



Weekly News

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

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents,

All Aboard the Polar Express – St Christopher’s Christmas Fair!

Saturday 22nd November | 2:00 – 5:00pm

We’re excited to invite all families to this year’s Christmas Fair — a wonderful community event filled with festive fun, great activities, and an opportunity to support our school.

Our incredible PTA has worked tirelessly once again to organise this special day. Thanks to your generosity last year, we were able to purchase brand-new PE equipment, enhance our playground resources, and plan on redecorating the school library, creating a brighter and more engaging space for our children.

This year, we are fundraising for our **Forest School programme** and new **outdoor learning equipment**, helping us provide even more hands-on, nature-based learning experiences for all pupils.

We can’t wait to see you there and celebrate the season together while supporting projects that make a real difference in our school.

Tickets are selling fast!

Be sure to buy your tickets in advance to secure your spot on this magical journey — you won’t want to miss the fun!

Get your golden tickets ready and join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas together.

Anti-Bullying Week at St Christopher’s

This week at St Christopher’s, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week — a special time to reflect on how we can all help make our school a safe, caring, and happy place for everyone.

We also had our Odd Socks Day, where everyone came to school wearing mismatched socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique! The school was full of colour, laughter, and plenty of smiles as we celebrated difference and individuality.

Odd Socks Assembly with Mr Harry

We were delighted to start Anti-Bullying Week with a very special assembly led by Mr Harry, Head of the Junior School at City of London Freeman’s. He joined us to read the fabulous book *“Can I Join Your Club?”* — a heartwarming story about friendship, kindness, and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

The children listened beautifully as Mr Harry shared the adventures of Duck, who tries to join lots of different animal clubs but keeps being told he doesn’t quite fit in. In the end, Duck decides to start his own club — one that welcomes everyone! The story reminded us of the importance of inclusion, kindness, and making sure no one feels left out.

After the story, we reflected on what it means to be a good friend and how we can help others feel welcome and included in our school community. We shared thoughtful ideas about showing kindness — from inviting someone new to play, to using kind words and listening to others.

It was a wonderful way to begin Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week at St Christopher’s.

St Christopher's Remembers 11th November 2025

On 11th November, the whole school gathered in the playground for our traditional Remembrance Service. Together, we observed two minutes of silence to remember those who gave their lives so that we may live in peace. Year 2 once again shared their thoughtful performance of "In Flanders Fields", and our Head Girl and Head Boy scattered petals in quiet reflection.

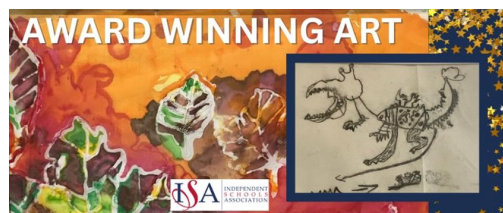
We are very proud of our children for the respect and composure they showed during these moments of remembrance. It was a meaningful opportunity for our school community to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the bravery and sacrifice of all who have served.



National Art Success for St Christopher's

We are absolutely delighted to share that we have been named a national winner in this year's ISA National Art Competition, as well as achieving a second place in another category!

The winning entry, a beautiful silk batik piece titled *Autumn Leaves*, was created by a former Year 2 child and awarded first place nationally in the Key Stage 1 Textiles category. We were also thrilled to receive second place in the Key Stage 1 Drawing category for a wonderfully imaginative charcoal picture drawn by another former Year 2 in the style of Quentin Blake.



These incredible achievements come after a hugely successful summer term in which St Christopher's children shone at the ISA London South regional competition, securing first place in four categories:

- Key Stage 1 Textiles
- Key Stage 1 Drawing
- Early Years Group 2D (Two-Dimensional)

Key Stage 1 2D Watercolour Painting

Regional winners are automatically entered into the national finals, and to have two of our entries recognised at this level is a truly wonderful honour.

These results are a testament to the creativity, imagination and passion for art that flourish at St Christopher's, guided and inspired by our specialist art teacher, Mrs Degg. From Nursery to Year 2, all children enjoy dedicated art lessons where they explore a variety of techniques and materials, allowing their individual artistic voices to shine.

The Independent Schools Association (ISA) represents over 650 independent schools across the country and celebrates excellence in the arts through its annual National Art Competition. The event showcases outstanding creativity and talent from pupils of all ages, with entries submitted in a wide range of categories and mediums.

Congratulations to all our talented artists - we are so proud of their hard work, creativity and originality.

