



Weekly News

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

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Celebrating Grandparents at St Christopher’s

Over two wonderful mornings, St Christopher’s warmly welcomed grandparents into school to celebrate the important family members in our lives alongside the children in their Houses, with our special guests enjoying the chance to experience a little of everyday life at St Christopher’s. We were thrilled to welcome grandparents who travelled from far and wide to join the celebrations, with visitors coming from as far as Florida, Cumbria and Southampton, alongside many from our local community.

Each morning began with a special assembly before grandparents headed off with their grandchildren to explore classrooms, look through books and see the children’s learning in action. The hall was filled with conversation over tea and cake and, in true St Christopher’s tradition, everyone was treated to a fantastic whole-school rap performance which brought huge smiles across the room.

In Nursery, there was plenty of creativity and excitement as grandparents joined the children to make crowns and rosettes, decorate iced biscuits and create family trees together. One of the most treasured activities across the school was looking through the children’s St Christopher’s books - special albums that follow each child throughout their journey at the school, filled with photographs, memories and milestones from their earliest years onwards.

The mornings created so many special memories, and grandparents loved seeing the children so happy and confident in their school environment. A very special thank you to all of our grandparents for joining us and for the important role you play in the lives of our children and our wider school community.

Encouraging Independence from the Very Beginning at St Christopher’s Nursery & School

At St Christopher’s Nursery & School, we believe some of the most important learning in the early years happens in the smallest moments.

Not just learning to read, write or count - but learning to try, explore, problem solve and develop the confidence to say, “I can do it myself.”

That’s why we were delighted to contribute to the latest Muddy Stiletto’s Good Schools Guide feature on encouraging independence in the early years, exploring how independence can be nurtured gently and meaningfully from Nursery onwards.

As highlighted in the Muddy Stiletto’s article, true independence in the early years is not about children doing everything alone. It’s about giving them the confidence to have a go, make choices, solve problems and discover what they are capable of in an environment where they feel safe, supported and inspired.

We are proud to see our ethos featured in the Muddy Stiletto’s Good Schools Guide and to continue championing an early years’ experience where childhood wonder and school readiness go hand in hand.

Year One News

This week, Year 1 visited RHS Garden Wisley. Despite the changing weather, we had a wonderful trip filled with lots of exciting learning opportunities. The children began the day by meeting a very friendly duck at the information centre — everyone was amazed to get so close!

During the morning, the children explored the gardens looking for signs of spring and identifying plants that we can eat, including fruits and vegetables. They also enjoyed building dens in the play area and working together as a team.

After lunch, we were led by an expert who taught us about the different parts of a plant and how seeds are dispersed. The children then had the opportunity to plant their own cornflower seeds. We will carefully look after them at school until they are ready to go home and be planted in gardens.

Our expert then guided us through the alpine gardens, where the children searched for different parts of plants to create their own memory sticks. They loved collecting natural objects in all the colours of the rainbow to add to their creations. We were also taken to visit the tallest redwood tree in Wisley Gardens, which is over 200 years old!

The children had a fantastic day and created memories that I'm sure they will never forget.

In Maths, the children have been practising their doubling and "groups of" skills. They are becoming familiar with the multiplication symbol and using their knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to support their learning.

In Literacy, the children have begun planning their own "lost toy" adventure stories. They have been sequencing events and thinking carefully about the adjectives, prefixes and suffixes they could use in their independent writing.

Year Two News

This week, the children learned about paragraphs and why they are important in writing. They explored how paragraphs help to organise ideas clearly and make writing easier for the reader to follow. The children practised grouping related ideas together and identifying when to start a new paragraph in their own writing.

In maths, the children continued their learning on fractions. They explored the difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions and practised identifying and representing them in different ways. The children also developed their understanding of finding fractions of amounts, with a particular focus on finding $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number or quantity.

We had great fun continuing to explore coding and robotics using LEGO in IT. As part of their new topic, they worked collaboratively to build a LEGO snail and then used coding to bring their creations to life. The children learned how to program lights, making their LEGO snails glow through a sequence of commands. They showed excellent creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork while experimenting with different codes and testing their designs.

