



Weekly News

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

Friday 26th 2025

Dear Parents,

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning and brought along such delicious cakes. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to support such a worthy cause. A special thank you to our PTA for organising the event so beautifully – your hard work made the morning run smoothly and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Thanks to everyone’s generosity and enthusiasm, we are delighted to have raised funds to support Macmillan’s incredible work.

Exciting New PE Climbing Equipment Thanks to Our PTA!



We are thrilled to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing PTA for their outstanding fundraising efforts. Thanks to their generosity and dedication, we now have brand-new PE climbing equipment installed in the hall. At today’s Macmillan Coffee morning, we celebrated with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. Our Sports Captains ably assisted by Mrs Fisher and our Head Boy and Girl, officially unveiled the new equipment. Mrs Fisher spoke on behalf of the school, expressing sincere gratitude to the PTA for their continued support and commitment to enriching our pupils’ experiences at St Christopher’s. More exciting updates will be unveiled in the near future—stay tuned!

Year One Trip to Gatton Park

This week, the children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Gatton Park in Reigate, where learning and adventure went hand in hand. Their day began with a *story hunt*, as the children explored the grounds collecting natural objects to spark their imaginations and inspire their own storytelling. They were brimming with creative ideas as they thought about how each item could become part of a new tale.

Later, they took part in a *sensory walk*, which encouraged the children to use all their senses to explore the environment around them. These activities not only developed the children’s creativity but also deepened their appreciation of the natural world.

Throughout the trip, the children were a credit to the school – engaged, enthusiastic, and wonderfully well behaved. It was a day filled with curiosity, imagination, and plenty of smiles, and one that we are sure they will remember for a long time to come.

Be A Guest Speaker: Show Children the World of Work

Thank you to the wonderful parents who have already agreed to be Guest Speakers this year.

There is still time to sign up - we would love to invite parents and carers to come into school to talk to the children about their jobs. This is a wonderful way for pupils to learn more about the world of work and to make links between their learning in school and real-life experiences.

The idea would be that you would come into school for 8.45am to talk to children in assembly for approximately 15 minutes, potentially with a presentation, to share what you do. All presentations would need to be shared with the school before hand and we are of course, on hand to help with any preparation and on the day. Depending on how many volunteers we have, we will spread the visits out over the year.

If you would be willing to come in and talk about your job, please complete the form which can be found following this link [Be A Guest Speaker](#)

Year One News

This week, Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Gatton Park in Reigate. They went on a story hunt, collecting items to inspire their own storytelling, and later enjoyed a sensory walk where the children created 'smelly cocktails' and designed natural artist palettes using a rainbow of colours from the environment. The children were beautifully behaved and fully immersed in the experience from start to finish.

Back in the classroom, our English lessons focused on Phase 4 consonant blends in both reading and writing, alongside revisiting tricky words that need to be learnt by sight. We also continued to retell the story of *Cave Baby*, taking on the roles of the characters and writing descriptive captions to match our photographs.

In Maths, we practised counting on from a given number. A highlight of the week was playing a dice game – the children especially enjoyed the challenge of trying to beat the teachers!

Our Topic work, we explored toys from the past and present, comparing what they are made from and what they can (or cannot) do. The children were particularly intrigued to learn about Meccano, Slinkies, and Etch A Sketch toys.

Year Two News

There has been some *monstrous* writing in Year 2 this week! The children have started exploring Roald Dahl's *The Minpins* and have been imagining the terrible creatures Little Billy might have heard in the forest. Their descriptive writing has been wonderfully creative:

- J-T wrote, "*He saw a sight that made his heart stop beating, his eyes stop blinking and his body stop moving. He wanted to go home but there were too many of them. Could he go on?*"

Macie described "*a toe-crunching, foot-pinching head-gobbler!*"

In Maths, the children have been practising comparing amounts using *more than*, *less than* and *equals*, and ordering sets of numbers. They are becoming increasingly confident in using the mathematical symbols <, > and =. They have also been sharpening their time-telling skills, focusing on the hour, half past, and quarter past.

Science has been a real highlight this week, with our budding scientists in Venus and Mercury testing the properties of different materials. In PSHE, the children took part in lively discussions about rewards and consequences, sharing thoughtful and sensible ideas.

