



Weekly News

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

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome back all our children and families to St Christopher’s for another year full of exciting learning opportunities and events.

Year One News

What a lovely, busy first full week we have had in Year 1!

The children are really beginning to find their feet, settle into our routines and enjoy all that Year 1 has to offer. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing each day, and we are so proud of how positively they have approached their first full week.

In Maths, we have been busy developing our counting skills, focusing on reliably counting groups of objects within and beyond 10. We have some fantastic little mathematicians in Year 1 and have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, confidence and careful counting!

In English, we have started our new story, *Cave Baby*. The children very quickly decided that Cave Baby was rather cheeky! This led to some lovely conversations about times when they had been a little bit cheeky themselves, before writing about their own experiences. We certainly heard some very entertaining stories!

In Science, we explored the different parts of the human body. The children enjoyed sharing what they already knew and really impressed us with their knowledge, curiosity and enthusiasm for finding out more.

We have also enjoyed lots of Phonics this week, revisiting familiar sounds and building confidence with our blending and reading skills. It has been fantastic to see the children growing in confidence as they apply their phonics knowledge.

It has been a very happy, busy and exciting week, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children are settling into Year 1.

What a super start! We can’t wait to see what next week brings!

Year Two News

What a wonderful start to the new school year Year 2 have had!

The children have settled into their new routines beautifully and have thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories about their exciting summer adventures with their classmates. It has been lovely to see friendships developing and the children growing in confidence as they settle back into school life.

They have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into their learning, producing some fantastic writing inspired by our focus text, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children have written character descriptions using expanded noun phrases and created attention-grabbing ‘Wanted’ posters. Hugo certainly caught our attention when he described Goldilocks as displaying “dangerous, outrageous cruelty!” We think we may have a budding author in our midst!

In Maths, the children have been busy delving into the depths of place value and have impressed us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and determination. They have explored different ways of making numbers to 100 (and beyond), using practical resources and partitioning numbers in a variety of ways.

Finley particularly impressed us by not only partitioning a 3-digit number into hundreds, tens and ones, but then taking his learning even further by partitioning the tens using his number bonds. Great maths, Finley!

Mercury Class enjoyed an exciting visit to our new Forest School area, where they embraced a wonderfully soggy adventure! Despite the wet weather, the children explored with smiles, curiosity and resilience, showing us that a little rain certainly won't stop them from having fun.

Meanwhile, Venus Class enjoyed exploring the tools available on Seesaw, developing their digital skills and discovering the many ways technology can support their learning. They practised signing in and out and learned how to add photos, text and drawings to their work.

It has been a fantastic first week, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity the children have shown.

What a brilliant start to Year 2 — we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

A Wonderful House Assembly

We have had a wonderful House Assembly this week, bringing the whole school together to celebrate our House community. The atmosphere was fantastic as children and staff waved their House flags, cheered with enthusiasm and proudly showed their House spirit!

The children then headed into their individual Houses, where they enjoyed listening to a story by their House author. Inspired by the story, they worked collaboratively to create their very own House mascot of the year, using their creativity, imagination and teamwork.

It was wonderful to see children of all ages working together, sharing ideas and encouraging one another. The finished mascots were a fantastic reflection of the creativity and unique character of each House.

A brilliant celebration of belonging, teamwork and creativity — what a wonderful way to bring our school community together!

PTA AGM – Tuesday 22 September, 7pm, School Hall

We'd love to invite parents to come along, meet the PTA team and hear about some of the exciting events and activities we're planning for the children this academic year. We'll talk through what we achieved last year, go through the financial report and vote for our new PTA members. It's also a great opportunity to get involved, share your thoughts and ask any questions.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25 September, 8:30–9:30am, School Hall

We'd like to invite all parents, carers and grandparents to our annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Parent Information Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Parent Information Evenings this week. Thank you for coming and thank you from Mr Petitt for helping tidying away all the chairs.

Planned Road Closure

Surrey County Council have informed us that Downs Road, has been selected for footway repairs. The works will take place from Monday 28th September to Monday 5th October between 8am and 5pm. There will be a two-way signal in place from outside number 18 to outside number 48. A pedestrian walkway will be provided.

Art Overalls

We are starting the process of phasing out our art overalls on the school uniform list over this year. We would ask instead, that if you have any second-hand overalls, that they are donated to the school so we can create our own bank of overalls. If parents have purchased an overall this year, then of course your child will be able to use their own one, and we will aim to have this system fully in place by next year.

Year 1 and Year 2 Meetings with Mrs Grehan

Parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children will be invited to one-to-one meetings with Mrs Grehan to discuss next schools for Year 3. Please do look out for the invite.