In Science, the children continued their learning about habitats and polar animals. They explored the different environments found in polar regions and discussed how animals survive in extremely cold conditions. The children used their research skills to create detailed fact files about a variety of polar animals, including information about their habitats, diets, and physical features.

Rehearsals for *Treasure Island* have officially begun, and excitement is building across Year 2! The children are already enjoying stepping into the world of pirates, adventure, and hidden treasure as they learn their lines, songs, and actions. We cannot wait to see their confidence grow as we continue preparing for our exciting performance!

Year 2 Maths Superstars

Congratulations to Ralph for achieving his Bronze Star and Reva and Kit for achieving their Silver Stars in the Year 2 Timestable Challenge Quest! A great achievement!

This week's lunchtime superstar is TJ in Nursery. You always bring a big smile to lunchtime and brighten everyone's day by kindly calling the kitchen team 'Chef.' Your lovely manners, and kindness make them feel so appreciated. We are very proud of the way you spread happiness and positivity to others.

Top of the leader board this week is **Ahlberg** House with a superb total of **965** House points. Congratulations to **Ahlberg** house.

Merit Awards:

Isabelle D, Axel K, Abigail H, Jack R, Jocelyn VA, Ted H, Julia O, Alecsi H, Tilly C, Harry P, Chloe L, Nola T, Rowan B-R, Isabella D, Miran F, Eva B, Adam Z, Caitlyn M, Henry W, Oscar M, Martha VA, Kit W, Izzy H, Leonardo D and Laksh P

