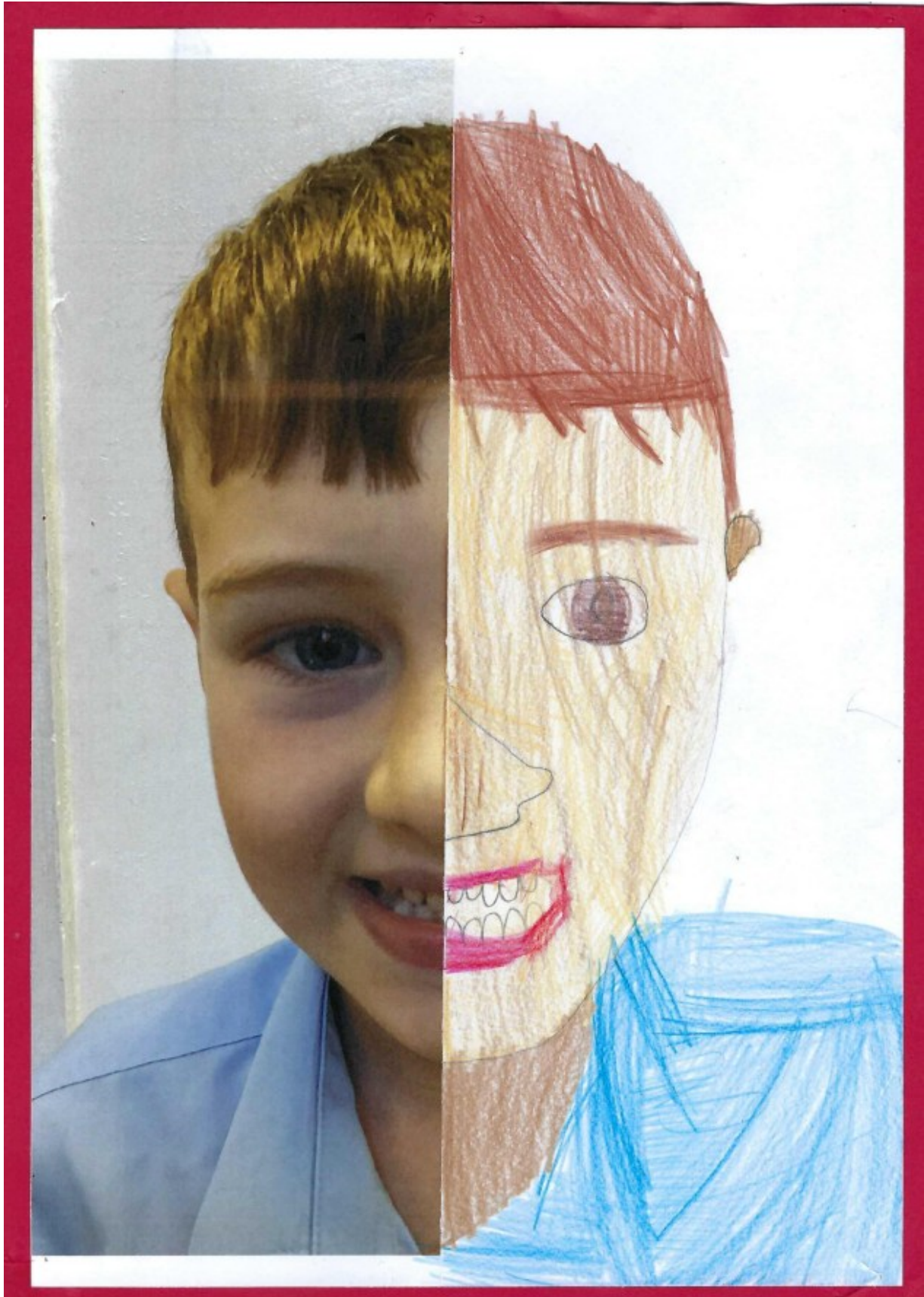
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Year 2 Honours for 2025-2026

Head Boy	Daniel
Head Girl	Polly
Deputy Head Boy	Mateo
Deputy Head Girl	Cora
Prefects	Luigi Tabitha Muzhi William Leonardo
First Aid Officer	Caitlyn
Librarians	Lucy Oscar Ralph
Chairs of School Council	Laksh Sophia
Eco Captains	Kit Macie
Music Captains	Aaron Aathvika
Sports Captains	Martha Henry
Art Captains	Dawn Lars
House Captains for Kemp	Arvid Reva
House Captains for Ahlberg	Tristan Chris
House Captains for Donaldson	Alexander Izzy
House Captains for Dahl	Georgina JT