Congratulations School Council New Members

Congratulations to the following children who have been voted in as our School Council members for 2025-2026: Alexander (Mars Class), Louis (Neptune Class), Irina (Jupiter Class), and Miran (Saturn Class). We look forward to seeing the fantastic ideas and changes this new School Council will bring to our school community.

Year One News

It's been a big and exciting week in Year 1! The classroom has been full of energy, laughter, and plenty of learning.

We have officially begun rehearsals for our Christmas show, *"Lights, Camel, Action!"* The children have made a fantastic start learning their songs, dances, and lines. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing as they begin to perform in front of one another. Please continue to practise lines at home — knowing them off by heart will really help the children shine on stage. We can already tell it's going to be a brilliant performance full of sparkle and festive cheer!

In English, our focus has been on **imperative (bossy) verbs** — the powerful words we use to give instructions, such as *mix, jump, run, and build*. The children enjoyed playing "Teacher Says," where they gave and followed instructions, and even got creative writing their own sets of instructions on **how to train to be an astronaut!** They thought carefully about the order of their steps and used time connectives like *first, next, and finally*. We were so impressed by their imagination — we certainly have some future space explorers in Year 1!

In Maths, we've been deepening our understanding of the **part-whole model**. The children have been practising how to break numbers into parts and put them back together again to make the whole. They've also been writing **addition number sentences** and spotting those sneaky "backwards" ones that start with the total, such as $8 = 5 + 3$. This has helped everyone become more flexible with how they see and build numbers. We've used lots of practical resources and games to make learning fun and hands-on.

Our classroom has been filled with mystery scents this week as we carried out our **Smelly Pot Investigation!** Each child had a pot with a hidden item inside, and everyone used their sense of smell to guess what it could be. There were lots of giggles (and a few funny faces!) as we sniffed some very smelly surprises. This investigation helped us understand how our senses help us explore and make sense of the world.

In our Topic lessons, we've started learning all about **puppets**. The children explored different kinds — from string and finger puppets to shadow and sock puppets — and discussed how they move and what they're made from. We even learned a new word, *disassemble*, as we carefully took some apart to see how they were constructed. Everyone is now bubbling with ideas for designing their very own **hand puppet**, which we'll be creating over the next few weeks. We can't wait to see the creativity and imagination that shines through!

This week we've also been celebrating **Anti-Bullying and Kindness Week**. We talked about what it means to be kind, how our words and actions can make others feel, and what to do if we ever see someone being unkind. The children shared wonderful examples of kindness — from helping friends who are hurt to including others in their games. Together, we created a **"Kindness Pledge"** to remind us to spread kindness every single day, both in school and at home.

Year Two New

What a wonderfully busy and exciting week we've had in Year 2!

In Maths, the children have been working hard on their problem-solving skills. We revisited multiplication and division and practised finding $\frac{1}{2}$ of a shape and an amount. Luigi impressed us by investigating $\frac{1}{4}$ of an amount and using counters to prove his thinking—great mathematical reasoning!

Our English work has been incredibly imaginative as the children began creating their very own *Dragon Encyclopaedia*. They have loved researching, designing, and describing different types of dragons, and we can't wait to see the finished pages.

In Science, the children explored how different materials can change when we use different actions. They investigated whether materials could be squeezed, twisted, stretched, or bent, and discussed why some changed shape easily while others stayed the same. Izzy made a thoughtful observation, explaining that water bottles need to stay strong and keep their shape, otherwise "the water would go everywhere!" Wonderful scientific thinking!

During our iPad lesson, the children learned how to save images from the internet, upload them to Seesaw, and use the text tool to label their pictures—super digital skills for Year 2!

In Art, the children began creating their clay birds, carefully shaping the body of their bird models. They showed great focus and creativity as they worked on forming smooth, sturdy shapes ready for adding details next week.

It truly has been a full and exciting week of learning and discovery!

City of London Freemans School drama and music departments are staging a production of *Beauty and the Beast* at Leatherhead Theatre on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be booked here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/freemensdrama>.

Epsom Community Christmas Post - The Epsom Scouts have requested your help



They are fundraising by providing a Community Christmas Post service during December in the Epsom area (KT17, KT18, KT21 post codes). Post boxes are placed in approximately 25 locations in the area, typically near shops. The volunteers deliver approximately 5,000 cards! More details can be found at

<https://www.7thepsom.org/activities/christmas-post/>

Reigate Grammar School PFA Christmas Fair -Wednesday 19 November, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Join us in the Sports Hall & Concert Hall for festive shopping! Browse stalls with gifts, treats, candles, pottery, jewellery, and local gin, rum & cheese.

