



Weekly News

Friday 20th March 2026

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

Dear Parents,

Sharing Our Learning

It was lovely to welcome so many families into school on Tuesday for our *Sharing Our Learning* event. The children were incredibly proud to showcase everything they have been working on this term, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they shared their achievements.

We were delighted to see so many parents, grandparents, and family members joining us. These moments are so valuable, and the children truly enjoy the opportunity to talk about their learning and celebrate their progress with you.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support the children—it made the event very special for them.

Neptune Class Assembly

Neptune Class treated us to a truly fantastic assembly this week, retelling the story of *Stompysaurus* in a lively and engaging way.

The story followed Stompysaurus, who wakes up one morning feeling happy and excited after a wonderful dream. However, his day quickly starts to go wrong - his brother teases him, his breakfast isn't what he was hoping for, and it feels like nothing is going his way. As his frustrations build, his STOMPS and ROARS grow bigger and bigger until they finally EXPLODE!

The children brought the story to life brilliantly through expressive acting, joyful dancing, and confident storytelling. A highlight of the assembly was their energetic song all about dinosaurs, which had everyone smiling.

We were also treated to something very special—a world premiere performance of the *Jurassic Park* theme using boomwhackers... and it was such a hit, they performed it twice!

Well done to Neptune Class for such a fun, creative, and memorable assembly!

Colour Run – Holi Celebrations

We had a fantastic afternoon celebrating Holi with our exciting Colour Run! The children took part in a range of fun activities, including a vibrant colour run, creating a beautiful handprint mural, chalk drawing, and joining in with a lively cheering section.

One of the highlights of the day was running through arches filled with colourful streamers, bringing lots of smiles and laughter. With the sunshine adding to the atmosphere, it truly was a joyful and memorable celebration.

A big thank you to the PTA for providing the colours and helping to make the event so special.

It was a wonderful afternoon full of colour, energy and fun for everyone involved!

RGS Family of Schools Coffee Morning: Exploring Future Pathways

It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you for coffee yesterday morning, alongside Headteachers from across our family of schools. These informal gatherings offer a valuable opportunity to hear more about the journeys available to our children beyond St Christopher's.

We were delighted to be joined by Miss Cathy Trundle (Chinthurst School), Mr Shaun Fenton (Reigate Grammar School) and Ms Hayley Robinson (RGS Surrey Hills). It was wonderful to hear about the shared ethos across our schools and the nurturing, academically strong environments in which children continue to thrive.

Mr Fenton outlined the continuity within the RGS family of schools, including the early offer process available to children in Year 1 for entry to Chinthurst in Year 3, and later, in Year 5, the opportunity for an early offer to either Reigate Grammar School or RGS Surrey Hills. This approach supports a smooth and positive transition, allowing children to focus on their learning and development.

Alongside this, Chinthurst prepares pupils for a wide range of senior school destinations through its successful 11+ programme, while both Reigate Grammar School and RGS Surrey Hills offer ambitious, forward-looking environments underpinned by strong academic outcomes.

If you would like to find out more about these pathways, please do come and speak to me. I would be very happy to help guide you or connect you with the relevant teams.

Year One News

In English, we have taken on the role of Rabbit from *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen. The children wrote thoughtful apology letters, saying sorry for stealing the hat. Later, they received a reply from Rabbit, explaining that he had taken their advice and was going to search for Bear! The children have now begun planning their own versions of *I Want My Friend Back*, thinking about the different creatures they might meet in the forest. They have used a range of exciting adjectives to describe forest animals, and we look forward to reading their finished books next week.

In Maths, the children have continued developing their understanding of tens and ones using the part-whole model. Base Ten resources have really supported their learning. Later in the week, we moved on to exploring number lines to 50. The children loved becoming a human number line, working together to order numbers correctly and using their knowledge of tens and ones to decide which numbers were greater or less.

In Science, the children built on their knowledge to compare and group animals. They can now confidently identify mammals, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles. Using this knowledge, they grouped animals based on their features and discussed similarities and differences between groups. We also enjoyed playing a game of "Who am I?", where the children asked yes/no questions to guess an animal.

In Topic, we had a fantastic trip to Chertsey Museum. The children had the opportunity to dress up as Tudors, Georgians and Victorians. We learned about historical clothing such as Georgian panniers and Victorian hoops. The children also enjoyed designing activities, including fan making and dress designing, and even took part in some Tudor dancing. It was a wonderful day and lots of fun was had!



In PE, the children have been learning gymnastics this half term. Miss Greenwood has been very impressed with their enthusiasm and the excellent progress they have made in developing their skills. Well done, Year 1!

Year Two News

Empathy has been a key focus in our learning this week. In English, the children have continued exploring our class book *Lizzy and the Cloud*, where Lizzy buys a pet cloud, Milo, and must learn how to care for it. The children wrote their own instruction manuals, explaining how to look after a cloud, and also considered what might cause Milo's tantrums. Dawn shared a wonderful idea: "A tantrum is like a thunderstorm in your brain."

The children also wrote letters in the role of the cloud seller and reflected on their own emotions. They have been learning how to use subordinating conjunctions to add more detail to their writing and have made great progress.

