



Weekly News

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

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents,

A Sparkling Open Morning!

What a truly wonderful open morning we had! Our children were absolutely fabulous, welcoming visitors with smiles and enthusiasm. The school looked amazing, sparkling with energy and excitement, and it wouldn't have been possible without our incredible PTA. Thank you for being such a vital part of the team and for helping to show just how fabulous our school community is.

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the PTA for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a wonderful event filled with delicious cakes, plenty of coffee, and—most importantly—lots of generosity and kindness from our community.

Thanks to your support, they raised an incredible £585.50 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Every pound makes a real difference, helping Macmillan provide vital care and support to people living with cancer.

We're so grateful to everyone who came along, baked, donated, and helped on the day. It wouldn't have been possible without you.

Year One News

This week in English, the children have been busy ordering words from *Cave Baby* to make sentences, using our “inspector eyes” to check for capital letters and full stops. Later in the week, they were thrilled to discover a letter from Cave Baby himself asking for our help! Inspired by this, the children decided to write back to his mum and dad to apologise for making such a mess in their family cave.

In Maths, we've been focusing on the concept of finding 'one more'. The children practised this important skill using a variety of resources including tens frames and counters, bead strings, cubes, Numicon and oral counting.

In Art, our young weavers showed wonderful patience and creativity as they crafted colourful placemats with bright and bold designs.

In Science, we explored the sense of sight, through fun blindfold challenges, helping the children understand just how important our vision is. We also learned about how braille, guide dogs and walking canes assist people who are blind or visually impaired.

It's been a fantastic week of learning and discovery.

Year Two News

This week, the children have been enjoying *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl and working hard on key writing skills. They have learned how to use apostrophes for possession, explored adjectives with the *-est* and *-er* endings, and even retold parts of the story in their own words. It's been lovely to see so much imagination and creativity shine through.

- A special mention goes to Kit, who used some fantastic, expanded noun phrases in his retelling – it was a joy to read.
- Sophia has also been rehearsing her sentences with a lot of care, which has really improved the flow and quality of her writing – such a wonderful effort!

Our focus in maths has been on subtraction. The children started with practical equipment to solve problems and find missing numbers, then moved on to drawing pictures to support their thinking. They also explored line symmetry in shapes, carefully studying patterns and reflections. Alongside this, we've been practising mental subtraction strategies, and it's been fantastic to see their confidence grow.

In gymnastics, the children developed their vaulting skills, using a springboard to mount a low-level table. Everyone really embraced the challenge, and there were lots of impressive vaults on display. The children should feel very proud of their efforts!

We've also been busy rehearsing for our Harvest Festival. The children have been learning their lines and practising our class poems with great enthusiasm. We can't wait for you to see all their hard work come together – they're doing brilliantly!

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our parent consultation evenings will be held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October, when parents are invited to come in and hear how the children have settled into the new school year.

Through our parent survey last year, parents shared that they would like to have more information about the progress their child is making. To that end, teachers in Reception, Year One and Year Two will be sharing progress measures and areas of development. These progress measures will be shared with pre-reception parents from the Spring Term.

Uniform

As the weather has taken an autumnal turn, children are able to wear their winter uniform. We would ask that all children are in their winter uniform for Harvest Festival rehearsals and the Festival itself next week. Please do ensure children are also wearing their school hats! All winter coats should be navy.

Halloween Disco – 17th October!

Get ready for a spooktacular time! The PTA Halloween disco will be held on 17th October, and all children are invited to come dressed in orange and black on that Friday for the whole day. We can't wait to see everyone join in the fun!

This week's lunch time superstar is **Kit** for being enthusiastic every day with a delightful approach to lunch and regularly having seconds!

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **918** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Merit Awards:

Lars R, Noah E, Leonardo D, Isabelle D, Georgie GD, Finn G, Martha VA, Austin F, Kaif K, Heidi L, Andrew L, Ted H, Rian P and Abi H

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

Daniel in Year Two wrote an exciting retell of a key event from the Minpins, well done Daniel.

LO: To retell a key event in The Minpins

rough higher

Little Billy scrambled up the
tuff twisty tree. He climbed higher
and higher. Shaking he peered
down. All he could see was
a big cloud of foggy mist.
Down below, he heard a snoring
snapping. The snapping sound was
like a x & ted rex! "Aaaa!" he
cried. "What is that x?"

It smelt like a horrible
meat eating beast. he thought

He glanced over his shoulder
It was amazing! A little window
opened out the back of the little
minutes later, little Billy realised
that the tree was hollow and a
mole's finger poked out
of the window. "What are you?"
said the little Billy.

(miniature)

LO : retell key events in a story	
I can use -ing and -ed suffixes	✓
I can use expanded noun phrases	✓
I can use different punctuation ? . ! , ""	✓
I can use a conjunction	✓

You have included lots of rich, exciting vocabulary in your retell! (3hp)

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

As the leaves turn and the mornings grow crisp, we've been embracing the change to autumn in Nursery. Our learning has been inspired by the season and the book 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French, as we approach our Harvest Festival.

This week, the children have been exploring real vegetables in different ways, sparking discussions about healthy eating, where our produce comes from, and how it grows. Inspired by Oliver's journey, the children developed their fine motor skills by chopping, peeling, and grating vegetables to make a delicious autumn soup. We explored root vegetables, talking about their colours, smells, and textures, and everyone enjoyed tasting the soup.

The children also set up a still life display of fresh vegetables and created observational drawings, focusing on details like shape, colour, and patterns. Continuing with our autumn theme, we investigated hedgehogs, using our counting skills to help the hedgehog find the right number of pegs to match the ones on its body.

The highlight of the week was getting out into nature in the garden. We went on autumnal walks, using a checklist to tick off the seasonal changes we observed, such as squirrels, orange and brown leaves, conkers, and acorns.

It's been a wonderful week of hands-on, seasonal learning, and the children have shown great curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to try new things.



Reception News

This week in Reception, we have been busy learning new things! We introduced the letters c and k, as well as the tricky word "to." Tricky words are special because they cannot be sounded out – we have to learn them by sight. The children had fun searching for the tricky words hidden around the classroom. Our story of the week was 'The Leaf Thief' by Alice Hemming. The children have been making wonderful progress in their writing, forming letters and sounding out words.

We made paper bag squirrels and created beautiful conker bracelets in Forest School. Mars Class had their first art lesson with Mrs Degg, where they were introduced to the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser known for his colourful imaginative and nature-inspired work.

We are rehearsing our harvest song and poem, which we can't wait to share with you at the Harvest Festival next week.

In maths, we have continued our work on patterns, focusing on number patterns. The children rose to the challenge of sequencing numbers in different ways—using number cards, Numicon, threading numbers onto a lace, and even spotting when the teachers made mistakes or left out a number.

It has been a busy and exciting week, and we are proud of the children's progress!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary



This year we will be supporting the Epsom and Ewell Foodbank - Please remember to bring your food donations to the back porch on Wednesday 8th of October



Children should be dressed in their Winter Uniform

Thursday 9th October - Harvest Festival Rehearsal

If you are helping to walk the children to the church please arrive at school Hall at 9am

Friday 10th October - Harvest Festival at St Martins Church

If you are helping to walk the children to the church please arrive at school Hall at 9.20am



Mathletics: Congratulations to Sylvie A, Chloe L, Heidi L, Ashwin S, Hugo Q, Sophia M and Alexander PS for your Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to Oscar M for your Silver Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Heidi L - Awarded a certificate for being star of the week when working on fantastic badge work at StarTastic

Georgia S - Awarded a certificate for completing the summer reading challenge

