



## Weekly News

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

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents,

### **St Christopher’s Dazzles with a Star-Studded Nativity**

St Christopher’s sparked this week as the whole school - from our tiniest two and three-year-olds to our confident Year 2s - lit up the stage in our joyful nativity production of *Lights, Camel, Action!* Families were swept into the Bethlehem Broadcasting Company’s glittering world of disco stars, boogying camels, ballet-dancing angels and a judging panel straight from *Strictly*. Our Year 1 cast of Caesar, the Donkey and the Innkeeper’s Wife delivered wonderfully dramatic verdicts, giving Craig Revel Horwood a run for his money and keeping the audience smiling throughout.

Year 1 led the show beautifully, opening with *We Must Travel Home*, featuring touching solos from Harry and Ottilie, while Isabella later dazzled in sequins for her sparkling *Disco Star* number. Year 2 brought incredible energy and colour to the stage: Venus Class danced as funky camels, while Mercury Class waved vibrant scarves and jingling bells during their lively Highland-style *Shepherd’s Hey!*

Reception children shone as shimmering angels from Mars Class and as joyful innkeepers from Neptune, complete with sparkly tutus, pink waistcoats and bow ties. Their Tango Fandango truly brought Blackpool to Bethlehem. Nursery and Pre-Reception melted hearts with their twinkling star costumes and adorable fluffy sheep, confidently singing and dancing for the audience.

The whole school united for a joyful encore finale of *Spread the Word*, where the audience joined in with cheerful hand-jiving and clapping.

Behind the scenes, the production was brought to life by our talented team. Directed by Miss Speer, and supported by Miss Stirling, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Roberts with musical direction from Mrs Colchester and choreography by Miss Greenwood, Miss Byatt and Miss Rendall, the show flowed with energy, colour and joy. Mrs Roberts ensured seamless sound and lighting throughout, Mrs Degg crafted dazzling staging and props, and the Premises Team transformed the hall into a magical theatre.

A huge well done to all our young stars - each and every one shone so brightly on stage and filled us with true Christmas spirit!

### **Year 2 Carol Singing at The Ashley Centre**

Year 2 enjoyed singing Christmas carols at The Ashley Centre today to help raise funds for Epsom Medical Equipment Fund for our local hospital. The children sang beautifully with so much sparkle and enthusiasm. A huge thank-you to all the parent helpers who supported us and walked down with the group — we really appreciate your help!

### **PTA wreath making**

On Monday evening our PTA organized a creative wreath-making evening for parents! It was a fantastic success, with everyone creating truly stunning wreaths. We were especially delighted to see some of our past parents join in – a wonderful reminder that the St Christopher’s community continues to thrive long after children leave the school. Thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in making this event so memorable and enjoyable!

## Open Morning

We were delighted to welcome our Pre-Reception parents to school on Friday for a special open morning, where we shared what learning looks like in Reception through to Year 2.

The morning also gave families a glimpse of what makes St Christopher's so special: a warm, nurturing community where children feel known, supported and inspired every day. Our staff work closely with families, creating a positive start to school life filled with curiosity, confidence and memorable experiences.

It was a joy to showcase our wonderful school and highlight what makes our community so special. A big thank you to everyone who attended and to our amazing children, especially our Year 2's sing *Felice Navidad*, making the event so memorable.

## Year One News

Wow — what an amazing week Year 1 have had! They have been the shining stars of *Lights, Camel, Action!* The children sang, danced and acted their way through the Nativity story with such confidence and joy. From soloists to dancers, voiceovers to judges, they certainly gave the performers on *Strictly* a run for their money! A huge well done to every child who took part — we are so proud of you all.

In English, we have been recapping our previously taught Phase 5 phonics sounds and writing our very own space fact files. The children became real authors, creating their own titles, questions and facts. They also enjoyed adding contents pages, blurbs and even page numbers to make their work feel like a real book.

In Maths, we have been busy investigating and working hard to find the 'missing part' in number sentences. We now know that we can use the inverse operation to help us. The part-whole model and counters have been excellent tools to support our understanding.

In Design and Technology, we have finished sewing our hand puppets and have begun designing their faces. The children can't wait to use them to role-play a well-known story and share their creations with the Nursery children.

In Science, we have started learning about materials. The children explored different objects around school and discussed their properties, using vocabulary such as *shiny, dull, soft* and *hard*.

After all their hard work in the lead-up to the show, the children voted for a special treat. They chose to design and create their own biscuit toppings and enjoyed watching a movie together — a well-earned celebration!

