



## Weekly News

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

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

### **Dress Like a Pirate Day**

Shiver me timbers, what a day we had! Our young buccaneers and trusty crew (the staff!) came decked out in their finest pirate gear – eye patches, bandanas, and even a parrot or two. We listened to swashbucklin’ pirate tales, joined in treasure-filled activities, and practiced our best “Arrr!” and “Ahoy!” It was a jolly good adventure for all!

### **Year One News**

It’s been another exciting week in Year 1, filled with curiosity, creativity and brilliant thinking across all areas of our learning!

In Literacy, we continued exploring *Cave Baby*, using adjectives to describe the animals in the story. The children also created actions for the different characters, bringing the story to life through movement and imaginative play. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm as they retell and explore the story.

In Maths, we focused on representing numbers in different ways and showing the amounts they represent. The children practised matching numerals to their written number words, helping to strengthen their understanding of how numbers can be represented and recognised.

In Topic, we became transport investigators! We thought carefully about questions we would like to answer and what we wanted to find out about different types of transport. The children came up with some fantastic questions, including:

- How does a boat float?
- How does an aeroplane fly?
- How does a bike balance without stabilisers?

Their thoughtful questions have given us lots to investigate and discover!

In Science, we explored how everybody’s body is different. We compared our ages and heights, wondering whether someone who is older is always taller than someone who is younger.

We also drew around our feet and compared their sizes by measuring them using bead strings. The children noticed similarities and differences between our feet and began thinking about why these differences might occur.

In Art, we looked closely at cave art and explored the types of paintings featured in *Cave Baby*. The children had a go at recreating animals from the story, experimenting with shape, paper texture and natural colours.

We crumpled paper to create a cave-wall effect and explored earthy, natural colours to mirror the style of prehistoric cave paintings. The results were wonderfully creative!

It’s been a wonderful week of questioning, comparing, creating and discovering. We are so proud of the children’s curiosity and the thoughtful ideas they are bringing to their learning each day.

Well done, Year 1!

## Year Two News

Year 2 have had another wonderful week filled with learning, creativity and fun!

This week, we have delved into the contrasting story of *Goldilocks*, discussing how it compares to the traditional version that we know so well. The children really enjoyed spotting similarities and differences, as well as sharing their own opinions about the characters and events.

During our Mighty Minds session, we looked carefully at how our brains work and explored the importance of gratitude. The children enjoyed filling their buckets with all the things they are grateful for.

In Maths, the children have worked incredibly hard on column addition, progressing from concrete resources, to pictorial representations, and finally to the abstract method. We have continued to keep our concrete and pictorial resources available to support understanding and build confidence. The children have particularly enjoyed playing games to explore partitioning and renaming. A special well done to Quinn, who did an amazing job and achieved the highest total when renaming 10 ones into a ten!

Our creativity has continued to shine in Art, where the children have been drawing self-portraits. Sebastian showed fantastic patience and attention to detail, carefully studying every feature to create an incredible contribution to his split portrait. We are so proud of the hard work, care and determination shown by everyone.

Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week! We can't wait to see what next week brings.

## Breakfast Club Message

A gentle reminder that Breakfast Club starts very early in the morning.

We kindly ask all families to be mindful of our neighbours and the local community at this time. Please ensure that children remain with you and do not play in the playground before Breakfast Club begins.

We would also really appreciate it if children could use quiet voices while waiting, as loud voices and noise can be particularly disruptive so early in the morning.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to be considerate of those living nearby. We really appreciate your support.

## 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.

## Future Dates for the Diary

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at St Martin's Church

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Coffee with Mr Shaun Fenton

This week's lunch time superstar is **Orla** for being such an amazing eater at lunchtime, being adventurous to taste new foods and flavours. Well done Orla!

## Merit Awards:

**Florence D, Harry P, Rowan B-R, Alfie H, Emma S, William M, Ava B, Louis B, Kyle A, Theodore D, Duke P and Esha P**

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

## Work of the Week

Year 2 have been delving into the book 'Me and You' by Anthony Browne to inspire their writing this week. They wrote about Goldilocks's feelings at different parts of the story. Hugo was able to add detail to his sentences using 'when' and 'because'. Well done Hugo!

14.9.26 LO: Comparison sentences

Goldilocks ran away in the ~~bed~~  
the traditional story meanwhile  
Goldilocks in the other story  
Goldilocks chased a balloon  
Goldilocks had straight, ~~her~~ red  
hair ~~but~~ in the other story Goldilocks  
had blonde, curly hair.

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| I can discuss the differences between two stories. | ✓ |
| I can explain the key events in a story.           | ✓ |
| I can use 'but' to compare and contrast.           | ✓ |

Lovely sentences comparing the 2 stories  
using 'but' and 'meanwhile'.

