



Weekly News

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

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents,

Year 2 Wow Audiences with *A Hint of Snow White*

Year 2 had everyone smiling from the very first moment of their delightful pantomime production of *A Hint of Snow White* – a colourful, entertaining show that beautifully showcased their growing confidence and creativity.

Set in the magical kingdom of Duluxembourg, the children took the audience on a lively adventure where kindness triumphed over wicked magic. Embracing every pantomime tradition, from larger-than-life characters to fantastic audience participation (oh yes, they did!), cheers and boos soon filled the hall.

Every performer shone. Aathvika's Queen Malodorous delighted with her dramatic villainy, Mateo's mischievous Lickspittle brought plenty of laughs, Polly's Cleanie Jeanie spread warmth and positivity, and Martha's Snow White captivated with kindness and a clear, confident voice. Catchy songs, bright costumes and boundless energy made the production upbeat and polished, building to a heart-warming finale.

A huge congratulations to Year 2 and heartfelt thanks to Mrs Leyland, Mrs Gunn, Mrs Colchester and Mrs Degg, along with all staff who supported costumes, staging and dance. Together, they created a joyful pantomime that left everyone smiling from ear to ear.

Year One

This week, the children received a very exciting letter from the dragon inside the cupboard! He was amazed by all the help they had given him, from writing menus and instructions for dousing him if smoke appeared, to guidance for taking him on a daily flight. The dragon even asked the children to write help guides for another school; in case they ever had a dragon visit. The children used fantastic adjectives to describe the meat a dragon should eat and explained that a large property would be needed so he could stretch his wings. Amazing writing, Year 1! We can't wait to share their work with Chinthurst during our visit.

In Maths, the children have been exploring number bonds and near number bonds. Using tens frames, counters, and rhymes, they have been learning the “friends of 20” and are beginning to notice the pattern between friends of 10 and friends of 20.

In Science, we investigated materials to discover whether they were transparent, translucent, or opaque. This was especially fun when we used torches in a darkened classroom to test different materials!

In Art, the children experimented with a range of brush techniques, using wide, thin, and thick brushes. They took great care to create some beautiful sunset and landscape scenes.

We are also very much looking forward to our upcoming trip to Chinthurst, where we will continue our computing project by coding using Indi cars. The children also loved watching the Year 2 pantomime and are already excited about putting on their own show next year!

Year Two News

What a fantastic (and very busy!) week we've had in Year 2. The children have worked brilliantly across all subjects and have filled the classroom with enthusiasm, creativity and plenty of smiles!

The big moment finally arrived - our pantomime performance! After weeks of practising, rehearsing and building excitement, the children were incredibly proud to step up and show off their talents. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they performed, and even more special to watch how they supported and encouraged one another throughout. Thank you so much for coming along and cheering them on — we really hope you enjoyed the show!

In Literacy, we have been focusing on time conjunctions - those important words and phrases that help writing flow in order, such as *first, next, then, after that* and *finally*. We explored how time conjunctions help the reader follow events clearly and practised using them in our own writing to make it more organised and engaging.

Our learning has been inspired by the book *The House Held Up by Trees*, which sparked some thoughtful discussions and lovely ideas. The children have been working hard to add more detail and clarity to their writing, and it has been great to see the pride they are taking in improving their work.

Multiplication has been our key focus this week, and the children have thrown themselves into it! We practised multiplying by 2, 5, 10 and 3 using practical resources and hands-on activities to help everyone really understand what multiplication means.

We also tackled some problem-solving challenges, where the children had to choose the correct multiplication facts to help them find solutions. There was lots of excellent mathematical talk, teamwork and determination - especially when the problems became a little tricky!

In Art this week, we became portrait artists and created self-portraits. The children explored facial proportions, thinking carefully about where features should be placed and how they relate to one another.

The sketching was very impressive, with careful lines, great concentration and plenty of creativity. It is always wonderful to see how each child's personality shines through their artwork. Well done, Year 2 artists!

