



## Weekly News

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

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents,

### **World Book Day with author Jonny Lambert**

St Christopher’s was delighted to welcome children’s author and illustrator Jonny Lambert to school to celebrate World Book Day yesterday.

The day was inspired by Jonny’s much-loved picture book *As the World Goes By*, and children and staff arrived at school dressed as the animals from the story - butterflies, cats, dogs, birds and ducks. Staff even formed a colourful kaleidoscope of butterflies, adding to the wonderful atmosphere. The day began with our annual costume parade on the playground, where Jonny judged the competition and selected a winner from each class.

Congratulations to:

Nursery: Rory and Sophia A

Pre-Reception: Theo and Rupert

Reception: Alecsi and Leo

Year 1: Irina and Ashwin

Year 2: J-T and Daniel

Throughout the day, children enjoyed engaging workshops led by Jonny. He shared how he began his career as an illustrator before writing and illustrating his own books and explained that many of his stories are inspired by family members, pets and everyday experiences. Reception children decorated their own butterflies inspired by *As the World Goes By* and enjoyed hearing the story read by Jonny himself.

Year 2 children took part in a creative writing workshop where Jonny shared how he plans his stories by sketching characters and drawing a ‘story journey’ before writing. The children then used this idea to plan their own imaginative stories. Nursery children gathered for a special storytime session, while Year 1 enjoyed creating butterflies and asking Jonny thoughtful questions about his books and how he writes them.

To wrap up the day, Jonny kindly signed every child’s book with a personal message - something they will no doubt cherish for years to come and share stories with their own children or grandchildren one day about the day they were inspired by author Jonny Lambert on World Book Day at St Christopher’s!

### **Jupiter Class Assembly Celebrating World Book Day**

This week’s class assembly was truly amazing and filled with joy! The children proudly shared their World Book Day celebrations with the whole school.

Everyone looked fantastic dressed as book characters. From classic story heroes to funny characters, it was wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm for reading.

The children performed a brilliant song all about World Book Day, singing with confidence and energy. Their performance highlighted just how important books are and reminded us of the many different kinds you can discover in a library.

They told us about the wide range of books we can enjoy, including story books, joke books, dictionaries, encyclopaedias and fact books. Each type of book opens up a different world — whether it’s making us laugh, helping us learn something new, or taking us on an exciting adventure.

The assembly was full of smiles, joy and delight, and it was clear how much the children love reading.

A huge well done to the class for such a fantastic assembly!

## Dates for your Diary

### **Mother's Day Challenge – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

All mums are warmly invited to spend the morning with us for some exciting activities and challenges. It promises to be a fun-filled morning and a lovely chance to celebrate together.

### **Sharing Our Learning – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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) – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Mr Fenton will be hosting a coffee morning at St Christopher's on Wednesday 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.

### **Before and After School**

We kindly remind all families that children should not use the playground or play on the equipment before or after school. The playground is only supervised during the school day, and for safety reasons it must not be used outside of these times.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all children safe.

### **Year One News**

This week, we have been revising our learning across several subjects. The children completed quizzes in phonics, reading comprehension and maths. Using their phonics knowledge, they read longer pieces of text and answered questions independently. They used their vocabulary, inference and retrieval skills to help them locate the correct answers.

In Maths, we've been practising our addition and subtraction skills to solve missing number problems. The children really enjoyed solving these practically using part-whole models, bar models and tens frames with counters. At home, it would be helpful to spend some time looking at coins, identifying them and talking about their value.

We continued our research of the Epsom Derby in Topic, with the children exploring the outfits adults wear to attend, focusing particularly on hats and fascinators. We were very lucky that Mrs Degg brought in some fascinators from home for the children to try on. The children then designed their own hats and fascinators, and we are looking forward to making them next week.

For Science, the children became zoologists and we have been learning how to sort animals into groups based on their features. They now know about mammals, birds, amphibians, fish and reptiles, and the characteristics that help us identify them.

"Healthy Me" has been our focus for PSHE, discussing five ways to help ourselves stay healthy: exercising, getting enough sleep, drinking water, washing and eating healthily. We also talked about the importance of washing our hands and bodies, brushing our teeth, and keeping our hair clean and tidy.

### **Year Two News**

Year 2 were surprised when a mystery box was delivered to the classroom this week. Even more intriguing was the label that read: *"Please look after me. Caution: take care when opening to avoid me floating away."* This prompted lots of questions! The children developed their question-writing skills in Literacy and practised using a variety of starting words such as *Who? What? How? Why? Could? and Should?*

What a surprise when the box was opened to reveal a cloud inside! It even rained on Chris's desk later in the week!

The children were able to link this exciting discovery to their new class text, *Lizzy and the Cloud* by the Fan Brothers. They studied the illustrations carefully and imagined they were walking through one of the pages. The children then wrote instructions using expanded noun phrases and imperative verbs. Caitlyn wrote:

*"Go past the rickety, wooden bench. Follow the narrow path through the pristine, beautiful park."*

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning how to solve multi-step problems involving length and mass. There have been many examples of determination and resilience, particularly when some problems required three or four steps to reach the solution. The children needed to identify which operation to use, as the problems could involve addition, subtraction, multiplication or division.

In Science, the children investigated seeds, using magnifying glasses to make detailed observations. They sorted kernels, seeds and pips, and learned about the important job they do.

