



Weekly News

"St Christopher's – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children."

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents,

A huge, heartfelt thank you to our amazing PTA for their extraordinary work in making the Christmas Fair an unforgettable celebration!

From the twinkling lights to the merry-go-round spinning with laughter, the tempting array of stalls, the excitement of the raffle, and the delicious festive treats, every detail sparkled with care and creativity. It was clear that behind the magic lay countless hours of dedication, and planning — and we are truly grateful for all that they have done.

A big thank you, too, to everyone who joined us! Your laughter, smiles, and festive cheer filled the air, creating a joyous, unforgettable atmosphere.

We are so thankful for your support — every penny raised goes directly towards giving our children wonderful experiences at St Christopher's.

Congratulations to the Children's Christmas Fair Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our Children's Christmas Fair raffle! The draw took place on Monday and was carried out by our governor, Mrs. Crossley.

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the giant Santa teddy was Georgina (Year One). Coming in second place was **Isla**, Louis' sister from Reception.

Well done to our lucky winners and thank you to everyone who took part and supported the fair!

Winners of the Elfridges Award

Well done to Ahlberg House for winning the Elfridges Trophy for bringing in the most gifts for our Elfridges Shop at the fair! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed — your generosity helped make the event a great success.

Congratulations to Our Chocolate Competition Finalists!

We are thrilled to announce the finalists of our Chocolate Competition! The children were challenged to design their very own chocolate bar, and we were amazed by the creativity, imagination, and delicious ideas they came up with.

The shortlisted designs will now go forward to the final judging stage, where a winner will be selected very soon. Thank you to all the children who took part — your fantastic entries made this a truly sweet competition!

The shortlisted children were Katie from Nursery, Aadityah from Pre-Reception, Julia and Jack from Reception, Irina and Austin from Year One and Tabitha and Aathvika from Year Two.

Stay tuned for the big announcement!

Christmas Tree Decorating Tradition

Christmas has well and truly arrived at St Christopher's! The school is glowing with sparkly lights, bringing festive cheer to every corner. One of the highlights of our holiday season is our much-loved Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly – a tradition that can only be described as pure joy.

This cherished event holds a special place in our hearts. Every child in the school creates their own unique decoration and takes part in adorning our beautiful tree. Watching the tree come to life with the creativity and spirit of each child is a magical moment, and it perfectly captures the essence of Christmas at St Christopher's!

Year One News

We are almost there! Lines have been learned, dances rehearsed, and songs practised. Please keep encouraging line practice at home and remind your child to listen carefully for their cue before saying their line. We are very excited to welcome our grown-ups to the audience on Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, and Thursday 4th December.

In English, we continued our space theme by exploring non-fiction books. We learned the vocabulary *front cover, title, spine, blurb, contents page, headings, page numbers, glossary, and index*. The children enjoyed going on a classroom “book hunt” to locate these features. Later in the week, we put our retrieval skills into practice by finding answers in the text and “stealing” the evidence.

Phonics

Our new sounds this week were aw (as in *fawn*), au (as in *launch*), ey (as in *monkey*), and oe (as in *tomatoes*).

Maths

We continued developing our addition skills by solving a range of addition problems that don’t follow just one structure. Using manipulatives and real-life examples has really helped the children understand what is happening when we add.

Science

We continued our learning about seasonal changes, focusing on weather. The children noticed that the number of daylight hours becomes shorter as we move into winter. This week’s homework is to complete a weather diary to support this learning.

D&T

We have begun sewing our puppets. The children showed fantastic concentration and fine motor skills as they started stitching their designs together.

Year Two News

This week has been a wonderful one for learning across the curriculum!

In Maths, the children have been confidently revisiting key skills from throughout the term. They have been practising using money in practical contexts — making amounts in different ways and solving real-life problems. We were also particularly impressed with their work on finding three-quarters of shapes and quantities. Using objects and drawings, the children deepened their understanding and showed fantastic determination.

In English, we have been exploring how to build suspense in writing. The children learned how to show a character’s feelings through actions, body language and descriptive hints, rather than simply telling the reader. Using a haunted house as their setting, they imagined their characters stepping inside — heart racing, footsteps echoing — and created some wonderfully tense and atmospheric moments in their stories!