In Science, we have been learning about how to keep our bodies healthy. We carried out an exciting investigation where we measured our heartbeats and explored the effect exercise has on our hearts.

The children made predictions, tested their ideas and compared results, and they were fascinated to discover how quickly heart rates can change. There were some brilliant scientific discussions and excellent observations.

Our new Computing topic has begun - coding! The children started by working with Bee-Bots, learning how to give simple commands to make them move forwards, backwards and turn in different directions.

After practising with Bee-Bots, we then used iPads to try similar activities, helping the children understand that coding is all about giving clear instructions in the correct order. There was lots of excitement (and many proud smiles!) when programs worked successfully - and even when they didn't, the children showed great resilience by debugging and trying again.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm Year 2 have shown this week!

Year 2 Maths Superstars

Well done to our Maths Stars who have earned stars for their times tables.

Your hard work and commitment are fantastic, and these achievements are an important step in building strong maths skills. Keep practising and aiming for your next star!

We're very proud of you—congratulations!

Bronze Star Achievers: Alexander, Georgie, Izzy, Aathvika, Luigi, Mateo, Oscar, Chris, Henry, Polly, Martha, Aaron, Tabitha, Ivy, Lucy and JT

Silver Star Achievers: Daniel and Georgie

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Katherine in Pre-Reception! Katherine had lunch for the very first time this week, and she did amazingly well. We're so proud of you - well done Katherine!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **1464** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

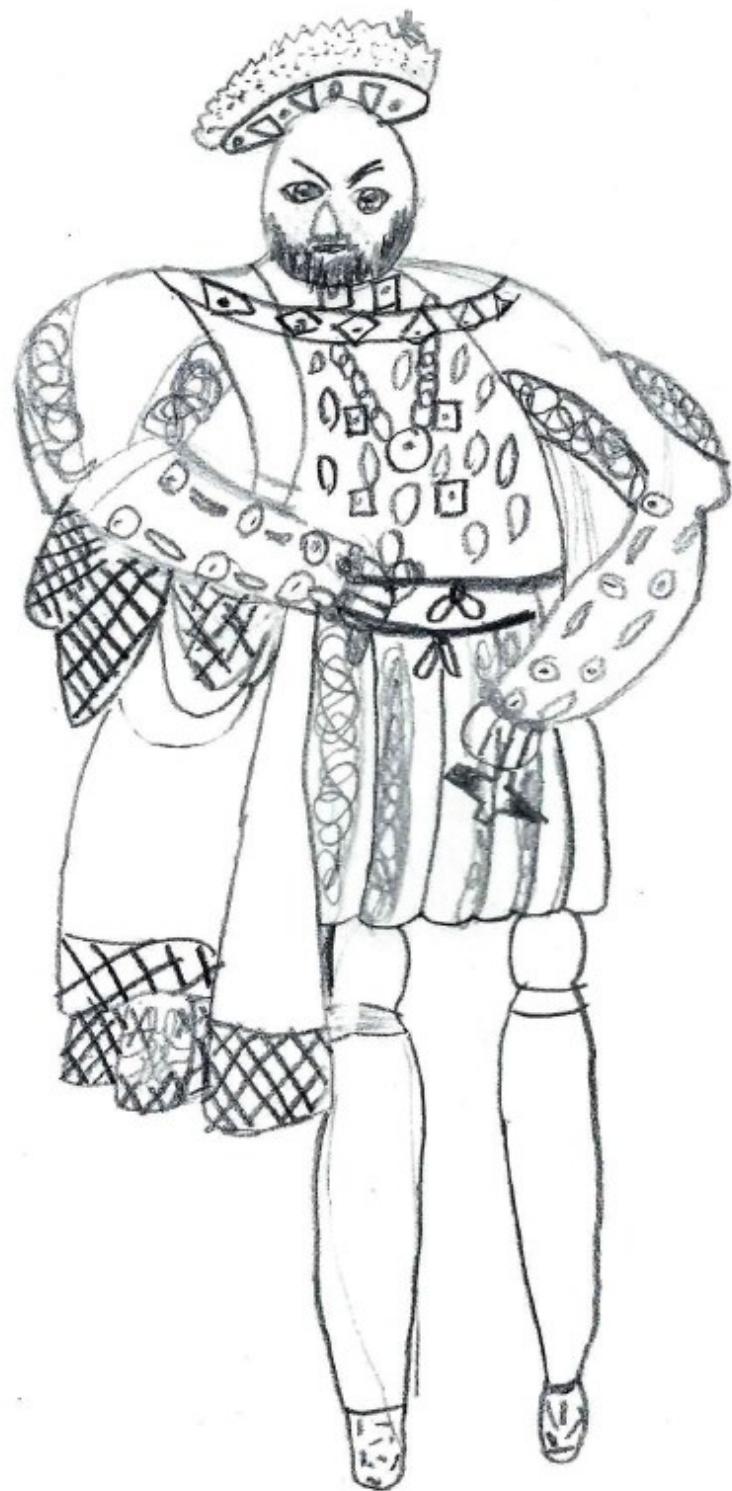
Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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Work of the Week

