



Weekly News

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

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents,

A Special Mother’s Day Challenge

It was wonderful to welcome mums into school today for our much-loved annual Mother’s Day Challenge. The morning was a joyful celebration of the special women in our children’s lives, filled with singing, laughter and the chance to spend time together at school.

The morning began with the children singing a heartwarming Mother’s Day song. The children then took part in a carousel of fun activities in each classroom and there was plenty of creativity as mums and children worked together to make colourful beaded bracelets, while others enjoyed drawing portraits of one another - with some wonderfully accurate likenesses appearing on display. There was also a lively dance workshop which brought lots of laughter and energy to the morning.

To finish the celebration, the children proudly presented their mums (or grandmas) with a bouquet of bright daffodils as a small token of their appreciation. It was a truly special morning and a lovely opportunity for the children to celebrate the wonderful women in their lives. Thank you to all the mums and grandmas who joined us - and for everything you do.

British Science Week at St Christopher’s: A Week Full of Curiosity

It’s been a wonderfully exciting week at St Christopher’s as the whole school came together to celebrate British Science Week, exploring this year’s theme of curiosity through hands-on experiments, fascinating investigations and lots of thoughtful questions. From inspiring assemblies to classroom experiments and outdoor learning, the children embraced the spirit of curiosity and discovered just how exciting science can be.

Year 2 Explore Seeds at Wakehurst Place

One of the highlights of the week was Year 2’s visit to Wakehurst Place on Tuesday, where the children continued their learning about plants and seeds in a beautiful outdoor setting. They explored a fascinating collection of seeds, from the tiniest examples to some of the largest in the world, handling both native and exotic varieties and learning about what each one could grow into. Using microscopes, the children examined seeds closely, carefully comparing their size, colour, texture and structure. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that allowed the children to investigate like real scientists and brought their learning vividly to life.

Paper Aeroplane Science

Back at school, Year 2 put their design and testing skills into action by creating different types of paper aircraft, making gliders, aeroplanes and paper helicopters. The children then carried out fair tests to see which design would stay in the air the longest. After careful observation and lots of enthusiastic testing, they discovered that the glider was the most successful design.

A Science Spectacular Assembly

On Thursday, the children were delighted to welcome Mrs Reid, Science Lead from our sister school, Chinthurst School, for a very exciting science assembly. Mrs Reid captured everyone’s imagination with a series of experiments designed to spark curiosity and encourage the children to ask questions.

The children discovered how a chemical reaction between bicarbonate of soda and vinegar can inflate a balloon, and how lemon juice can change the colour of purple cabbage water to red because of its acidity.

One of the most surprising moments came when Mrs Reid carefully pushed pins into a balloon without it popping. The children learnt that balloons are strongest at the darker ends where the material is thicker and less stretched.

This inspired the children to continue using their curious minds to conduct a number of interactive experiments in their classrooms.

Inspiring Curious Minds

British Science Week at St Christopher's has been full of excitement, discovery and thoughtful questions, with the children embracing the joy of learning through curiosity and hands-on exploration. Most importantly, the week has reminded everyone that science starts with asking questions - and that every curious mind has the potential to discover something amazing!

Dates for your Diary

Sharing Our Learning – Tuesday 17th March

This is a wonderful opportunity to come into school and see the learning the children have been doing. We are very proud of their hard work and would love for you to come along and share in their achievements.

Coffee Morning with Mr Fenton (RGS Headteacher)

Mr Fenton will be hosting a coffee morning at St Christopher's on Thursday 19th March at 8.30am to which all parents are invited to join.

Hayley Robinson, Head of RGS Surrey Hills, and Cathy Trundle, Head of Chinthurst School, will also be there and together they are very much looking forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

Year One News

In English, we began our new class text, *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. The children stepped into the roles of Bear and Rabbit and thought carefully about what each character might say to the other. They particularly enjoyed using exclamation marks and question marks, and some children even challenged themselves to include speech marks in their writing. Well done!

In Maths, we focused on counting in tens and used this skill to explore place value. The children enjoyed chanting together and building numbers using Base Ten resources to demonstrate their understanding of tens and ones.

We had a fantastic Science Week! It began with an exciting science assembly. Back in the classroom, the children carried out their own experiments. They explored materials and their properties while building marshmallow towers, investigated dissolving when creating elephant's toothpaste, looked at the separation of molecules when making milk rainbows, and explored absorption through salt art. Lots of fun and learning was had!

In Topic, the children used their designs from the previous week to create their own hats and fascinators. They worked with a wide range of materials including feathers, netting, pom-poms, glitter, ribbon, straws, lace, faux leather and felt. The children showed excellent cutting and joining skills, and their creations looked fantastic. Well done, Year 1!

Year Two News

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in Year 2!

In English, we continued enjoying *Lizzie and the Cloud*. The children wrote persuasive paragraphs encouraging someone to buy their very own unique cloud, using adventurous adjectives and a range of sentence types to make their writing lively and convincing.

