



## Weekly News

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

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by, filled with learning, new experiences and of course lots of fun. The children are in full flow of preparing for their end of year shows, which promises to be hugely entertaining. We look forward to welcoming grandparents to school next week and to have our smiles ready for our whole school photo.

### **Year One News**

In English, we continued our work on *The Sea Saw*. The children thought carefully about how the sea helped Bear in the story and worked together to create clauses such as “kept the bear safe” and “took the bear out of the cold.” The children then learned how to join their ideas together using the conjunction *and* to make longer sentences. The children also created maps to show the beach where Bear was left, the sea that carried him and the river that helped him return to Sofia. Later in the week, we explored alliteration, noticing how the words *See* and *Saw* begin with the same sound. The children had lots of fun creating their own alliterative titles such as “The Sky Saw” and “The Waves Watched.”

In Maths, we have been practising counting forwards and backwards in 2s and 5s. The children used practical resources such as socks, wheels, starfish and dice to help them spot patterns when counting. We also enjoyed singing rhymes together to help us remember our counting patterns.

In Science, the children began learning about the different parts of a flowering plant. They identified the roots, stem, leaves, flowers and petals and even carried out their own simple plant dissections using classroom scissors. The children enjoyed exploring a range of different plants and noticing how leaves and flowers can vary in shape and size.

In Topic, we explored our planet and learned that Earth is made up of both land and water. The children began learning about the continents and oceans, using songs to help remember their names. We also discussed the equator and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Next week, we will move on to learning more about the United Kingdom.

### **Year Two News**

This week, Year 2 have been building suspense into their writing. They took an excerpt from *James and the Giant Peach* and worked in groups to identify the techniques used by Roald Dahl before using these in their own writing. The children imagined events happening in slow motion so they could describe every step of the disastrous moment when James fell, and the bag of creatures escaped his grasp. They added questions for the reader, interesting verbs, varied sentence lengths and mysterious remarks to create tension and excitement in their work.

In Maths, the children have continued to build on their understanding of fractions. They were challenged to find the whole when they were only given one part (fraction). This led to practical work using cups and counters to show that if, for example, one quarter is 3, they could work out the whole using 4 cups each containing 3 counters. In another lesson, the children worked outside drawing shapes and colouring fractions with chalk on the playground. They are becoming increasingly confident in their skills and knowledge of fractions.

Science has sparked lots of independent research into habitats. This week, Year 2 explored polar habitats and researched animals and the ways they have adapted to survive in polar climates.

The children are also getting fully involved in rehearsals for the upcoming Treasure Island show. Lines and cues are being perfected, and the children have begun acting out their parts with enthusiasm.

Venus class are thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions with Mrs Taperell and are making the most of the outdoor learning opportunities. Mercury class are looking forward to beginning their sessions after half term.

### **Whole School Photo**

A reminder that our whole school photograph will take place on Thursday next week. Please ensure all children come to school wearing their smart summer uniform and looking their best for the occasion.

### **Year 2 Maths Superstars**

A huge well done to Tristan for gaining his Silver Star in learning his timestables – a brilliant achievement!

This week's lunch time superstars are all the Nursery Staff—thank you for always being so helpful! Well done Nursery team!

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **679** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

#### Merit Awards:

Malyk R-K, Edward C, Noah E, William M, Austin F, Hugo Q, Heidi L, Sebastian PdM, Daniel G , Cora M, Lars R and  
Lucy S

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 our focus has been 2's, 5's and 10's. Miran in Saturn challenged himself to count on from any given number

4.5.2026  
LO: To count in 2's and 5's

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2's 43 45 47 49 51 53 ~~55~~ 57 59 ✓

2's 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 ✓

2's 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 ✓

5's 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, 34, 39 ✓

5's 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 ✓

5's 60, 71, 76, ~~81~~, ~~86~~, 91, 101 ✓

① ✓ What went well: Super counting on!

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Well done!  
Your next step is: 10's : 46 ~~4~~ ~~50~~ ~~5~~ ~~76~~

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week, we became doctors, nurses, and caring helpers in our nursery!

We explored what it's like to look after people who might be feeling poorly. We made our very own hand X-rays using chalk on black card, just like real ones! Then we used cotton buds to carefully create the "bones" inside our hands. We had to look closely at some photos but then also used our imaginations!

We made our own first aid kits. We used real medical items like plasters and bandages, and practised wrapping and sticking them carefully. It helped us build our finger strength and coordination (and we felt very important helping each other!).

For our fine motor activity, we worked on placing beads along "heart rhythm" lines. The lines were a bit jagged and tricky, but we concentrated hard to follow them, just like doctors reading heart monitors!

Our role play area turned into a busy surgery. We had beds for patients, doctors giving check-ups, and lots of caring conversations. We showed kindness by looking after our friends and making sure everyone was comfortable.

In phonics, we learned the sound 'n' - for narwhal! We practised saying the sound and thinking of other "n" words.

We've had such a busy and exciting week helping, creating, and learning together!



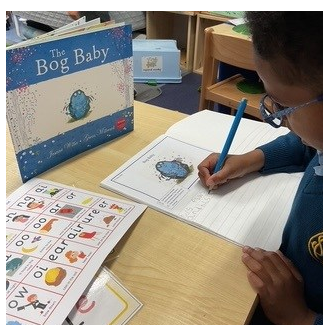
## Reception News

Reception have been hard at work rehearsing for *Into the Wild*! We've been brushing up on our lines, practising our moves and singing with great enthusiasm – you're in for a real treat when performance time arrives!

Our story this week has been *Bog Baby*. The children loved exploring this unusual little creature and thinking carefully about different ways to describe the Bog Baby. They all came up with their own unique ideas, demonstrating fantastic imagination and meticulous observation skills.

In maths, we have been practising number sentences and recording both addition and subtraction. We pretended to be frogs on a lily pad, jumping into the pond to find out how many were left – a fun and engaging way to explore taking away!

Well done, Reception, for another brilliant week of learning.



## Dates for the Diary

**Monday 11th May - 8.50am-10.15am - Grandparent's Morning for Ahlberg & Dahl**

**Monday 11th May 6pm Juniper Hall - Information meeting**

*Year 2 parents please meet in the hall*

**Tuesday 12th May - Grandparent's Morning for Donaldson & Kemp**

**Wednesday 13th May - Year 1 trip to Wisley**

*The children should wear their PE kit and trainers and have their waterproof coat and sun hat.*

**Wednesday 13th May - No Multi sports Club**

**Thursday 14th May - Whole school Photo**

*Please come dressed in smart summer uniform*

**Friday 15th May - No Tennis Club**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Non-uniform day**

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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 5pm - Summer Fun Day on**

*Do come along!*





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

Sutton & Epsom Rugby:

Jack R, Charlie H, Henry H, Louis K, - U5 squad players

Alfie H- U6 squad player

Muzhi D- U7 squad player

Henry W- Teamwork highly commended

Polly S- Respect award

Startastic gymnastics:

Sophia M- Bronze 1

Abby H- working towards Bronze 1

Heidi L- working towards Bronze 3 & Star of the week for her vault and floor

Sylvie A- Star of the week for her floor routines

Edward C - Skiing snowflake awards 1 and 2

Rainbow swimming:

Jocelyn VA- 5 metres

Chloe L- 10m

Mateo B- 100 metres

Luigi DSCM- shin pads and medals from a football tournament in Oxford, 3 'Man of the Match' wristbands, a winners medal and runners up medal from a football tournament



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Oscar M and Sebastian PdM for your Diamond Certificate.



**Excellence in Art:**

Dawn F for using a sewing machine to make a shoulder bag and scrunchie