15.9.26 LO: To ~~desgr~~ ~~desegr~~ describe

Goldilocks' feelings -

When Goldilocks found her  
mum she felt joyful and relieved  
because she found her mum.

When Goldilocks ~~stepped~~ slept  
in the bear's bed cozy, cozy  
bed ~~to~~ she was relieved then content  
because she'd forgotten about it!

When she broke the chair and  
<sup>eaten</sup> ~~eat~~ the porridge because she  
felt worried because other people  
would be angry.

## Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our topic this week has been All about you giving the children lots of opportunities to talk about themselves, favourite things, feelings and their families!.

In Green Room, we have been creating wonderful observational self-portraits. The children needed to find their photograph of themselves on the table first and use their fine motor skills to carefully cut around the photo ready to stick onto the paper. There was lots of conversations about home and who lives with them too.

In the Blue Room, we have been creating loose-part faces using natural and everyday materials. The children looked carefully in mirrors and at different emotion pictures before recreating the faces using wooden sticks, string, buttons and pasta! It was lovely to hear the children talking about what emotion they could see. "That face is sticking his tongue out..." "I can see their teeth when they are smiling".

Our little chefs have been practising their spreading skills by making their favourite sandwiches. They spread butter followed by their chosen filling, including jam, honey and cream cheese. The tricky part was cutting their sandwiches before enjoying them at the snack table!

We finished the week with our exciting Pirate Day on Friday! Everyone looked fantastic, and we had lots of fun getting into the pirate spirit with themed activities too - Another fantastic week!



## Reception News

We are off to a terrific start – the children are settling in, growing in confidence, learning new routines and managing lots of important belongings. It is a lot to remember when you are only 4!

This week in phonics we have learnt the sounds:

i - down the pen and dot the ink

n - down narwahl and over the rainbow

m - draw the mouse, front legs, back legs

d - around the dogs body up to his head and down to his toes.

We are also practising blending sounds together with our 'robot arms' to read words. Also we have created snowy igloos, extremely sparkly necklaces and some Mickey and Minnie mouse hats!

In Maths, we have been choosing a numeral and printing with the matching numicon. Our number of the week is 3, so we have been learning how to make it in different ways and write it (round the tree, round the tree, that's how you write a number 3). Someone even told me that 'double 3 is 6'!



**The Foundation Team**

## Dates for the Diary

### **Tuesday 22nd September 7pm- PTA AGM**

*Meet the PTA team in the School Hall*

### **Wednesday 23rd September - Year 1 trip to Brooklands**

*Children should come to school wearing their full school uniform and bring a named raincoat . Please also ensure your child has a full named water bottle*



### **Wednesday 23rd September 2.30pm-3.45pm - PTA second Hand uniform Sale**

*This event is held in the Jupiter classroom-Please enter via the front door*



### **Thursday 24th September - Individual School Photos**

Please make sure children are dressed smartly and with their best smiles ready



### **Friday 25th September 8.30-9.30am - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning**

*Annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in the school hall*



**Mathletics:** Congratulations to Jocelyn –for your Bronze 1 certificate



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

Isabella - Superstar Certificate for Star-tastic Gymnastics Award for being an amazing member of the star-tastic group.

Isabella - Certificate and medal for contemporary modern jazz, first steps

Kaif - Cricket medal for participation at Epsom Cricket Club

Otilie - Rainbow Swimming Certificate for 15 metres

Isabella - Certificate for taking part in Read to the Beat

Austin - Certificate for taking part in Read to the Beat

Edward - Rainbow Swimming Certificate for 5 metres & Cricket medal for completing the Under 5's season

Jack R- Rainbow distance swimming for 5 metres & Cricket medal for participation at Epsom Cricket Club

Charlie - Cricket medal for participation at Epsom Cricket Club

Ted - Medal for completing a season at Epsom cricket club

Henry - Rainbow distance swimming 5 metres

Charlie - Rainbow Swimming Certificate for 5 metres

### **Chinthurst School Open Morning**

It was lovely to see so many St Christopher's families welcomed to our sister school, Chinthurst School, today for a special Open Morning. The morning provided an opportunity to find out more about life at Chinthurst from Years 3 to 6, as well as the 11+ process and transition to senior schools.

Whether you joined the Open Morning or would still like the opportunity to visit Chinthurst, **Louise Hughes** would be delighted to answer any questions or arrange a personal tour. Please contact her at [lhughes@chinthurstschool.co.uk](mailto:lhughes@chinthurstschool.co.uk).

### **Chinthurst Minibus Service**

You may have spotted Chinthurst's minibus arriving at St Christopher's in the mornings, with some of our families already making use of the service.

We are pleased to share that Chinthurst has launched a new morning minibus service from St Christopher's to Chinthurst, providing a convenient option for families with children at both schools.