In Maths, we tackled problems involving capacity and volume, applying the four operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division—to solve practical challenges.

Our Art lessons were inspired by the bright colours of spring. The children created striking daffodil prints using ink before capturing the flowers again in vibrant pastel drawings.

It has also been Science Week, bringing plenty of opportunities for investigation and discovery. The children planned and carried out an experiment to find out which type of aeroplane performed best: a helicopter, glider or paper plane. They thought carefully about how to keep the test fair and enjoyed seeing their ideas in action. They also took part in another exciting experiment — *Sink or Swim!* The children designed and built boats before testing whether their creations could float while carrying five marbles.

Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm, creativity and fantastic teamwork this week.

Year 2 Maths Superstars

Huge congratulations to our Year 2 mathematicians. Well done to Laksh for achieving his Bronze Star, to Aaron and Chris for achieving their Silver Star and Luigi, Daniel and Aaron for achieving their Gold Star! What an amazing achievement.

Best wishes,

This week's lunch time superstar is Ashwin for letting the lunch team know that they serve lovely food. Well done for being so complementary !

Merit Awards:

Ted H, Sienna B, Charlie H, Jack R, Florence D, Julius S, Otilie H, Eva B, Tabitha B, Lucy S, Leonardo D and Kit W

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

Year 1 have been busy learning about the Epsom Derby. They researched the headwear that is worn to the event. They then had a go at designing and creating their own hat or fascinator. This is Harry's hat. Well done!



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

In Nursery this week the children have been very busy exploring, experimenting and learning as we celebrated Science Week. We have also been thinking about all the wonderful mummies, grandmas and nannies ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday.

Throughout the week the children became little scientists and took part in lots of fun experiments. One of our favourites was watching popcorn kernels dance up and down in a beaker filled with water, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. The children loved predicting what might happen next! We also created a colourful rainbow experiment using warm water and Skittles. As the water was poured onto the sweets, the colours slowly spread across the plate to create a magical rainbow that kept getting bigger!

In Blue Room, the children explored water play by investigating whether different objects would float or sink. They made predictions before testing their ideas, just like real scientists. Our nursery kitchen was also full of delicious smells as the children baked yummy biscuits ready for our Mother's Day celebrations.

In P.E. this week the children had the exciting opportunity to use the climbing apparatus just like the big children. They did a fantastic job climbing, balancing and exploring the equipment while listening carefully to instructions to stay safe.

Friday was full of fun and lots of love as our mummies came to visit for our special Mother's Day celebrations. Thank you to all the grown-ups who joined us and we hope you had as much fun as we did!

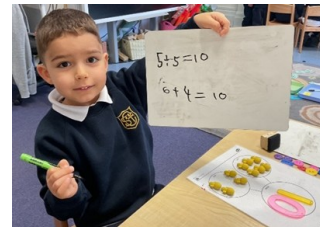


Reception News

We have been very busy with some top secret preparations for **Mother's Day**! The children worked so carefully on their cards, and we hope you enjoy the special messages they wrote inside, as you will see, there was so much love and thought put into them.

In **Maths**, we explored the *part-part-whole* method. This helps children understand that a whole number can be made up of two (or more) parts. For example, if the whole is 10, it could be made from the parts 8 and 2. The children practised writing super maths sentences to show this, and they are getting brilliant at recognising the + and = symbols... which is just as well, because Miss Rendall kept mixing them up! One young mathematician told us "Did you know there are 11 ways to make 10?"

We also absolutely loved **Science Week**. As our topic is dinosaurs, and we have been learning about the work of **palaeontologists**—dinosaur experts—we set ourselves a challenge: How can we release the dinosaurs from their dino eggs which were made up of Bicarbonate of soda and water mixed into a paste? After testing water, soap, and shaving foam, we discovered that **vinegar** made the eggs fizz away! What super scientists and explorers you are!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17th March - Sharing Our Learning

Please accompany your child to their classroom after drop off

Wednesday 18th March - Year 1 Trip to Chertsey Museum

The children should wear their school uniform and have their waterproof coat

Wednesday 18th March - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Jupiter classroom (upstairs) 2.30-4pm Entrance Via the front door

Thursday 19th March 8.30am - Coffee Morning with Shaun Fenton

Entrance via the School Hall

Friday 20th March - Neptune Class Assembly

Tea & coffee will be served under the porch from 8.30am for Neptune parents

Friday 20th March - Colour Run 2pm

Bring old clothes in a named carrier bag

Friday 20th March - Clubs Finish



Mathletics: Congratulations to Sebastian PdM for your Diamond Certificate

Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:



Adam Z - Blue certificate in kickboxing martial arts

Leonardo D- Star player trophy in We Make Footballers

Hugo Q - Medal for running 1.75 miles in the Esher District Scouts Cross Country event

Chloe L - Piano recital performance certificate

Polly S - Bronze 25m swimming medal, swimming breast stroke, backstroke and front crawl

Luigi DSCM - Player of the football tournament and for scoring a header

Rowan B-R - Star of the Day at the Headstart holiday camp