## Year Two News

We are incredibly proud of all the children in Year 2. Despite a very busy week of performing on stage in our *Lights, Camel, Action!* Christmas show and singing carols for shoppers at The Ashley Centre, they have continued to work with enthusiasm across every area of the curriculum.

In Maths, the children have been revisiting their number and problem-solving skills. Through practising the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—they are becoming increasingly confident in choosing the most effective method to solve word problems. Just as they have explored in their Mighty Minds lessons, everyone's brain works differently: some children find success by visualising and drawing the problem, while others prefer setting out the numbers using methods such as column addition or subtraction. It has been wonderful to see them recognising and using the strategy that works best for them.

In English, Year 2 have been busy writing stories. Haunted houses have been a popular theme, and the children have learnt how to build suspense by varying sentence length and showing a character's feelings rather than simply telling. Lucy made us all a little nervous with her line describing how her character "shivered as she opened the cobwebbed, dusty and mossy door handle."

It has been a week of truly fantastic writing. The children also explored poetry, crafting thoughtful winter poems using ambitious language choices. We were especially impressed with Muzhi's line describing "snow as white as alabaster." In addition, a short animation of a cat and mouse inspired some wonderful sentence work focused on describing movement.

### **ELF Run on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Amid the Nativity shows and Christmas Fair fun, the Elf Run has snuck up on us and is now just around the corner! Taking place on Tuesday, the children will be donning their elf hats and running 10 laps around the school grounds. Please send your child into school wearing their trainers, PE top & bottoms, and a Christmas jumper. No school uniform is required this day and elf hats will be distributed in class. During the event we will be announcing our fundraising total so please continue to donate using the JustGiving link here ([Elf Run - Just Giving](#)) or via the sponsorship forms brought home last week. The deadline for all sponsorship is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This fundraising event is for The Children's Trust and your support is hugely appreciated.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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





Christmas Show 2025





## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow, what an amazing week we have had in Nursery! We are delighted to share just how proud we are of our little learners. The children were absolutely fantastic on stage as stars and sheep for our Nativity performances. Their enthusiasm shone through from the moment they stepped into their wonderful costumes, many of which they put on independently, using their developing self-help skills with such confidence and care. Once on stage, they dazzled everyone with their fabulous dancing and sang beautifully, filling the hall with joy and festive spirit. It was especially impressive to see how confidently they stood in front of a large audience. Not once, not twice, but three times! Their courage and excitement made each performance truly special, and we could not be prouder of them. Back in the Nursery, the Christmas spirit has continued to inspire our learning. The children have been busy exploring a range of festive activities, including crafts, singing, construction, and imaginative play. The classroom has been full of curiosity and creativity as they worked together and shared ideas. We have also had an extra sprinkle of magic this week with the arrival of a very special visitor all the way from the North Pole. His name is Elfie, and he has come to stay and play throughout the festive season. Equipped with his binoculars and magnifying glass, Elfie has been keeping a close eye on all the wonderful learning taking place. Each morning, the children have been thrilled to search for him and discover what mischief or helpfulness he has been up to overnight. What a truly wonderful week it has been. We look forward to many more festive moments and learning adventures as we continue our countdown to Christmas!



## Reception News

We have thoroughly enjoyed being singers, actors and dancers this week in our fabulous show 'Lights Camel Action!' Including the dress rehearsal we have performed FOUR times; that is a lot of changing clothes! Thank you to everyone for coming to watch.

In Circle Time, we talked about what jobs we could do to help at home. We had some fabulous ideas such as, helping put up fairy lights, baking a cake, mopping the floor and putting laundry in the washing machine. What wonderfully helpful children!

In our classrooms we have been decorating the Christmas tree, dressing up for a party and learning how to wrap presents; a huge amount of Sellotape has been used! As well as all this, we have been making glittery cards for family members, creating giant collage baubles and printing trees that we decorated once they were dry.



## Dates for the Diary



### **Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Extravaganza Day**



*Can children please come to school in PE Kits & trainers with their festive jumper  
They will remain in their PE kit all day*

### **Thursday 11th December - Deadline for completed sponsorship forms and Elf Forms**

### **Friday 12th December - Last day of term & Festival of Light**

*Year 2 parents invited to the Festival of Lights Assembly at 11.15am*

*Dismissal times - 11.45 for Nursery & Pre-Reception  
& 12.00 for Reception, Yr1 & Yr2*

