



Weekly News

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

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents,

A Memorable Summer Afternoon

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising such a fun-filled Summer Fair. The afternoon was packed with excitement, from the raffle and helter-skelter to the delicious food and wide range of activities on offer. It was wonderful to see so many families come together to enjoy a relaxed and happy afternoon in the sunshine. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event such a success.

Thank You for Your Support

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents for your support this week. With the exceptionally hot weather and the amount of information that needed to be shared, we greatly appreciated your cooperation and understanding. You responded brilliantly, helping to ensure that the children remained safe, comfortable and ready to learn throughout the week. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

House Day – Wednesday 1st July

Following careful consideration, we have made the decision not to reschedule Sports Day in its usual format. Instead, on Wednesday 1st July, we are looking forward to holding a House Day for all St Christopher's pupils. This will be a special in-school event, just for the children.

The day will begin with a house assembly and will include a range of sporting activities, team challenges and other fun house events. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy being active, work together and celebrate their house spirit in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Our House and Sports Captains will also play an important role in leading and supporting the activities, just as they would have done on Sports Day.

This decision has been made with the children's wellbeing at the forefront, taking into account the recent extreme temperatures, the continued uncertainty of the weather forecast and the many exciting end-of-term events still to come. We want to ensure that all children can enjoy participating safely and comfortably.

On the day, children should come to school wearing their house T-shirt, PE shorts and trainers. They are also very welcome to wear house-coloured hair accessories or face paint to help celebrate the occasion.

We appreciate that some families may be disappointed that Sports Day will not be taking place in its usual format. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic House Day and know the children will have a wonderful time celebrating together.

Year One News

The children have been fabulous this week, working incredibly hard despite the very warm weather. They have thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning outdoors, using clipboards in the shade of the trees and making the most of our wonderful school grounds.

In English, the children have been exploring characters' feelings and using exciting adjectives to describe their emotions.

They sequenced the story through drama and freeze-frame activities before beginning to plan their own versions of *Lubna and Pebble*. We are looking forward to reading their imaginative stories next week.

In Maths, the children have been learning all about money. We discussed the value of different coins, played shops and compared notes. The children also enjoyed explaining why a note is not always worth more than a coin, leading to some excellent mathematical discussions and reasoning.

In Topic, we explored different climates around the world and discussed how weather conditions vary from place to place. We are excited to build on this learning by exploring animals and their habitats next week.

In Art, the children worked with clay to create their own plants. They loved experimenting with the material and discovering how it changes shape when manipulated in different ways. They showed great creativity and care with their designs, and we are looking forward to painting our clay plants next week.

Year Two News

This week, we were lucky to start with an exciting trip to The Barbican to watch the London Symphony Orchestra perform *Swans! Planes! Ships! Trains!* – a live concert that told the story of travelling from London to New York using different modes of transport. The orchestra brought the journey to life through music, using different instruments to create the sounds of each stage of the adventure. A particular favourite was the wonderfully creaky sound of a rusty old train! The children had previously learnt the song *What Am I to Do?*, which formed part of the concert, and they sang brilliantly as part of the performance.

In Maths, the children have continued developing their understanding of time. They practised telling the time using half past, quarter past and quarter to, before progressing to reading the time in 5-minute intervals.

In Literacy, the children have been honing their newspaper report writing skills. Using their reporters' notebooks and evidence gathered from last week's exciting events, they constructed reports featuring attention-grabbing headlines, factual and well-ordered recounts, and statements from eyewitnesses. Mercury Class reported on the pirate panic at the Admiral Benbow Inn, while Venus Class covered the shocking case of the shrinking Mrs Bohn! Our Quentin Blake-inspired Art project has continued this week with a focus on *James and the Giant Peach*. Year 2 explored how to paint peaches using watercolours, learning the "wet-on-wet" technique to create beautiful still-life paintings with blended colour.

As we approach the end of the children's time at St Christopher's, our PSHE and Mighty Minds learning has focused on the theme of change. The children reflected on how they have changed and grown over the years and explored how their brilliant brains can help them be determined and brave. They learnt that it is perfectly normal to feel worried when things begin to change, but that they already have everything they need to be strong, resilient and ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

Staffing News

As we reach the end of the school year, we are saying goodbye to two much-valued members of the St Christopher's family.

After an incredible 20 years at St C's, Mrs Degg is retiring. It is difficult to put into words the impact she has had on our school community over the past two decades. An inspirational and award-winning art teacher, Mrs Degg has nurtured the creativity and confidence of countless children, encouraging them to believe in their own artistic abilities. Her passion, dedication and unwavering commitment to our pupils have left a lasting legacy, and she will be greatly missed by staff, children and families alike. We wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Ms Brown, who has dedicated 20 years to St Christopher's through her work in our school kitchen and after-school club. Her kindness, hard work and friendly smile have been a constant source of comfort and care for so many children over the years. She has been **an important part of daily school life, and her warmth and** commitment will be greatly missed. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her every happiness for the future.

