



Weekly News

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

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents,

Thank you, Parents!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who generously gave gifts to our staff. Your thoughtful gestures were truly appreciated and brought joy to our team. From kind notes to beautifully wrapped surprises, each expression of gratitude reminded us of the strong partnership we share with our families.

Your support means so much and reinforces the sense of community that makes our school so special. Thank you for your kindness and for helping us feel valued and celebrated!

Goodbye Year 2

As we come to the end of the school year, we bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 2 pupils. What a fantastic journey it has been!

You have amazed us with your creativity, enthusiasm, and determination. From your incredible productions and joyful singing, to your beautiful artwork and enthusiastic learning, you have brought so much energy and joy to St Christopher’s. Your achievements this year have been truly outstanding.

We are so proud of everything you’ve accomplished, and while we’ll miss you dearly, we know you’ll continue to shine in your new schools.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our PTA

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to our incredible PTA for their unwavering commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. Their dedication has made such a positive difference to the life of our school and has created so many memorable experiences for our children.

Thanks to their tireless efforts, the children have enjoyed a host of wonderful events and treats throughout the year, including the visit from the chocolatier, our fantastic Christmas and Summer Fairs, school discos and many other special surprises. Their fundraising has also enabled us to purchase new gym equipment and additional playground resources, providing lasting benefits for all of our pupils.

We would also like to offer our sincere thanks to three valued members of the PTA who are stepping down from their roles this year: Mrs Wood, Mrs Ezeanaka and Ms Robbins. Your commitment, excellent communication and constant willingness to go above and beyond for our school have been truly remarkable. You have always put the children at the heart of everything you do, and your enthusiasm, generosity and countless hours of hard work have had a lasting impact on the St. Christopher's community.

On behalf of all the staff, governors, parents and, most importantly, the children, thank you for everything you have done. Your contribution has been invaluable, and you will be greatly missed. We wish you all the very best for the future.

A Wonderful St Christopher’s Day

What a joyous Wednesday it was as we celebrated St. Christopher’s Day in true style! The children arrived in their own clothes, ready for a fun-filled day of sunshine and smiles. We started off with an assembly followed by a carousel of activities. The whole school came alive with music, dancing, and games as laughter echoed across the grounds. This was topped off with delicious ice-cream, a St Christopher’s tradition that dates back to the 1950’s.

In the afternoon, our much-anticipated Talent Show took centre stage — and what a show it was! From sensational singing and dazzling dance routines to hoverboard tricks, magical illusions, football freestyle, stand-up comedy, and even some beautiful cello performances — the variety and talent on display were truly inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you to all our talented performers and to everyone who made the day such a memorable celebration of community, creativity, and fun!

Summer Concert Celebration

What an incredible showcase of talent at our Summer Concert! From Reception to Year 2, our young musicians amazed us with their performances — from recorders and orchestra pieces to stunning solo performances on the cello, violin, and piano, finishing with a beautiful violin duet. We are so proud of our wonderfully talented children.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Colchester for arranging, organising, and inspiring such a magical event.

Year Two News

This week has been a truly special one for Year 2 as they celebrated their final week at St. Christopher's, filled with wonderful memories and exciting events.

We began the week with our fantastic Summer Music Concert. It was a joy to see every child perform with such enthusiasm, singing beautifully and playing their recorders with growing confidence and skill. We were also treated to some outstanding solo performances, with our soloists demonstrating remarkable confidence and impressive musical talent.

Our class topic based on *James and the Giant Peach* also came to a wonderful conclusion. The children have thoroughly enjoyed following James and his friends' adventures throughout the term, and this week they brought the story to life by creating clay models of the characters in Art. Their creativity and attention to detail resulted in some fantastic character sculptures.

St. Christopher's Day was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the week—if not the entire year! Chris did an excellent job as Head of St Christopher's Day, and the children loved taking part in the wide variety of activities on offer across the school. The afternoon Talent Show showcased the incredible range of talents within Year 2. From ingenious magicians to hilarious comedians, talented gymnasts, and amazing artists, every performance was thoroughly entertaining. We were so proud of everyone who took part.

Finally, we have been preparing for our Leavers' Assembly and reflecting on all the wonderful memories we have made during our time together at St. Christopher's. It has been a privilege to watch the children grow, learn and flourish over the past two years. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know they are more than ready for their next adventure in Year 3.

We will miss you, Year 2, and wish you every success and happiness for the future!