Work of the Week

Year 2 created a self portraits by completing the missing side of a split photograph. Lars matched the size, position, shapes and colours brilliantly.
Well done Lars!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Ahoy there from the Nursery pirate crew! This past week has been an exciting adventure across the seven seas, setting sail for our Friday pirate day. We had an incredible time exploring, creating, and learning through themed activities. Our little pirates have been busy designing their very own treasure maps. We created our 'aged paper' by ripping and tearing the edges and using the tea-stain method to change the colour of the paper. We discovered that when we made the teabags wetter the colour was much darker. Once dried the children spilled dried rice onto the paper and used it as a template to trace their treasure map path. Finished with X-marks the spot treasure location, the maps looked fabulous!

What's a pirate without a telescope? The children got crafty, using their fine motor skills to roll black card and with the help of a grown up, stapled together their telescope. Decorating with stickers, gems, and crayons. They were perfect for spotting ships in the garden. Using our large wooden blocks, the garden was transformed into a harbour full of pirate ships. The children worked together to build ships big enough to climb aboard – leading to wonderful imaginative roleplay and teamwork.

This week we brought to life with a fun and hands-on activity-building boats out of tin foil! The children tested their creations in the water tray to see whether they would float or sink, and even experimented with adding "cargo" to see how much their boats could hold. During group time we created hats and hooks as no pirate is complete without them.

What a fantastic week leading up to our pirate day, we loved seeing all of your brilliant costumes and efforts. Another brilliant week in Nursery!



Reception News

Well done Mars and Neptune –you are growing in confidence, making friends, learning new routines and managing lots of important belongings. It is a lot to remember when you are only 4! This week in phonics we have learnt the sounds, i (down the pen and dot the ink), n (down narwahl and over the rainbow), m (draw the mouse, front legs, back legs) and we are practising blending sounds together with our 'robot arms'! In Maths, we have been choosing a numeral and finding the numicon or quantity of something to match it. Also, our number of the week is 3, so we have been learning how to make it in different ways.

Without question, the highlight of our week was visiting Discovery Land at Priory Park Farm. The children explored a music garden, balanced on beams, shot canons from castles, visited a beautiful fairy village, crept through muddy underground tunnels, climbed tyre bridges, met a dragon, made wishes with coins at a special well and more! We also enjoyed a delicious picnic and finished with a tractor ride and feeding Koi Carp from a wobbly jetty. It was a magnificent trip to a beautiful place, and the children demonstrated their passion for adventure!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 22nd September 6pm - Pre-Reception Parents Evening

Enter via the school Hall



Wednesday 24th September - Year 1 Trip to Gatton Park

The children should wear their PE kit and trainers and have their water-proof coat and sun hat. The children will not need any money and a packed lunch will be provided



Wednesday 24th September 2.30pm—3.45pm - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale



Thursday 25th September - Individual School Photos

Please make sure children are dressed smartly and with their best smiles ready



Friday 26th September 8.30am-9.30am - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Enter via the school Hall



Mathletics: Congratulations to Ashwin S, Sebastian PM, Tristan T, Chloe L and Oscar M for your Bronze Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Florence D - Awarded a certificate for completing the summer reading challenge, reading 6 books in 6 weeks and a certificate for swimming 10m

Kit M - Awarded a certificate for completing the reading challenge and completing stage 1 swimming



**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL
PARENTS, CARERS AND
GRANDPARENTS TO OUR**

COFFEE MORNING

**TO RAISE MONEY FOR MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

**To make the event a success we kindly
ask for the following donations.**

- **Nursery & Pre-Reception - Biscuits / Cookies**
- **Reception - Brownies / Tray Bakes**
- **Year 1 - Cakes / Muffins**
- **Year 2 - Pastries / Donuts**

**Please drop off your items at the school hall
from 8AM on Friday 26th September**

**Your help and support are greatly appreciated
and we look forward to seeing you there.**

Please note: This is a cashless event

**Thank you,
Your PTA Team**