On behalf of everyone at St Christopher's, we extend our heartfelt thanks to both Mrs Degg and Ms Brown for their outstanding dedication and the difference they have made to our school community.

LAMDA certificates for Solo Introductory Stage 2 grade:

Aathvika S- distinction, Alexander S- distinction, Lucy S- distinction, Mateo B- distinction, Polly S- distinction, Reva M- distinction, Martha VA- distinction, Henry W- distinction, Lars R- distinction, Aaron E- distinction and Cora M- distinction

This week's **lunch time superstar** is Jonty for impressing the catering team with your fantastic appetite this week and for trying lots of different foods. Well done Jonty !

Merit Awards:

Emma S, Charlie H, Cece E, Henry H, Ottilie H, Rowan BR, Irina B, Finn G, Jack S, Georgia S, Lars R, Polly S, Martha VA, Lucy S, Caitlyn M, Muzhi D, Reva M, Sophia M, Luigi DSCM and Ralph C

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan


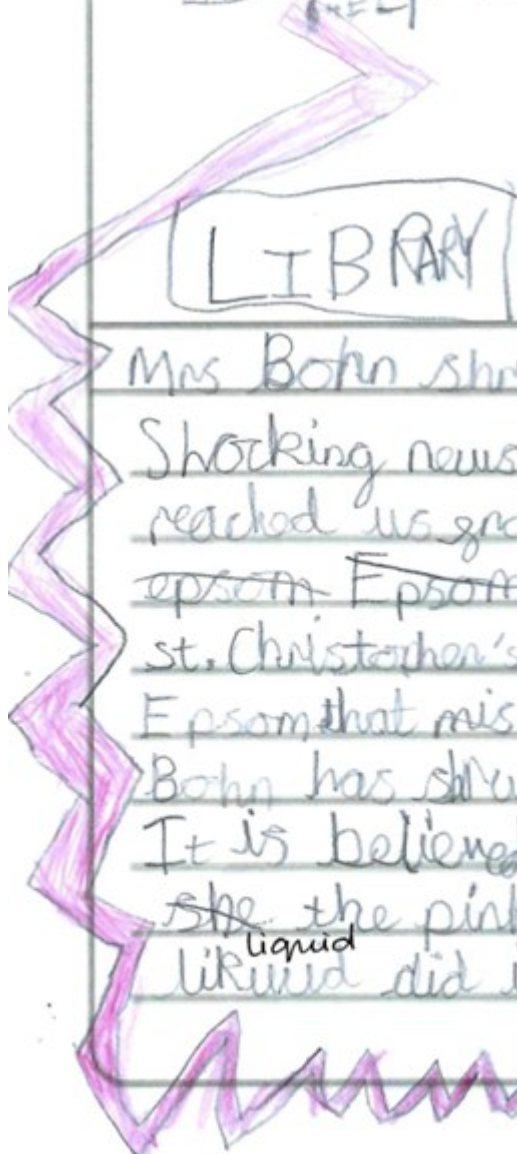
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Work of the Week

Venus class were shocked to discover evidence of a mysterious shrinking this week! Mrs Bohn had shrunk while preparing a science experiment. The children gathered their evidence and took witness statements before writing their news report. Here is Aaron's fantastic work.

~~SH~~ SHOCKING Shrinking
By Aaron Devinport ^{the} president

Pink Danger

 HELP 

LIBRARY

Mrs Bohn shrunk
Shocking news
reached us from
~~epson~~ Epsom
st. Christopher's in
Epsom that mis Mrs
Bohn has shrunk!
It is believed
~~she~~ the pink
^{liquid} liquid did it.

Mrs ~~Kilton~~ Kilton said
"I ~~had~~ heard a
gizzing noise and
a bang. I saw
a ~~big~~ flash
of light!"

J-T ~~se~~ said "I
heard a gizz and
I ~~saw~~ saw a
bubble."

Tabbitha said
I ~~that~~ ~~se~~ she
saw ^{liquids} liquids on
the table.

This is a super
report! (SHP)

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week in nursery, we have been learning all about Health and Fitness. With the World Cup in full swing, the children have enjoyed exploring the countries in England's World Cup group: Panama, Croatia, Ghana, and England. Through a range of activities, they have learned about different cultures, flags, foods, and traditions while discussing the importance of staying active and healthy.