Year One News

What a fantastic House Day we had! The children started the day by taking part in races while proudly representing their house colours. It was wonderful to see how much confidence they have gained and how proud they were to showcase the progress they have made in their PE skills this year. In the afternoon, they joined children from Nursery to Year 1 for a carousel of exciting team activities, competing together in their house groups. There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day, with teamwork, encouragement and plenty of smiles. A huge thank you to Miss Greenwood for organising such a memorable event.

In English, the children completed their BIG Write by creating their own versions of *Lubna and Pebble*. Some chose to retell the original story, others wrote themselves into the adventure, and some invented brand-new characters. They challenged themselves to include expanded noun phrases, direct speech and past tense verbs, and they were incredibly proud of their finished stories.

In Maths, we have been learning all about time. We began by recapping the days of the week and the months of the year before exploring hours, minutes and seconds. The children were fascinated to watch a video of Usain Bolt completing the 100 metres in under 10 seconds! Inspired by this, we investigated what we could do in just 10 seconds, such as taking our shoes off and putting them back on again. There was lots of laughter as we tackled the different challenges and compared our results.

Our Science and Topic learning have linked together beautifully this week. The children have continued learning about the seven continents before exploring the different animals, fruits and vegetables that can be found in each part of the world. They enjoyed making connections between geography and the natural world, and it was wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they discovered more about our amazing planet.

School Building Works

Over the summer holidays, essential repair work will be taking place on the school roof. Scaffolding will be put up next week in preparation for the project, which is scheduled to be completed before the children return to school in September.

Farewell and Thank You

This week, we also said a fond farewell to Mrs Degg and Ms Brown as they begin their well-deserved retirement. Between them, they have dedicated many years of service to St. Christopher's, touching the lives of countless children and families. Their kindness, care, dedication and unwavering commitment have helped shape our school community, and their positive influence will be felt for many years to come.

Mrs Degg and Ms Brown have each brought so much warmth, wisdom and enthusiasm to their roles. They have been valued colleagues, trusted members of our team and wonderful role models for both staff and pupils. Their presence has made St. Christopher's a happier, more caring place, and they leave behind an incredible legacy.

While we will miss them enormously, we are so grateful for everything they have given to our school. We wish them both many happy, healthy and fulfilling years ahead as they enjoy this exciting new chapter of life. They will always be part of the St. Christopher's family, and our doors will always be open to them.

We also wish Ms Louvel all the very best as she starts maternity leave and we look forward to seeing her soon.

Maths Superstars

Huge congratulations to all our maths superstars and to Oscar for persevering even on the final day of school to achieve his Gold Star! What an achievement!

As we come to the end of another successful year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support and partnership throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to witness the growth, achievements, and resilience of our children, and we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

We extend our warmest wishes to all families and children for a restful, enjoyable, and safe summer holiday. May this break provide the time to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories with loved ones. We say farewell to those children who are leaving us for pastures new, and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September, refreshed and ready for the new year ahead.

This weeks lunchtime super stars are Mrs Waite, Mrs Louvatt and Mrs Kouniaki. A huge thank you to all three of you for preparing such wonderful, delicious lunches for everyone each day. Your hard work, care and dedication are so appreciated, especially during this incredibly hot heatwave. We know it's not easy working in such warm conditions, and we are so grateful for everything you do to keep the children and staff well-fed and happy.

Top of the leader board this year is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **9829** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

