



Weekly News

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

Friday 5th June 2026

Dear Parents,

LAMDA Success

A huge well done to the Year 2 children who recently took their LAMDA exams, and all achieved a Distinction – an outstanding achievement! We are incredibly proud of their hard work, confidence and dedication.

LAMDA (the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) examinations help children develop communication, performance and public speaking skills through activities such as speaking verse and prose, storytelling and acting. These qualifications build confidence, creativity and self-expression, making this fantastic success even more impressive.

Thank you to Mrs Russell for guiding the children to this brilliant achievement. If parents are interesting in signing up for LAMDA lessons for their children in the Autumn Term, please do contact Mrs Russell on figuresofspeechlessons@gmail.com

Amazing work, Year 2 – congratulations to you all!

Year One News

This week has been full of excitement as we have been busy practising and rehearsing for our KS1 show next week. The children have been singing, dancing and acting with great enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to seeing them perform in their costumes and proudly wear their individually made headdresses.

In Literacy, we completed our BIG Write and finished our work based on *The Sea Saw* by Tom Percival. The children wrote their own lost-toy adventure stories, independently using story starters, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, apostrophes, prefixes and suffixes to make their writing engaging and exciting. Their stories were fantastic, and we have loved sharing them with others around the school.

In Maths, we have been learning about positional and ordinal language. The children enjoyed giving and following instructions like robots, using imperative verbs and positional language to direct one another. Our main challenge has been remembering our left and right!

In Topic, we began learning about the United Kingdom. The children have been identifying the four countries of the UK and matching their flags to their locations on a map.

In Science, we observed the seeds we planted during our visit to Wisley. The children were delighted to see how much they had grown. We can now identify stems, leaves and, in some cases, roots growing outside the pots. We have also been learning to identify wild and garden plants. The children now know that wildflowers, such as bluebells, buttercups, daisies, dandelions and nettles, grow naturally in the countryside, whereas garden plants, such as sunflowers and roses, are planted and cared for by people.

Year Two News

In Literacy, the children have been exploring similes and metaphors. Inspired by *James and the Giant Peach*, they used these powerful descriptive techniques to bring the famous peach to life through their writing. We were amazed by their imaginative ideas and the vivid language they used to create rich and colourful images for their readers.

In Maths, the children completed their assessment on fractions, drawing on everything they have learned throughout the topic. They demonstrated their understanding through a variety of questions, including some challenging problem-solving tasks. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, perseverance and determination they showed throughout the assessment.

Mercury Class have been learning all about garden birds. They explored different habitats and discussed where birds choose to make their homes. The children had the exciting opportunity to examine a real Song Thrush nest, investigating the materials used to build it and considering why these were suitable. Working in pairs, they then became nest-builders themselves, using natural resources from the forest to create their own impressive nests.

In French, the children combined creativity with their growing language skills by designing their own monsters. They applied their knowledge of numbers and parts of the body to describe their creations, producing some wonderfully imaginative and often very amusing characters.

Our budding athletes have been developing a range of athletics skills in Games. They have been practising long jump, hurdles, vortex throwing and high jump, showing excellent effort, enthusiasm and determination as they work to improve their techniques.

And finally, the excitement is building as rehearsals for *Treasure Island* continue in full swing! The children have been working incredibly hard learning their lines, songs and stage directions. The energy, enthusiasm and talent on display have been fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow with each rehearsal. Are you excited yet? We certainly are! Watch this space—*Treasure Island* is shaping up to be a spectacular adventure!

Staffing News

We have some lovely news to share with parents this week. Ms Louvel is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of July and will return to us next year. Ms Speer is also expecting a baby and will be starting maternity leave in October.

Collecting Children from Owls

A message for parents who collect children from Owls. We would ask that parents do not park in the car park before 5.00pm, as this can cause congestion and creates safety concerns with children also being in the car park. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Year 2 Maths Superstars

Congratulations to Arvid for achieving his Bronze Maths Star and to Aathvika for achieving her Silver Star – a wonderful achievement!

This week's Lunchtime Superstar is Jonah for being an excellent role model in the lunch hall and using his knife and fork so well. Fantastic manners, Jonah – well done!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **1487** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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Work of the Week

Tristan in Mercury wrote a descriptive opening based on James and the Giant Peach. Well done !

L.O. To write a descriptive opening.

One warm Autumn term, James was wondering through the beautiful park, hiding from his ugly aunts. He spied like a detective. Just then he found the peach that Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge had hidden! The peach was like a palace. James found an enormous mysterious hole. He went through it and he smelled and tasted some of the wonderful juice. It was like an orange sunset that reflected on the water. WOW!

What a wonderful opening Tristan! Your last simile is beautiful. (3hp)

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a lovely start to our final term in nursery! We loved hearing about everyone's half-term adventures and we were so proud of how well the children settled back into their routines.

This week, we have explored maths and phonics, focusing on number lines and recognising numbers 1–10. We jumbled our numbers and even made numbers disappear from our lines! We used our counting fingers, and worked together with our friends to help us find the missing number and the next number. We also enjoyed a phonics hunt, using magnifying glasses to find and draw objects beginning with our focus sounds.

In the creative room, we talked about our families and drew detailed family portraits. The children described them in wonderful details. "Daddy has short hair... Mummy has green eyes... My doggie is small", before creating square photo frames using lollipop sticks.

In the kitchen the yummy smell of pastry has been wafting through the air as we made some yummy cheese straws! We weighed and mixed our pastry ingredients and engaged in excellent turn-taking when sharing the equipment with our friends. We used the graters to grate some cheese to sprinkle in our bake and once our pastry was cooked, we enjoyed eating them at the snack table with our friends!

What a fantastic week it has been in nursery!



Reception News

On Tuesday, we had our last school trip of the year and ventured up into the woods. We began the day with a minibeast hunt, carefully looking under logs and coaxing bugs into small pots with 'tickling sticks'. We looked at them more closely with a microscope and categorized them depending on how many legs they had. We had a minibeast Olympics and set them all free!

Next, we put on blindfolds to pretend we were nocturnal animals and followed a trail only using our hands to feel like antennae. It was such a fun, and a new experience that the children embraced with gusto! After that, it was time to make a magic potion to help the trees grow big and strong, followed by a picnic whilst there was a huge downpour. Our afternoon activity was pond-dipping. We all had a turn of dipping the net in amongst the lily pads and dredging up some pondlife to look at. Fascinating stuff. Back in the classroom we have written a recount of the day and all the children were bursting with memories and facts. Many wrote more than ever before; which was very impressive. Now we can't wait to begin turning our shoe-boxes into a miniature Nower Woods!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th June - Pre-Reception trip to Little Street

Children should wear their usual Nursery uniform for this trip, we advise shorts as it gets very warm inside



Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th June - Year 1 & 2 Production of Treasure Island

Refreshments for Yr 1 & 2 parents served under the porch from 8.30am



Thursday 11th & Friday 12th June - Year 2 residential trip to Juniper Hall

Please read the reminders send via Parent Mail

Thursday 9.15am - drop off at Juniper Hall

Friday 3.45-4pm - Pickup from Juniper Hall



Thursday 11th June 2.30-3.45pm - 2nd Hand uniform sale

In Jupiter classroom please enter via the front door



PTA Summer Fun Day

Saturday 20th June 2pm-5pm





Figures of Speech



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the Year 2 pupils who
recently passed their
LAMDA exam with
DISTINCTIONS!

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