In Maths, Year 2 have been practising using money, counting and comparing amounts using pounds and pence. They took on the challenge of finding as many ways as possible to make a given amount - Oscar impressed us all by finding 10 different ways to make 50p. Fantastic work, Oscar! The children especially enjoyed a hands-on activity where they dug for buried coins in a sand tray before comparing how much each person had collected.

Continuing our theme of empathy, our Mighty Minds lesson focused on how connecting with others can help us feel happier. The children thought about people they haven't seen for a while and created thoughtful cards to send to them. It was lovely to see how making connections brought smiles all around.

In Topic, the children became history detectives as they explored jobs in Tudor times. Using clues, they worked out which character did each job and imagined what a day in their life might be like. Many decided they much prefer life at St. Christopher's!

It has been a wonderful week of thoughtful learning and creativity - well done, Year 2!

Eid Mubarak

Wishing a joyful Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrate! We hope this special time brings happiness, peace and lots of memorable moments with your loved ones.

School Notices

- **After-School Clubs** Please note that all after-school clubs have finished this week for the term.
- **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.

Year 2 Maths Superstars

Congratulations to Reva on achieving her Bronze Star this week! A brilliant achievement!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Akshaana, who showed kindness by thinking of others and helping to hand out the cutlery at lunchtime. Well done!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **3495** House points. Congratulations **Dahl**.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

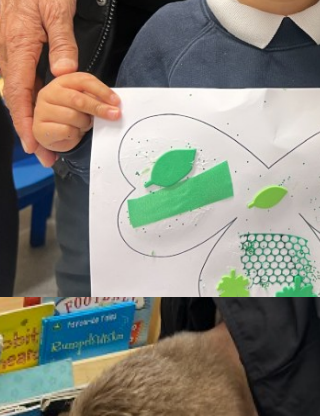
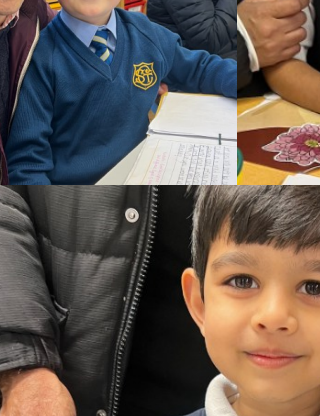
Merit Awards:

Jocelyn V-A, Julia O, Abi H, Lars R, Aaron E, Sophia M, Ralph C and Tristan T

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



Mothers Day & Sharing our Learning



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We've had an exciting and busy week in nursery exploring our theme **"All Things Spring!"** ☺ The children loved learning about life on the farm and taking part in lots of hands-on activities. Our week began with a special visit from our grown-ups on Tuesday morning. It was so lovely showing you around nursery and sharing the learning we've been doing!

To celebrate our spring topic, the children in the Blue room got crafty making fluffy chicks using yellow paint and forks, which made them look extra fluffy. Once dry, we added googly eyes, yellow feathers, and an orange triangle beak.

We also enjoyed lots of number work. In the Green room, the children rolled dice, wrote numbers on barn doors, and counted out the correct number of animals to match. During group time, we helped feed the bunny the right number of sticker carrots too—everyone worked so hard!

The children also loved feeding our farm animals using scoops and kernels, helping to build fine motor skills and encouraging imaginative play. Outside in the garden, we made the most of the spring sunshine with water play, exploring how water moves through pipes and ramps.

Alongside all our learning, Pre-reception have been working incredibly hard practising for our upcoming assembly. The excitement is building, and we can't wait for you to see it next week!



Reception News

It has been another Dino-tastic week in Reception. We have painted our own imaginary dinosaurs, and labelled them with names based on our own, for example, Tilly-Rex, William-docus and Sasha-Saurus! We have also created dinosaurs using paper-plates and carefully given them scaly spots. Of course, our dinosaur role-play areas have continued to be very popular and our ability to fulfil customer orders in the Brontosaurus Burger Bar has really improved.

In phonics, we have been revising all of phase 3 and trying to remember more tricky words too. Please continue to learn these at home using the games provided, and remember to revisit some of the word sheets sent previously as sometimes these only reach the short-term memory and can only be recalled as the weeks tick by.

In Maths, we have continued to use the part/part/whole pictorial model to explore how a number can be split into 2 groups or made by combining them. Our number of the week has been 19, so we have demonstrated our understanding of this being one less than 20 using tens frames and numicon. Well done to Neptune class for a super assembly telling the story of Stompysaurus with some lovely singing and dancing too.



Dates for the Diary

Please remember there are no clubs next week



Wednesday 25th March - Reception trip to Bocketts Farm

The children will need to wear their PE kits and their waterproof coats with trainers (we will advise whether wellington boots are needed closer to the date depending on weather).



Wednesday 25th March - Sun & Sky Class Assembly

Refreshments for Pre-Reception parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Thursday 26th March - Moon & Earth Class Assembly

Refreshments for Pre-Reception parents will be served under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 27th March - Last Day of term

Nursery & Pre-Reception Children - Nursery will finish at 12pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Children - School will finish at 12.10pm



Mathletics:

Congratulations to Mateo B for your Diamond Certificate

Congratulations to Oscar M for your Emerald Certificate