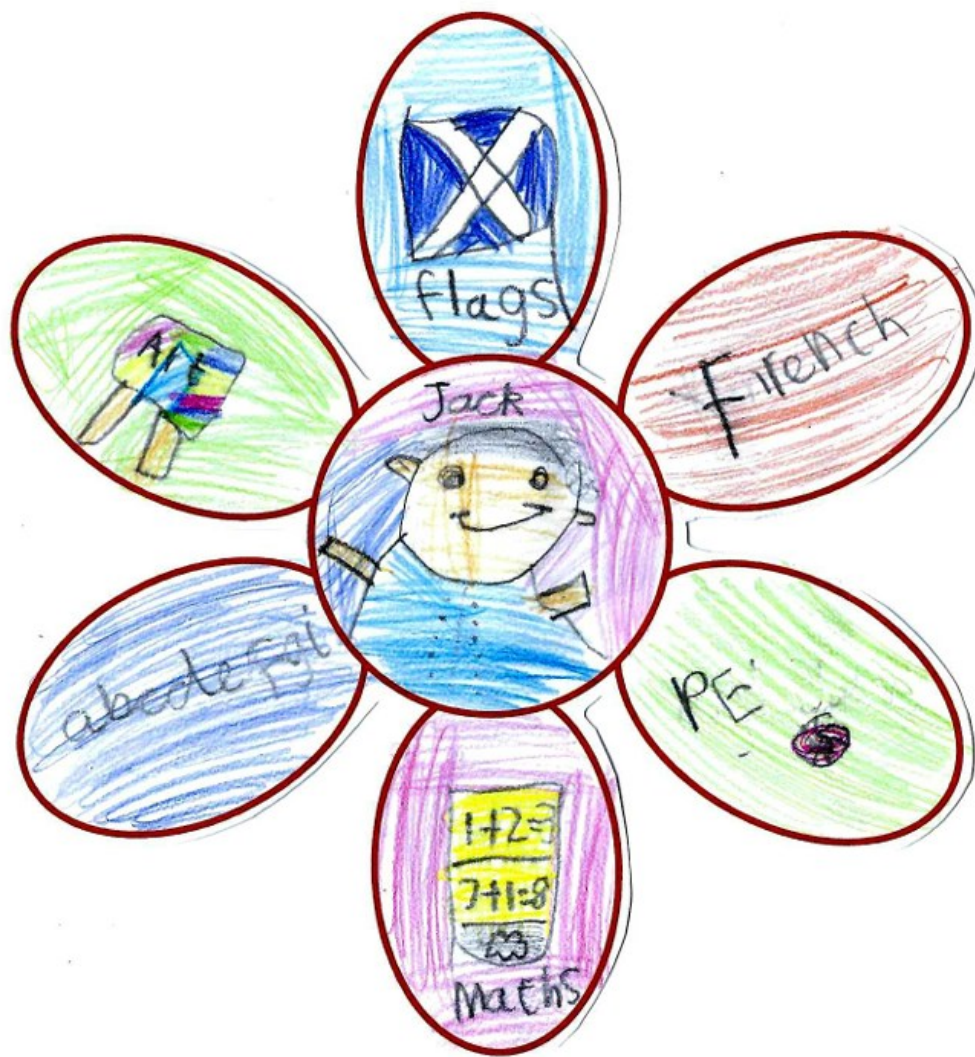
Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

Work of the Week

This week in PSHE we thought about the progress we have made this year. Jack thought about the things he has enjoyed and new skills he has learnt, such as joined up cursive handwriting.



Good luck, Year 2 – and never stop being amazing!



Goodbye....



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What a fantastic way to end the summer term in Nursery! Our final week was filled with excitement, laughter and unforgettable memories, with our fabulous St Christopher's Day celebrations being a real highlight. The children loved having the freedom to move around the school independently, exploring different activities with growing confidence. There were lots of smiles thanks to the colourful face painting, a delicious treat from the ice cream van, and everyone had a wonderful time dancing to our favourite songs.

We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year. They have grown in confidence, developed new friendships, embraced new challenges and amazed us every single day with their enthusiasm for learning. It has been a privilege to watch them flourish and become such kind, curious and independent learners.

Although we will miss them very much, we know they are more than ready for their next adventure as they move on to their new classes. We wish all of our Nursery families a fabulous, fun-filled summer and thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We can't wait to hear about all of your adventures when we see you again!



Reception News

A Fond Farewell to Our Reception Children

As we come to the end of a wonderful year, we would like to wish all of our lovely Reception children a very fond farewell and all the luck and success they so richly deserve as they move on to Year 1.

As we prepared learning folders, books and special memories to send home, we found ourselves reflecting on just how much the children have grown. We have watched them develop in confidence, independence and resilience, and we are so proud of the progress each and every child has made. They have matured enormously since their first days in Reception and are now more than ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

What better way to celebrate their journey than on **St Christopher's Day**!

Thank you to all our families for your support throughout the year—it has been a privilege to share this special chapter with your children.

So long, farewell Reception—we will miss you!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 3rd September - Term starts

Children to wear summer uniform until the half term

As a reminder Headstart have a Multi-activity Course at St Christopher's next week please go to : www.headstartsportscamps.com

Monday 7th September 6pm - Year 2 parents meeting

Tuesday 8th September 6pm - Year 1 parents meeting

Monday 14th September - Clubs Start

Chinthurst would like to share their newsletter, please follow the link below

[Chinthurst Summer Roundup 2026](#)

Wishing all of our families a very happy summer holiday

