



Weekly News

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

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents,

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

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

The fair is **this Saturday**, and we do hope you’ll come along — it’s going to be great fun! A huge amount of hard work has gone into the preparations by our wonderful PTA, and we are incredibly grateful for their efforts.

We are still looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the fair. If you could spare an hour to help out on a stall, please do let the PTA know!

A Huge Thank You!

On Tuesday morning, we had the pleasure of hosting our *Sharing Our Learning* morning, and what a wonderful success it was! Thank you to everyone who joined us, the children loved having the opportunity to show their parents all the amazing work they’ve been doing. Your support and enthusiasm made the morning even more special—it means so much to the children (and to us!) to see families engaged and excited about their progress. Events like these remind us how powerful the partnership between home and school can be.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to many more opportunities to share learning together!

Year One News

Rehearsals for our Christmas performance “*Lights, Camel, Action!*” are in full swing — this week, we even moved up onto the stage! The children are doing a brilliant job learning where to stand and when to speak. Please continue practising lines at home and remind your child to listen carefully for their cue before saying their line.

This week, we have been learning how to write questions using question marks. The children came up with fantastic questions about being an astronaut and then chose their favourites to include in a reply letter to Astrid the Astronaut.

In phonics we have begun Phase 5 and are exploring alternative graphemes — same sound, different spelling. So far, we have learned: **ay, ea, ie, ou, ir, oy, ue, wh, ph, ew**

We have been working on number bonds within 10. The children were systematic in finding all the different combinations and enjoyed learning some fun rhymes to help them remember:

- “9 + 1, they had fun!”
- “7 + 3, climb a tree!”

Our focus this week was the seasons. We were even lucky enough to experience a little snow flurry, which helped us spot how weather can change throughout the year!

The children designed their very own hand puppets in Topic. Next week in D&T, we will begin sewing them — we can’t wait to see their wonderful designs come to life!

Year Two News

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 2! The children have continued building their story-writing skills by revisiting expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs to describe movement. This week, their work was inspired by the lumbering, lurching motion of the *Dragon Machine* in our focus text. Lars impressed us with a vivid sentence describing the machine “zooming side to side, dodging the trees, clicking, whirring and rattling as it went.”

The children also practised describing a beach setting for their own stories — bringing some wonderfully warm thoughts to these chilly mornings!

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning all about fractions, with a particular focus on quarters. They explored finding a quarter of different shapes and amounts and rose to the challenge of questions such as: *“If a quarter of my number is 4, what is my number?”*

Some children even stepped into the role of the teacher, creating their own fraction problems for their friends to solve.

Our classrooms were filled with tissue paper and glue as the children continued working on their Minpin bird models. Using clay, card and collage materials, they referred back to last week’s designs and transformed them into 3D creations, carefully covering the bodies and wings of their birds.

In PSHE and Mighty Minds, the children have been celebrating their differences and recognising their individual strengths. Oscar captured the spirit of our learning perfectly: *“It’s good to be different because you can make friends everywhere and you can make it fun!”*

Chelsea FC News

Our senior schools, RGS and RGS Surrey Hills, have announced a flagship partnership with Club World Cup Champions, Chelsea FC. As the only Chelsea flagship schools in the South East, this collaboration will offer elite coaching, leadership development and unique access to Chelsea’s facilities to every senior school pupil.

As part of the RGS Group, our children benefit from a joined-up educational journey, and this partnership will provide future opportunities for those who continue into the senior schools. From world-class coaching to character and confidence development through sport, this is an investment that will enrich the experience of RGS pupils for many years to come.

This partnership forms part of the RGS Group’s £20 million investment in sport, reflecting a commitment to sport for all and a belief in developing great people through sport, wherever their talents and interests lie.

Being Ready for the Cold Weather – please make sure you read the separate ParentMail sent out this week.

This week’s lunchtime superstar is Aadityah in our Pre-Reception class! Well done for using your cutlery so beautifully and for being adventurous with the new foods you’re trying. Well done !

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg House** with a superb total of **2782** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg house**.

Merit Awards:

Harvey M, Axel K, Adam Z, Irina B, Ashwin S, Jack S, Juliun S, Sophia M, Ralph C, Lars R, Aaron E

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

“St Christopher’s – the best possible start through excellence, empathy and endeavour.”

Work of the Week

Year 2 have been using different techniques to make stories exciting to read. This is Luigis's brilliant narrative about a boy in storm.

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LO: To write sentences that describe a setting

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After that morning, Tom had
 sailing been sailing through the peaceful sea in
 his wooden boat, it was as big
 small as a canoe. Probably my Dad
 would say that it could fit in his
 pocket! In a blink of an eye,
 the weather changed in to sad thunder.
 Tom could not believe his eyes!
 As the white lightning zig
 zaged across the windy sky,
 Tom heard a loud noise it sounded
 like a BOOM! Tom was petrified!
 All of a sudden, the lightning
 and thunder they started to roll
 and headed to a sky scraper. Tom
 exclaimed "I better call my mum!"
 But mum already saw it and dashed
 out.

What an exciting story! 2hp.

LO 6: Write sentences that describe and explain	
I can use noun phrases	X
I can write multi-clause sentences using conjunctions	✓
I can use the past tense	✓
I can use a fronted adverbial and a comma	✓
I can use a simile	✓



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a lovely week we've had in Nursery exploring our Winter theme! The children were excited to learn about seasonal changes.

In group time, they experimented with pipettes, transferring water to ice cube trays, and observed how it turned from 'wibbly and wobbly' water into solid ice. "Oh no...it's all frozen...It's not wobbly anymore". The children used some brilliant language as they held the ice and watched it melt.

We also made snowmen with cotton wool pads, carefully counting and writing numbers up to 5 as we stacked the snowy bodies. At the playdough table, children created snowflakes using cotton buds and straws, building fine motor skills and imagination.

In the kitchen, we baked snowflake-shaped biscuits, practising turn-taking and sharing, and enjoyed decorating them with our own frosty touches.

Our highlight of the week though was having all our grownups visit for sharing our learning on Tuesday morning! Nursery was so proud to show you their activities, and we loved having you stay and play with us!



Reception News

This week, our story was '*The Hundred Decker Bus*' by Mike Smith. Inspired by the book, we created our very own Hundred Decker Bus and had so much fun labelling what was on each level! In our writing books, we imagined what we would love to do on the bus and the ideas were fantastic and very creative.

In Maths, we continued exploring one more and added the challenge of one less. We were so confident with this that we extended our learning using a bus-themed 10 frame. We counted people onto the bus, then rolled a dice to see how many would get on or off at the next stop. We were very impressed with how many children could accurately predict the number of passengers before checking their answers practically counting the people on amazing problem-solving skills!

In Art, we completed our Hundertwasser Green Town with Mrs Degg. It looks absolutely spectacular and maybe another award-winning piece in the making!

Of course, all classroom learning paused for a moment when we spotted a little flurry of snow outside – such excitement!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 22nd November

PTA Christmas Fair 2-5pm

We look forward to seeing you all!



Friday 28th November - Autumn Term Clubs Finish



Mathletics: Congratulations to Florence D for your Bronze Certificate
Congratulations to Hugo Q, Alexander PS and JT for your Silver Certificates
Congratulations to Henry W and Sebastian PdM for your Gold Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Adam – Certificate for Martial Arts achieving the Grade of L. Croc Green
Sylvie – Headstart Sports Camp Star of the Day