Enjoy hot chocolate, mulled wine & snacks at the PFA bar in the Wright Gallery.

Festive music from school choirs at 7:00pm, followed by the Flute Ensemble.

Free entry via the playground & Wright Gallery. Walk if you can—limited parking available.

This week's lunch time superstar is Mateo for impressing the catering team with your exemplary manners when requesting seconds. Well done Mateo!

Merit Awards:

Sasha A-P, Samuel M, Julia O, Cece E, Izzy H, Luigi CM, Tabitha B, Ivy R, Rowan BR, Nola T, Sebastian PM, Georgia S, Alfie H and Quinn S.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

Year 1 in Saturn class wrote an amazing story about visiting a penguin at the North Pole. She punctuated her sentences independently and used a range of vocabulary. Well done Heidi!

Heidi

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One day I
Woace up and I
lookt out my
Window. I went
on my boat
to the south pole.
When I got there
I saw a penguin
and a polar bear.
The polar bear was
swimming. The
baby penguin
fel in the
deep see
but the mum
penguin said



The baby penguin
was tied after
that adventure.
Shee fel a sleep
on her friend
the polar bear's back.
Shee felt warm
and snug.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It's been a busy and exciting week in Nursery!

On Monday and Tuesday, we learned about Remembrance Day and talked about thanking those who help and protect us. The children showed great care during our two minutes' silence and created beautiful loose parts poppies using buttons, lollipop sticks, pom poms, and beads. They also practised writing their names and used the iPad to take photos of their artwork. At the playdough table, we made poppies of all shapes and sizes!

On Monday we loved seeing everyone's colourful odd socks and reading *Simon the Sock*, which helped us celebrate how our differences make us unique. The children enjoyed spotting differences like hair and eye colours among their friends.

For World Kindness Day on Thursday, we thought about ways to be kind—to ourselves and to others. We made cards, friendship bracelets, and even created flowers, from roses to sunflowers to daisies.

We ended the week on a high note, with everyone happily wearing their own clothes—a lovely finish to a wonderful week!

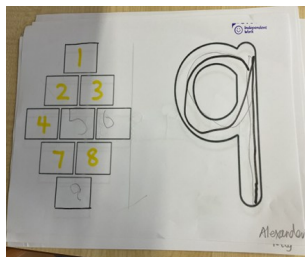


Reception News

The hottest news in Reception is that our 'Santa-Cam' is now ON. When the 3 lights flash, it means Father Christmas is zooming in with his camera from the North Pole to see us working hard, having fun, being kind and using lovely manners.

We have also been using our new found literacy skills and writing about a snowy picture including a bear with a snowball, a chatty robin and a playful fox. We have written phonetically plausible words like sno (snow), br (bear), bd (bird) and fox! We are very impressed with how our literacy learning is progressing and have begun singing a 'Dinosaur rap' linked to the tricky words I, you and no. We will now begin to revise all the phase 2 sounds we have learnt so far, until the end of term.

Our number of the week is 9 so we have been thinking how to show this number in different ways, how to write it and learning that it is one less than 10. We have also been representing numbers as dots and throwing bean bags on to a giant number-line target; it was harder than it looked. Also, we learnt that Numicon is weighted, so that if you have a ten on one side of the scales, we can put two fives in the other and it will balance!



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 18th November - Sharing our Learning

Please accompany your child to their classroom after drop off. Departure will be at 8.55am via the front door

Saturday 22nd November - PTA Christmas Fair 2pm-5pm

Come and explore at 'Elfridges store', Santas Grotto and good luck in the amazing Christmas Fair Raffle!



Mathletics: Congratulations to Arvid M for your Bronze Certificate

Congratulations to Chloe L, Hugo Q, Heidi L, Ashwin S and Georgia S for your Silver Certificates

Congratulations to Ashwin S for your Gold Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Heidi L - awarded a StarTastics certificate for Bronze two at gymnastics

Luigi DSCM - Football Medals for hard work and dedication



Raffle Prizes

£15 A STRIP (5 TICKETS)

1. Meta Quest 3S

(256GB with Compact Charging Dock)



2. Ultimate Home Cinema Bundle

3. Snowtacular Polar Express Showstopper Cake by Smithlicious



4. Hotel Chocolate- The Chocolate Wreath Box

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