



## Weekly News

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

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

### **Welcome Back**

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! It has been so lovely to welcome the children and our families back this week. The classrooms have been buzzing with energy and excitement, and it has been a joy to see the children jump straight back into learning with such enthusiasm.

This week’s newsletter is a short one, but we wanted to take a moment to say how happy we are to have everyone back and to wish you all a very happy, positive, and productive start to the new year!

### **Our First Assembly of the New Year - House Assembly**

We started the new term with our House Assembly, bringing the whole school & nursery in their Houses. The hall was filled with excitement as we waved our House flags and cheered on our friends!

Each House then enjoyed listening to stories by the authors who inspired our House names—Kemp, Ahlberg, Donaldson and Dahl. It was a joyful and inspiring way to start the term together.

### **Ashley Centre**

A huge well done to Year 2! At Christmas, they sang carols at the Ashley Centre and raised an amazing £119.94 during their performance time, all in support of Epsom Medical Equipment Fund (EMEF), a small independent charity set up to buy equipment for Epsom General Hospital. What a fantastic effort and a wonderful way to spread festive cheer while helping others!

### **Welcome to New Staff**

We are delighted to welcome some new members to our team this term. Mrs Payne joins us as our new Head of EYFS and Assistant Head. She brings a wealth of experience and a real passion for early years education, and we are very much looking forward to the leadership, care, and enthusiasm she will bring to our school.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Lynn as our new Operations Manager. Miss Lynn will be supporting the smooth running of the school, working closely with staff and families, and helping to ensure that our day-to-day operations continue to run efficiently.

You will also continue to see Mrs Serrano around school. Although she has moved into a different role, she remains very much part of the RGS family, and we are delighted that she continues to be involved in school life.

## **Meet Our New Operations Manager Ailsa Lynn**



I am delighted to be joining St. Christopher's School. I am moving across from a successful career in Event Operations Management on a wide variety of high-profile events and am very much looking forward to bringing that operational knowledge to assist with the running of St. Christopher's School. I had two career paths I wanted to follow in my life, the first in events management and the second in primary education. I completed my PGCE in primary education 10 years ago knowing that the time would come when I would want to leave the events world (and the constant countdown to my next flight out of Heathrow!) and try and make a career within primary education, and I am delighted to have found a role that encompasses both in such a great school. I look forward to meeting everyone over the coming weeks and months and if anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask.

## **Winter Weather**

As the weather was so cold this week, the children have been wearing their PE kits during the day. We would ask that children go back to wearing normal winter school uniform from Monday. If the weather should become extremely cold again, we will send out a notification to parents to again send children in, in their PE kit. Children are allowed to put their PE jogging bottoms for playtimes and lunchtimes during the winter period.

**For additional winter weather guidance please see the separate ParentMail.**

## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 12th January - Clubs start**

**Monday 12th January - Pre-Nursery Information Evening 6.30pm**

*for Summer Term Starters - parents only*



**Friday 16th January from 3pm - PTA Tea House in the outside classroom**



**Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th February 9am-10.30 - Year 2 Panto Production**

**Friday 6th February - PTA Quiz Night Book your ticket here [St Christopher's School & Nursery PTA](#)**

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**Monday 9th February 2pm- Winter Music Concert**

