



## Weekly News

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

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

### **Easter Extravaganza**

What a wonderful and colourful Easter bonnet parade — full of fabulous, creative designs celebrating spring. The children had a fantastic time with Easter egg hunts and fun activities in the classrooms. Thank you to you all for taking the time in creating the wonderful bonnets with the children.

And of course... the world-famous visit from the Easter Bunny! Every child received a special Easter egg, making the day even more magical.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a memorable celebration and for inviting the Easter Bunny along!

### **Pre-Reception Class Assembly**

What a truly joyous event we experienced at our pre-reception assembly! The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and the unmistakable energy of spring as our wonderful children took to the stage.

The highlight of the assembly was undoubtedly the delightful “spring chickens,” with each child proudly wearing their own self-made chick headdress. Their creativity and effort shone through in every unique design, bringing a burst of colour and charm to the performance.

The children entertained us all with their cheerful dancing, enthusiastic singing, and beautifully recited poetry. Their confidence and joy were infectious, truly bringing sunshine into our lives on the day.

A huge well done to all the children for their fantastic participation, and to the staff for supporting such a memorable and heartwarming event. We couldn't be prouder!

### **Year 2 Poetry**

**Year 2 have been writing poems about Spring this week and I thought it would brighten** everyone's day to read one of them. This one was written by Daniel.

*Spring leaps on us, new life grows  
Making blossom trees burst, new birds grow  
The grass shooting up like flames, stretching up high  
Wind blowing butterflies nice and high  
Bees and bumble bees gathering pollen, sticking it on them, more than a dozen  
Seeds shooting up into giant trees, making buds next to leaves  
Children chattering, laughing and smiling  
It's been a wonderful day today, how about dancing?*

### **Year One News**

In English, the children created their own versions of *I Want My Hat Back*, reimagined as *I Want My Own Friend Back*. They selected their own characters and used adjectives and dialogue to bring their imaginative stories to life. The children also took great pride in presenting their work with beautiful handwriting—well done, Year 1!

In Maths, we continued developing our understanding of place value, focusing on more and less and using this knowledge to make sensible estimates on a number line. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow, with many now independently challenging themselves by tackling three-star activities.

In Topic, we celebrated the end of the half term with a fantastic catwalk showcasing hats and fascinators. It was lovely to see such creativity and individuality in the children's designs across the year group.

In Science, the children have been learning about animals and their diets. They particularly enjoyed a hands-on activity where they sorted animals into herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores. We discovered that most of us are omnivores, while some are herbivores.

Over the Spring holiday, each child has been given a Spring Break Pack in their book bag. This is also available on SeeSaw.

## **Year 2 News – Spring Half Term Highlights**

This half term, our budding scientists have been busy investigating how plants grow! We explored what happens when key conditions such as sunlight, warmth, soil, and the correct amount of water are removed. The children made thoughtful predictions, observed changes carefully, and discussed their findings like true scientists. They were absolutely wowed by the results—especially seeing just how important each condition is for healthy plant growth. We are so proud of their curiosity and enthusiasm... we definitely have some future scientists in the making!

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of money through a range of practical and engaging problems. The children have been recognising coins and notes, calculating totals, and working out the correct change. They have shown fantastic perseverance when tackling reasoning and problem-solving challenges, explaining their thinking clearly and trying different strategies. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow!

In English, we have embraced the beauty of spring through poetry. The children have written imaginative poems, using descriptive language, personification, and powerful verbs to bring their ideas to life. From blossoming flowers to dancing raindrops, their writing has been full of creativity and expression. We have been so impressed with their ability to paint vivid pictures with words—what talented writers we have in Year 2!

We have also enjoyed learning about the Easter story and its significance to Christians. The children explored the key events and shared their understanding thoughtfully. We also got creative for fun by making our own bunnies using socks, stuffing, lentils, and decorations such as pipe cleaners and ribbon. The finished creations were fantastic, and the children showed great care, creativity, and pride in their work.

The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and are now ready for a well-deserved break!

### **School Notices**

- **Parking Reminder** We kindly ask all parents and visitors to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children. Please avoid parking across driveways to ensure access for local residents at all times.
- **Mobile Phones in School** Our school is a mobile phone-free zone. When visiting the school, we ask that all mobile phones are kept out of sight and not in use while on the premises.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a brilliant and busy last week of term we've had in the Nursery, preparing for the Easter holidays! We enjoyed our final Forest School session of the term, where each child got to toast a hot cross bun on the fire. We savoured them with warm, melted butter, and the children agreed—they were absolutely delicious! While waiting for our turn by the fire, we had a fantastic time exploring the Forest with our friends.

Inside the Nursery, we also had lots of fun Easter-themed activities. In the kitchen, we made yummy Easter rabbit biscuits, carefully grating carrots to add to the mix. Once baked, we enjoyed them together at the snack table, they were very tasty! In Blue Room, we decorated Easter eggs using different pasta shapes, practicing careful pattern-following to complete our designs.

Pre-Reception held their assemblies this week, and what a fabulous job they all did! We were so proud of how well they remembered their lines and delivered them confidently into the microphone. Their brilliant singing and dancing amazed us all, and we hope you enjoyed watching their performances as much as we did.

We wish you a wonderful Easter break and can't wait to hear all about your adventures when we return!



## Reception News

As part of our spring celebrations, the children enjoyed an exciting and memorable visit to Bocketts Farm. Our day began with a tractor farm tour, giving the children a chance to take in the sights, sounds, and smells of the busy farm. There were lots of curious questions and excited chatter as we spotted animals along the way!

Next, we headed to the Small Animal Encounter, where the children met Penny the rabbit, Peanut and Pluto the guinea pigs and even a very friendly chicken! The children enjoyed petting the animals showing great care stroking them gently.

One of the highlights was feeding the sheep, goats, and alpacas! The children loved getting up close to the animals and showed great confidence during this hands-on experience.

No trip to Bocketts Farm would be complete without the famous Pig Race! The children cheered on their favourite pigs with enthusiasm — it was a moment full of joy and laughter.

We were brilliantly looked after all day by Farmer Abi, who made our visit extra special and even met a farmer that used to come to St Christophers! Because the children were so sensible, responsible, and well-mannered throughout the day, we rounded off our visit with some well-deserved time in the soft play area. This was a big hit and the perfect end to a fantastic trip.



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

Just to confirm, Grandparents Morning are being held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, due to Year 1 being on a trip on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We apologise for any confusion this has caused.

## Year 2 Maths Superstars

Huge congratulations to Cora for achieving her Silver Star this week! Well done!

## Happy Easter

We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Easter. We hope you enjoy a wonderful break filled with rest, and special moment together. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

This week's lunch time superstar is Zylah Samuels for always being so neat and tidy in the lunch hall . Well done Zylah!

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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## Wednesday 22nd April - Summer Term commences

*Children to wear their summer uniform*

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