New Faces at St Christopher's

We are delighted to welcome Ms Pippa May as our Year 2 teacher, who is covering Ms Speer when she leaves us for maternity leave. Ms May is an experienced Year 2 teacher who has worked in the RGS Family of schools for a number of years. Next week, we will be welcoming our new Operations Manager, Ms Sara Dibley. Ms Dibley is an experienced school Operations Manager, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to our team. You may notice over the next few weeks, Ms Cathy Trundle, visiting St Christopher's. Ms Trundle is the Headteacher at Chinthurst and a Consultant Principal who works across the RGS Family of Schools and is visiting us to get to know our community.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th September – Whole School Dress Like a Pirate Day

Friday 18th September – Open Morning at Chinthurst

Tuesday 22nd September – PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23rd September - Year 1 Brooklands Trip

Thursday 24th September – Individual School Photos

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hall

Friday 9th October – Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church

Thursday 15th October – Coffee with Mr Shaun Fenton

Uniform

Please could we ask that all uniform is clearly marked and labelled with children's names, including socks please! As the weather is variable at the moment, parents are reminded that during this first half term, you have a choice of wearing either summer or winter uniform. Children should have their fleeces and waterproof coats with them every day; however, when the weather starts to turn particularly cold, they can wear Navy winter coats. Winter uniform should be worn after half term and for our Harvests Festival.

Wonderful First Week Back

What a wonderful and busy first full week back! It has been fantastic to see our school community come together, with children embracing new routines, reconnecting with friends and throwing themselves into their learning with such enthusiasm.

We are incredibly proud of the positive start everyone has made and are excited for all the opportunities, adventures and learning that lie ahead this term.

Lunchtime Superstar

This week's lunch time superstar is Hugo for being very complimentary and kind to the kitchen staff. Your kind words and thoughtfulness are always appreciated. Well done Hugo!

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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Work of the Week

This week in year 1 we have started to look at our new text "Cave Baby" by Julia Donaldson. We've been on the look out for a very cheeky Cave Baby, who painted the walls in our classroom! We then discussed in class any cheeky things we had done together. Here's Leo's fantastic writing!

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- LO: To describe incidents from their own experience.

The cheeky thing I did
was when I " *
droo on the wall. 

*Copied from stem on the board.

Amazing writing today Leo!
well done for your full stop 😊

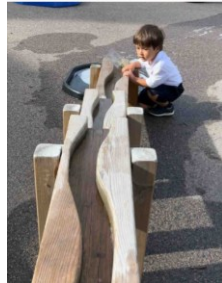
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an exciting start to our new school year! Our Pre-Reception children have settled beautifully into their first full week, and it has been wonderful welcoming back familiar faces who have moved up from Nursery. Whilst also welcoming some lovely new friends to both Pre-Reception and Nursery.

We are so proud of how they have settled and have already begun building fantastic relationships with their peers and key workers. This week has been all about learning the nursery routines, discovering what our days look like, and getting to know one another.

Alongside this, the children have enjoyed a week full of exciting experiences. Both Pre-Reception and Nursery took part in their first Forest School session of the term, creating wonderful conker bracelets and developing their confidence outdoors.

The children have also enjoyed French, PE and Music lessons, filling the week with movement, rhythm and lots of smiles. The children have loved exploring our different learning areas, from imaginative role play and sensory experiences to outdoor adventures and cosy story times. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled and look forward to many more exciting weeks ahead.



Reception News

Well done, Reception! We have now completed our first full week at school and what a wonderful week it has been. The children have settled in beautifully and have impressed us all with how quickly they have adapted to their new routines. We have been able to launch straight into our learning and have already achieved so much.

We begin each day with our Time for Phonics session. We have been introduced to four new sounds so far: s, a, t and p. Can you believe that we have already started using sound buttons to help us read words such as *at*, *tap* and *sat*? What a clever bunch we are! The children have shown great enthusiasm and are working hard to develop their early reading skills.

In Maths, we have been focusing on matching numerals to quantities. With the children demonstrating some impressive number knowledge and have enjoyed exploring numbers through a range of practical activities and games.

Our Visit to Discovery Land-We had a fantastic day exploring, the children enjoyed spending time in the Music Garden, following the Fairy Trail and even feeding some rather lively ducks! One of the biggest highlights was undoubtedly the tractor ride, which was met with lots of smiles, laughter and excitement.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into school life have loved seeing their confidence grow so much already and seeing they personalities all shine through.

Well done, Reception!



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14th September - Clubs commence

Please make sure you review the club information on parent mail being sent soon

Monday 14th September Pre-Nursery settling in meeting at 7pm

For our new Nursery children starting in January 2027

Friday 18th September 8.50am—Open Morning at Chinthurst for St Christopher's parents

Please confirm your attendance to ghes@chinthurstschool.co.uk or <mailto:lhughes@chinthurstschool.co.uk>

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Children to dress in pirate themed clothes for the day



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