Year 2 have been learning how to draw portraits using portraits from the Tudor period. Can you guess who Izzy has drawn in her amazing piece of work?



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We've had another fantastic week in Nursery with lots to enjoy! On Monday, Nursery and Pre-Reception loved watching the Year 2 pantomime dress rehearsal, there were giggles, wide eyes, and even some wiggling along to the songs. We were so proud of how beautifully everyone sat.

Tuesday brought a special picnic lunch, where the children enjoyed sandwiches, crunchy vegetables, and crisps. We had some very adventurous eaters, and lots of full tummies!

Our story this week was *The Enormous Turnip*, with children joining in with repeated phrases and learning about teamwork. In the Creative room, they explored vegetable printing, and in the Green room they created detailed observational drawings of carrots, leeks, and potatoes.

In the kitchen, we made warm vegetable soup, practising grating and chopping, and bravely tasting different flavours and showed great confidence in helping prepare the ingredients - it got lots of thumbs up!

We also learned our new phonics sound 'p', explored heavy and light in maths, and shared lots of great ideas. Well done everyone!



Reception News

This week we continue to celebrate the wonders of castle life. We have been enjoying dressing-up as Princes and Princesses, and being served marshmallow cocktails by our servants! Shields with our family names have been made and we are looking forward to some drier weather when we can take them outside. We have also enjoyed the book 'The Paperbag Princess' by Robert Munsch and written lists of what you need to be successful in a royal role. We have had some super ideas like needing a crown (cran), castle (csl), lipstick (lipstic) and a carriage (carij).

Our new phonics sounds this week are ee, igh, oa and oo. To help us apply these, we have made giant stripey bees, traffic lights, coloured and labelled toads/roads/soaps/boats and made rockets that zoom! Our Wow walls are bursting with lots of fantastic work.

In Maths, we have been learning about one more than a given number and using a number line to help see what comes next. Next week we will be ready to think about one less. Our number of the week has been 14, and we are all trying hard to remember that with teen numbers the 1 is always first.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 9th February 2pm - Winter Music Assembly

Entrance for Year 2 parents & invited musicians parents will be via the front hall door



Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th February - Parent teacher meetings

Please note there will be no Popstars, Fashion Design, iPad/Lego, Science Stars or Story Sketch club this week. All other clubs will take place as usual



Thursday 12th February - Saturn Class Assembly

Refreshments for Saturn parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 13th February - Mars Class Assembly

Refreshments for Mars parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am

Friday 13th February - Valentines Disco

Children to come in their own clothes wearing red or pink-no hats or blazer required!

Disco times; Nursery, Pre-Reception & Reception 3.30-4.15pm

Year 1 & 4.30-5.15pm



World Book day is on the 5th of March 2026 - with author Jonny Lambert

We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as a dog, cat, bird, butterfly or duck



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