In PSHE, our focus was on “worries.” The children discussed the difference between useful worries — those we can control or influence — and unhelpful worries that are beyond our control. They shared thoughtful examples and spoke sensitively about strategies to manage each type.

We have also been very busy preparing for our upcoming performances. The children have been practising their dance routines with great enthusiasm — lots of energy, big smiles and brilliant teamwork! They have also begun learning the songs for our Nativity and rehearsing the carols they will be singing at the Ashley Centre. It has been lovely hearing their voices fill the classroom each day.

In Art, the children continued decorating their clay birds using colourful tissue paper. The care, creativity and individuality they are showing are shining through — each bird is becoming beautifully unique.

We are incredibly proud of all the learning, effort and joy that has filled our week. The children continue to work extremely hard, and we are proud of every single one of them.

Nativity Performances

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our nativity performances next week. Do remember to send in plimsols for your child to wear on the stage. Thank you!

This week's lunchtime superstar is Harry for making fantastic progress trying lots of delicious new foods and for finishing everything on your plate today, well done!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **2674** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Merit Awards:

Henry H, Duke P, Aleksi H, Nami YD, Eva B, Austin F, Heidi L, Miran F, Caitlyn M, Henry W, Lucy S, Reva M, Kit W and Cora M.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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Tree Decorating



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

In Nursery this week, the festive spirit has truly arrived. With our story '*Dear Santa*', the children have been busy writing their wish lists to Father Christmas and are doing a great job practising their names. They also drew fantastic toy ideas, from butterfly ice cream makers to fire trucks and even Christmas trees.

Our playdough table became Santa's Bakery, where the children rolled, shaped, and decorated pretend gingerbread cookies before baking them in the role-play oven. In the kitchen, we made healthy Rudolph flapjacks, practising grating carrots and mixing ingredients. Some loved the new flavours, others weren't too sure, but everyone had a go!

In the creative zone, we prepared for the school's Christmas tree decorating ceremony by creating unique wooden snowmen, complete with painted features and tiny hats.

With the Christmas show around the corner, Nursery have been superstars learning their songs and dances. All the grown-ups are so proud, and we can't wait to share it with you next week!



Reception News

This week we have begun rehearsing in the hall and tried on our costumes for the festive show next week. We are learning where to stand and enjoying singing, dancing and remembering our lines. We hope you are looking forward to being our audience; we can't wait to perform.

Of course, we have continued revising our phase 2 phonics and have also written about 'The 100 Decker Bus' by Mike Smith. It's a fantastic story about lots of people throwing caution to the wind and going on a wonderful, impromptu adventure. Plus, we had a super time down at Forest School making Leaf people!

Preparations for Christmas have begun too, with some wintery crafts, role-playing in the 'Toy Shop' and learning to wrap presents with some help from a friend. Our annual tree decorating assembly was lovely too with every child carefully hanging their own hand-made decoration on the tree.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 1st December -Christmas Post Box Opens



PTA Wreath Making 7.30-9.30pm



<https://www.st-christophers.surrey.sch.uk/parents-area/pta/>

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th December - Whole School Christmas Production at 9am

Retiring collection for The Children's Trust

Tea and coffee will be available under the porch from 8.30am

Friday 5th December 9.15am - Open Morning Getting ready for Reception

For current Pre-Reception Parents

11.30am-12.30pm - Year 2 Carol singing at the Ashley Centre

Parents welcome to attend - In support of Epsom Medical Fund



PTA –Tea House 3.15pm

Come and have a hot drink and piece of cake



Excellence in Art Awarded to Jocelyn VA for her exploration of Hundertwasser's work resulting in a stunning version of 'Green Town'



Mathletics: Congratulations to Eva B and Ottolie H for your Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to Heidi L for your Silver Certificate

Congratulations to Sebastian PdM, Ashwin S and Heidi L for your Gold Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Water skills 1: Sasha A-P

Water skills 2: Henry W

Park run marathon: Jocelyn V-A and Georgia S

Startastic gymnastics: Izzy H and Heidi L

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