We are especially proud of the way the children are embracing their new responsibilities as Year 2 leaders. They have been full of ideas about how to develop their roles, and it is clear the school is in very safe hands. We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Guidelines for Parent WhatsApp Groups

We know that many parents find class WhatsApp groups helpful for sharing reminders and supporting one another. To make sure these groups remain positive and useful for everyone, we kindly suggest the following:

☑ Do use the group to:

- Share friendly reminders about homework, trips, or events.
- Help each other with practical information (e.g. "What day is PE kit needed?").
- Offer support to other families when needed.
- Celebrate the children's achievements and school events.

✗ Please avoid using the group to:

- Discuss concerns about teaching, staff, or individual children.
- Share unverified information about school policies or events.
- Post large numbers of off-topic messages that might overwhelm others.

👉 If you have a question or concern about school matters, please contact the school directly so we can help you quickly and accurately.

Thank you for helping us keep parent groups positive, supportive, and inclusive. Together, we can ensure they remain a useful tool for all families.

This week's lunch time superstar is Rowan for eating so well and having impeccable manners. Well done Rowan !

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **472** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

In Year 1 we have really enjoyed learning about toys from the past. This week we looked back at everything we have learnt so far. Florence chose to compare dolls from the past with the ones we see today. She thought carefully about the different materials they are made from and what the dolls could and could not do. Fantastic work Florence, well done!

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LO: I can compare similar toys from different times.

plastic

pen case



new plastic

old

fluffy

The old doll is fluffy. you can change the new dolls clothes. The old dolls body is cuddly and soft. The new dolls made of plastic and its eyes can close and open.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a fun week it has been in Nursery! The children have been busy exploring and learning all about our feelings with the *Zones of Regulation* and finding out how to make ourselves feel better if we're ever a little sad. They enjoyed mixing primary colours in a fun and creative way, we painted our hands in bright colours and then shook hands with our friends to see the magical new colours we made! In the kitchen, we practised spreading tasty, colourful spreads on toast, great for fine motor skills and even better for snack time! In maths we rolled dice and carefully counted out the right number of counters building our number confidence while having lots of fun. The Pre-Reception children have also been busy learning their harvest poem and songs and are excited to share them with you at the upcoming Harvest Festival. We've been busy learning, playing, and helping each other all week long. It has been a wonderful week of creativity, and teamwork!



Reception News

The signs of autumn are coming thick and fast, and we have loved exploring the seasonal changes all around us. Our Forest School adventures have given us plenty of opportunities to notice the world transforming from the crunch of leaves underfoot to the conkers, acorns and colourful leaves scattered across the ground. These treasures have inspired our learning back in the classroom. In maths, we have been creating and continuing repeating patterns using the natural objects we collected, such as conkers, acorns, helicopter seeds and a selection of autumn leaves.

In Forest School, we were able to use tools to drill into the conkers to make 'Crazy Conker Heads' a fun opportunity to strengthen our hands and develop our skills using tools which helps us with our writing too!

Our literacy work has been inspired by the books '*Tree*' by Britta Teekuntrup and '*The Oak Tree*' by Julia Donaldson. These stories have helped us think carefully about the changes we see throughout the seasons, the children are starting to talk in greater details about their observations and respond to questions to deepen their explanations. This has been the basis of the children's writing. We are especially impressed with how quickly they are beginning to hear sounds within words - not just the initial sounds, but middle and end sounds too. This week in phonics we have been learning the sounds **d**, **g**, **o**, and the children are making fantastic progress with blending and using their growing bank of sounds to read simple words.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd October 9.15am - St Christopher's Open Morning

Prospective parents



Friday 10th October 10am - Harvest Festival

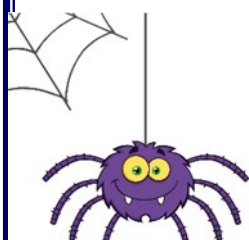
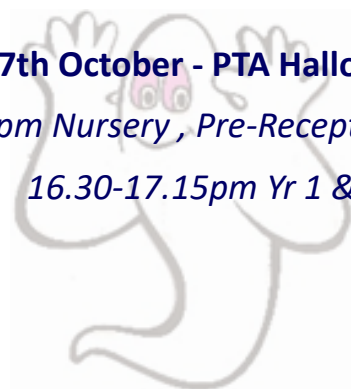
St Martins Church



Friday 17th October - PTA Halloween Disco

15.30-16.15pm Nursery , Pre-Reception & Reception

16.30-17.15pm Yr 1 & 2



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