In the kitchen, the children made a traditional English favourite – scones! After baking, they tasted them with blackcurrant, strawberry, and apricot jam. Strawberry was the clear favourite!

The Blue Room recreated the Panama flag, practising fine motor skills by tracing stars and using shape recognition to create the flag design. In the Green Room, the children explored Ghana, learning about its flag, wildlife, culture, and location. Meanwhile, the Yellow Room focused on Croatia, creating beautiful paintings of the country's national flower, the iris, using watercolours and reference pictures.

In the garden, the children became footballers, using goals and coloured bibs to play their own matches, complete with a sideline bench for cheering on teammates.

Of course, our main priority this week was staying cool in the heat. We enjoyed lots of water play in the garden, and the children were very sensible when it was time to cool down and reapply their suncream.



Reception News

Despite the recent hot weather, Reception have continued to enjoy lots of exciting learning while keeping cool. The children particularly enjoyed water play in the classroom, helping them stay refreshed while learning through play.

We embraced the summer theme by writing lists of things we might take to the beach and creating colourful sun safety posters. The children showed a great understanding of how to stay safe in the sun and were very proud of their creative work.

In Maths, we have been learning about ordinal numbers, ordering trophies and medals from 1st to 10th place and practising vocabulary such as first, second, and third. In French, we continued our "under the sea" topic, creating sea creature carousels to showcase the vocabulary we have been learning.

As we approach the end of the school year, we have also been assessing the children's progress in Maths and Phonics. We are delighted with their achievements and the fantastic progress they have made this year. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to enjoying our final weeks together!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th June - Year 2 singing at Linden House

Tuesday 30th June 8.30am-8.50am - Sharing our Learning

Please accompany your child to their classroom after drop off

Wednesday 1st July – House Day

Children to wear House t-shirts, Pe shorts and trainers

Thursday 2nd July - Moving Up Morning

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Reception Ready Meeting 6pm

For Pre-Reception parents and new Reception starters

Friday 4th July - Year 2 - Funded by the PTA

The children should wear their PE kit and trainers, and long hair must be tied back. Please make sure that your child also has their school fleece, raincoat and water bottle as all the activities will be outside. Please apply a 'one application' sunscreen to your child prior to school.



Mathletics: Congratulations to;

Oscar M– for your Epic I Certificate

Sylvie A– for your Emerald I Certificate

Hugo Q– For your Legend I Certificate

Arvid M– For your Epic V Certificate

Chloe L– For your Super Legend Certificate



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Oscar M- headstart sports camp and Dyplom Zerowkowicza from Polish school

Isabella D- Ambition School of Dance: Aqua theatre tap rosette and Cream theatre ballet rosette. Also Stage Coach star of the week.

Chloe L- Learn to Swim level 2

Heidi L- Star-Tastic gymnastics Star of the Week and Superstar award

Austin F- Yellow belt in Kung Fu

Sylvie A - Swimming Level 3

Hugo Q - Swimming level 3



This summer there is a very special opportunity for St Christopher's students to join the Summer Musical Theatre Workshop run by Fitznells Music Centre. Our Head of Music Mrs Sophie Colchester will be the Workshop Director and Musical Director for the week-long event, which runs from 17 - 21 August. The workshop, for ages 6-16, gives students the chance to learn songs, dances and scenes from their favourite shows, under the guidance of professionally-trained tutors, before taking to the stage for a Showcase Performance on the Friday afternoon. The workshop takes place at Ewell Castle School. To book a place, or for more information, email fitznellsmusic@gmail.com.



The poster features a dark blue background with a large white circle at the top. Inside the circle is the Fitznells Music logo, a stylized 'F' and 'M' inside a circle, with the text 'FITZNELLS INSPIRING MUSIC' below it. The main title 'Summer Musical Theatre Workshop 2026' is written in a large, bold, serif font, curving across the middle. Below the title, the dates '17-21 August' and location 'at Ewell Castle School' are listed. A yellow circle on the left contains the text 'AGES 6-16'. Below this, the text 'TUITION FROM TRAINED PROFESSIONALS IN:' is followed by 'SINGING' (with a microphone icon), 'DANCING' (with a dancer icon), and 'ACTING' (with a mask icon). Silhouettes of a singer, a dancer, and a person in a dress are scattered around the text. At the bottom left, a QR code is placed on a yellow banner that says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION'. At the bottom right, a yellow banner reads 'JOIN OUR HEAD OF MUSIC MRS COLCHESTER FOR A WEEK OF MUSICAL THEATRE FUN THIS SUMMER'. Below this, the contact information 'For details or to reserve your place, email: fitznellsmusic@gmail.com' is provided.

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AGES 6 - 16

17-21 August
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