Year 2 have also had a busy week in their topic work. They continued working on their Tudor-style portrait collages inspired by the contemporary artist Maria Torroba, adding Tudor costumes to their self-portraits. The children also created Tudor clay bowls and decorated them with imprints of natural materials. In addition, they imagined life during Tudor times at different levels of society, acting out some of the different roles. We decided it wasn't much fun living as a peasant, having to bow to everyone we meet and earning hardly any money!

### **Year 2 Maths Superstars**

Huge congratulations to our maths superstars this week! Well done Kit who has achieved his bronze star and a particularly big well done to Henry for achieving his silver and gold stars!

This week's lunch time superstar is Tristan for appreciating the delicious lunches so much that you come back for seconds. Well done Tristan!

Top of the leader board this week is **Donaldson** House with a superb total of **2890** House points. Congratulations to **Donaldson** house.

#### Merit Awards:

Henry H, Louis K, Isabelle D, Alecsi H, Hugo Q, Austin F, Alfie H, Irina B, Finley G, Ashwin S, Chris X, Mateo B, Reva M, Cora M and Arvid M

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

## Work of the Week

Year 2 have been writing adventure stories using interesting opening sentences, powerful verbs and descriptive words. This is Aathvika's amazing story.



In the Greenland forest of Enchantress, two brave knights named captain Marrisold and captain Tom were roaring and fighting over a fearless scaly crimson dragon. The dragon ~~scared~~ scared over the knights pushing and shunning them off their horses but captain Marrisold still did not fear. The dragon gave a big breath and let out a frightening roar. Captain Tom started waving his sword side to side and nearly smacked ~~Mr~~ captain Marrisold in the head. Be Careful! he shouted. Tom and Marrisold had an idea, if Marrisold used his axe to chop the tree behind the dragon, he would fall to the ground, and that's what he did. ~~and~~ Tom slipped the axe, and the tree hit the dragon and collapsed to the grass. Tom and Marrisold defeated the dragon, and they felt proud of themselves. I wonder who they will defeat next?

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Another exciting week in Nursery and Pre-Reception! Our focus story was *As the World Goes by* by Jonny Lambert, and the children were thrilled to meet him when he visited our school on World Book Day.

The story inspired lovely discussions about nature and change, as well as our butterfly-themed activities. In Blue Room, the children created colourful butterfly prints using paint in squeeze bottles, painting one side and folding it over and pressing with their hands. The children were amazed to see how their pattern appeared on both sides.

In the kitchen, we weighed ingredients to make delicious butterfly cupcakes to enjoy at snack time.

In Green Room, we continued developing our fine motor skills through crafts and had fun practising our counting by rolling dice, counting the spots carefully and drawing the matching number on the flower. We then threaded beads on pipe cleaners stems to grow our number flowers. Another great week!



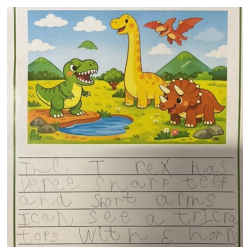
## Reception News

This week we have been fully immersed in dinosaur facts, we have found out so much about dinosaurs in our Dinosaur Dig site and the children have shared a wealth of dinosaur information and the vocabulary shared has been brilliant.

Like all good dinosaur explorers, it is important that we record the information we have found out. The children were able to write about the T.Rex with their short arms and long teeth, dinosaurs with long necks and dinosaurs with wings that can fly! If you want to know more about dinosaurs, do come and ask reception!

In maths we have been hard at work sequencing the days of the week, we have enjoyed singing the days of the week song and made days of the week caterpillars to sequence the days.

We always love celebrating world book day and enjoyed the workshop with the author Johnny Lambert in which we made some beautiful butterflies. Well done everyone your costumes were fabulous!



## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 10th March - Year 2 Wakehurst trip

*Children please arrive at school in PE kit including trainers. Children must also bring a named carrier bag with named wellies and a waterproof even if it is sunny.*

### Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Challenge

*Please could you arrive at the back entrance by 8.30am and meet on the field*

### Friday 13th March - PTA Tea House after school



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Miran F and Sofia M for your Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to Tristan T for your Silver Certificate

Congratulations to Henry W for your Platinum Certificate

Congratulations to Chloe L for your Diamond Certificate



### **Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:**

Adam Z- Blue belt for kickboxing

Izzy H - U8 1<sup>st</sup> prize for skiing in France

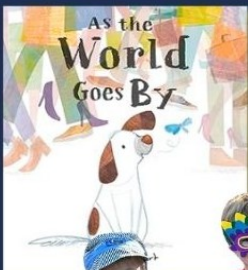
Abby H - Ski school polar bear medal

Martha V-A - Ran the Brighton youth half marathon- 1 mile of the course. She came 21<sup>st</sup> in her age category out of 88 runners

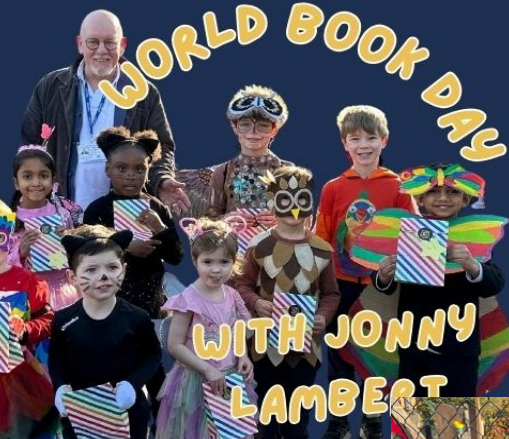
Chloe L- Go-kart kids rally certificate

Luigi DSCM- Football player of the match x2





# WORLD BOOK DAY



## WITH JONNY LAMBERT