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

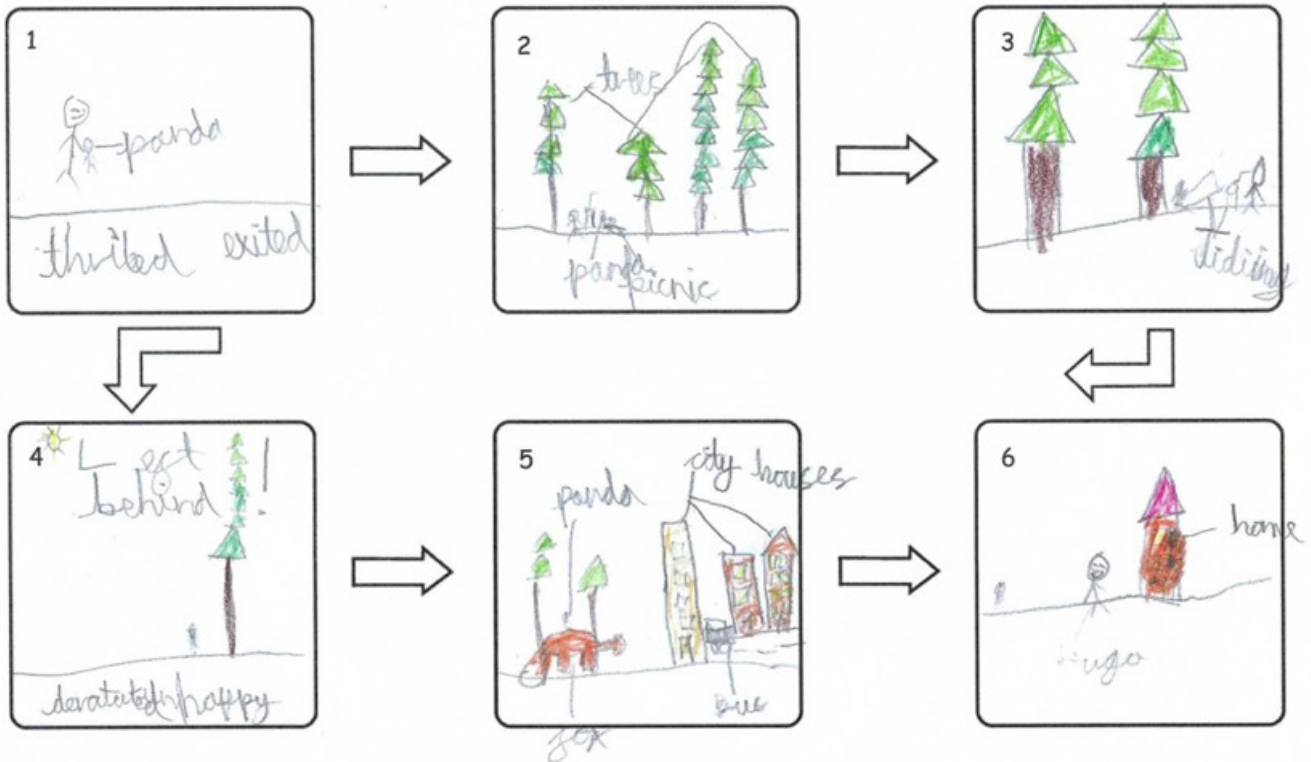
Work of the Week

This week in Year 1 we have been continuing looking at our text 'The Seesaw' by sequencing the story and discussing the emotions felt by the characters. We then created a story map based around our own teddy going missing. We thought about its wonderful adventure home and using nouns and adjectives.

Here is Hugo's retelling of his penguin's journey.

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LO: To plan a story.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

We've had such a super duper exciting week in Nursery! We started with our special Grandparents' Mornings, and wow... so many lovely grandparents came to play with us. They helped us with all our building challenges, and guess what — we built a record breaking tower using 21 cups! It was so tall we had to stretch up on our tippy toes to see the top.

We've also been busy practising for our big EYFS show, 'Into the Wild', with Reception. We've been on the big stage, learning our dance moves, singing our songs, and using our big, clear voices. We can't wait for you to come and watch us next week — we've been working really, really hard and we're feeling very proud.



Reception News

Reception have had an animal-tastic week rehearsing for our Early Years show 'Into the Wild'. Neptune class are crocodiles, Mars class are bears and the whole of Nursery and Pre-Reception are other animals. Thank you to all the parents who have helped the children learn their lines at home. For our costumes we have made special headdresses and we have been practising singing some catchy songs and fabulous dances. We can't wait to perform for you all next Tuesday and Wednesday.

We thoroughly enjoyed having Grandparents join us and playing Bingo with them, showing them our classrooms and making them bookmarks to take home. Some Grandparents even watched a PE lesson and were impressed with our ball skills. On Wednesday afternoon, we had some other special visitors; students from Reigate Grammar School came to read us the children's books they had written. Thank you for sharing them with us.

In Maths, our number this week has been 20. We have explored how this is made of 2 groups of 10 and can be made in lots of other ways too. This has involved talking lots about teen numbers and singing some of our favourite number songs too. In phonics, we continue to revisit the Phase 3 sounds and are becoming much more adept at writing sentences with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 16th May 10.00am to 11.30am Nursery Open House

A special morning of fun, discovery and exploration, if you know of families who are looking for a nursery, please do let them know about our open house morning.

Tuesday 19th May 6pm - Yr 1, 7+ meeting

Year 1 parents please meet in the hall

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th May 9am - EYFS Show

For Nursery, Pre-reception & Reception parents.

Coffee available under the porch from 8.30am



Friday 22nd May – Non-uniform day

Please bring in a bottle for the tombola for the PTA Summer Fun Day

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PTA Tea House - After school

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May -Half term



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SUMMER FUN DAY

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PRIZES
TO BE WON!

5
TICKETS
FOR
£15!

RAFFLE!

1. Ooni Karu 12 Essentials
Pizza Oven Bundle
(WORTH £374!)

2. Pair of premium tickets
to Paddington The Musical

3. Showstopper Cake by
Smithalicious Cakes

AND MANY MORE
FANTASTIC PRIZES!

TO BE DRAWN AT
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AND NURSERY

20TH JUNE 2026
★ AT 4PM ★

MORE TICKETS, MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

5 TICKETS FOR £15!

Private Draw. Reg Charity No. 1065103 Promoter: St Christopher's PTA

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