



Weekly News

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

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents,

Special Kindness Award

Throughout the term, our Deputy Head Boy and Girl, Cora and Mateo, have been diligently nominating children and staff to be entered into our Kindness Book as we spread message of kindness across St Christopher’s. Today, we gave out 4 special certificates to the children who have been extraordinarily kind. Jocelyn (R), Harry (Y1) and Reva (Y2) have all been recognised for their kindness to others, particularly in the playground. Adam (Y1) was our 4th award winner for showing exceptional kindness during the Elf Run Challenge. Adam didn’t just fund raise, he donated his own money from his money box that he had been saving. What a wonderful act of kindness and selflessness!

Elf Run Challenge

The whole school embraced the festive spirit on Tuesday during our annual Elf Fun Run Challenge. Wearing cheerful elf hats, the children ran with enthusiasm and energy to help raise vital funds for The Children’s Trust, supporting children with brain injuries.

It was wonderful to see everyone come together for such a meaningful cause, demonstrating the true spirit of Christmas through kindness and giving. A heartfelt thank you to all who took part and to everyone who supported this incredible effort — we are so proud of what you have all achieved! Thank you to Miss Greenwood for organising this fabulous event.

The magic of the pantomime came to St Christopher’s! Oh no, it didn’t! Oh yes, it did!

It was an absolute delight to see the children’s faces light up with excitement as they enjoyed a lively and interactive performance of *Aladdin*. The hall was filled with laughter, joy and boundless enthusiasm, creating a wonderful atmosphere that truly captured the spirit of the season. It was a fantastic way to bring some festive cheer to our school community.

Chocolate Design Competition Winners

The winner and runners up for the chocolate competition were announced on Thursday. The Head of Marketing at Mars recorded a special video message to the children and explained why the designs were chosen from a plant-based bar to a sparkle bar and one full of berries, well done to all those who took part. Our runners-up were Aadityah (P-R), Jack (R) and Aathvika (Y2). Our winner was Irina (Y1). Congratulations and a huge thank you to Mrs Wood for organising this event and to Mars for donating the very generous gifts.

PTA Treat Day

A huge thank you to the PTA and our parents who arranged for homemade cupcakes to be brought in for each child for an end of term treat.

The excitement was palpable during the cupcake competition, where one lucky child in each year group found a sticker on the bottom of their cupcake and won a very special prize – a signed Julia Donaldson book! Congratulations to our winners – Maria (N), Oscar (P-R), Axel (R), Austin (Y1) and Aaron (Y2)

Thank you again to the PTA for creating such a magical experience.

Festival of Light

Today, we concluded a week full of festive fun with our gentle, candlelit annual Festival of Light, beautifully led by our wonderful Year 2 children. Amidst the excitement of the season, it is a joy to gather together and reflect on the meaning behind this cherished tradition. The celebration offered a special moment of stillness and thoughtfulness, reminding us of the positive difference we can make in the world through kindness, generosity, and love.

A heartfelt thank you to Year 2, Mrs Colchester, Mrs Leyland and Mrs Gunn, and the entire Year 2 team for guiding us through such a meaningful and uplifting experience.



Fond Farewells

As we come to the end of the term, we say warm and heartfelt goodbyes to two much-loved members of our St Christopher's community.

We extend our deepest thanks to Mrs Fisher for her extraordinary contribution to St Christopher's. Her energy, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment have made a truly significant impact on our school. From the classroom to the wider community, her presence has been nothing short of inspiring. She will be greatly missed, and we know her next school will be incredibly lucky to have her.

While we also say farewell to Mrs Serrano in her current role, we are delighted that she is not going far. She is moving into the finance department with our RGS family of schools, where her skills will continue to shine. We look forward to welcoming her back for visits as she remains part of our community.

We wish both Mrs Fisher and Mrs Serrano every success in their next chapter of their journeys and thank them for everything they have brought to our special school.

Thank You

As the festive season draws near, I just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and the wonderful gifts shared this year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a restful and peaceful Christmas filled with joy, warmth, and cherished moments.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 7th January, ready to embrace the exciting opportunities the new year will bring.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

sponsorship money received from the Just Giving page and all the elf activities children have been doing, stands at an amazing £2,132.00! Sponsorship money can still be paid in via the [Just Giving link](#).

This week's lunch time superstars are our most wonderful catering team, Mrs Waite, Mrs Lovatt and Ms Kouniaki for preparing the most scrumptious lunches each day to all the children and staff. We appreciate you all very much in deed!

Top of the leader board for this whole Autumn term are **Kemp** House with a superb total of **5639** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

Merit Awards:

Oscar M, Muzhi D, JT C, Florence D, Julius S, Otilie H, Andrew L, Arvid M, Daniel G, Laksh P, Charlie H, Tilly C, Jack S, Ford S and Louis K

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a wonderfully festive week it has been! Celebrations kicked off with a magical visiting panto, where Aladdin and Princess Jasmine had the children giggling from start to finish. The lively performance filled the hall with excitement and certainly set the tone for the joyful days ahead. Tuesday brought even more cheer as the children took part in our Elf Run around the grounds. Not even the rain could dampen their spirits—little elves dashed, laughed, and encouraged their friends, making it a heart-warming moment for all. The fun continued with a delicious Christmas lunch, complete with festive singing, colourful crackers, and plenty of smiling faces. The whole school has been buzzing with Christmas cheer, from sparkling classroom activities to the delicious PTA treat cupcakes that were enjoyed by all. It has been a week filled with laughter, community, and festive magic. We wish all our Nursery families the most fabulous Christmas break and may it be restful, joyful, and full of special memories.



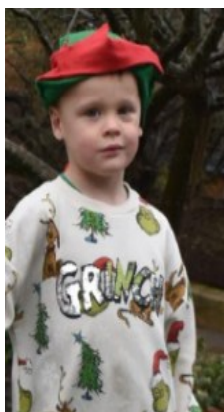
Reception News

What a wonderful final week we've had in Reception! The children have truly embraced the festive spirit. We enjoyed a fantastic pantomime, took part in the Elf Run, and created lots of beautiful festive arts and crafts in the classroom. We even discovered a new musical talent playing we wish you a Merry Christmas on the Boom-whackers!

We are incredibly proud of the progress all the children have made during their first term in Reception. They have whizzed through Phase 2 phonics and are confidently using their sounds to read and write words and even short sentences! In maths, they've loved practical exploration and are already beginning to record their work in different ways.

It has been a joy to see their confidence and independence grow. They are well-prepared for the exciting new challenges that await in the New Year.

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents for your continued support. As we look forward to a well-earned rest, we hope you enjoy some precious family time and make magical memories over the festive period.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

7th January - Term begins

12th January - Clubs begin



Mathletics: Congratulations to Eva B for your Bronze Certificate

Congratulation to Chloe L, Heidi L, Ashwin S and Hugo Q for your Gold Certificates



Dawn F for your ingenious 3-D Santa in his fur trimmed cloak. Wonderful!



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Hugo Q - Awarded a wildlife hero certificate and is an officially a Go Wild team

Harvey M - Awarded a certificate for completing one year at Jigsaw Performance Arts School

Alfie H - Awarded a level 1 certificate for swimming

Dawn F- Awarded a medal for taking part in a rugby festival

Noah E - Awarded a certificate for player of the season at We Make Footballers

Eva B - Awarded a certificate of participation in a prestige gymnastics Christmas display

Duke P - Awarded a medal for monster tennis

