



Weekly News

"St Christopher's – nurturing independent, highly-motivated and engaged children."

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents,

St Christopher's Highly Commended in the ISA Awards 2026

We are delighted to share that St Christopher's has been Highly Commended in the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Awards 2026 for Excellence and Innovation in Early Years. This wonderful recognition celebrates the care, creativity and dedication of our Early Years team and comes at an especially exciting time as we prepare to open our year-round nursery.

Year 2 Honours

On Monday, Year 2 discovered their special roles during the Honours Assembly. The whole school gathered to celebrate, and the cheering and encouragement from the children for one another was truly heartwarming. Each child took pride in receiving their honours, and they are already embracing their new responsibilities with great enthusiasm. Many have even begun sharing ideas and plans for their roles. We are so excited for the year ahead and can't wait to see the children shine as leaders and creative thinkers in their final year at St Christopher's.

Our New School Council for 2026-2027



The children have been voting for their school council representatives for 2026-2027, and I am delighted to announce that this year, our school council is:

Chairs of School Council – Austin and Georgia

Reception – Douglas, Lily

Year 1 – William, Sasha and Leo

This year, the Eco Captains are also joining the school council, welcome to the team, Otilie and Miran!

Celebrating Our Talented Young Artists

We are also thrilled to share some fantastic results from the ISA Regional Art Competition. The children's artwork was submitted during the summer term, and we were delighted to discover that St Christopher's achieved two first-place and four second-place awards. Congratulations to all our talented young artists:

1st Place – Leo

"Blossom Burst" – watercolour on tissue, created using a palette knife and fingerprints.

1st Place – Aarthvika (Year 2 last year)

Textiles inspired by Hundertwasser – created using Gutta pens and silk paint.

2nd Place – Ashwin

"Hundertwasser's House" – a 3D creation using air-dry clay, acrylics and moss.

2nd Place – Nursery Group

"Sunflowers" – 3D group artwork.

2nd Place – KS1 Group

"Wheatfield with Cypress Trees" – 3D group artwork.

2nd Place – Year 2 Art Club

Felted Bunting inspired by Hundertwasser.

We are especially excited that Leo and Aarthvika's first-place entries will now progress to the ISA National Art Competition final in November. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of all our young artists.

A very special thank you also goes to our wonderful former Art Teacher, Mrs Degg. These fantastic results are a fitting final accolade following her retirement in the summer and a lovely reflection of the creativity and enthusiasm she inspired in so many children throughout her 20 wonderful years at St Christopher's.

Collection from Clubs and Owls

Just a gentle reminder that children who are being collected from clubs should be collected from the back of the school, whereas children in Owls are collected from the front. It can take a bit of time to transport children from one place to another and if collection arrangements have changed on the day, it may also take a few extra minutes to verify this information. As ever, we thank you for your patience as staff deliver children safely to the adult who is collecting them.

Year One News

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 1, filled with exploring, creating, counting and learning!

A real highlight of the week was our fantastic trip to Brooklands Museum. The children loved exploring the different exhibits and discovering more about transport from the past. The vintage buses and racing cars were particular favourites!

Back in the classroom, we used our visit as inspiration for our English work. The children wrote recounts of our trip, remembering some of the exciting things they saw and did.

In Maths, we have been developing our confidence with counting on from a given number. We used counters, cubes and number lines to support our learning and had great fun jumping along a giant chalk-drawn number line as we counted on!

In Art, we explored the artwork of Australia's First Peoples, looking closely at the use of patterns and dots. The children then created their own colourful turtle or fish paintings using a dot-painting technique. We were very impressed with their creativity and attention to detail!

In PSHE, we talked about the things that make us feel proud of ourselves and celebrated the many different reasons we have to be proud.

Each child received a special slip explaining why their teacher is proud of them. This was a lovely opportunity to recognise the wonderful qualities, achievements and individual strengths that make each child so special.

Finally, in Science, we continued our work on the senses, focusing on sight and hearing. We explored how our eyes and ears help us to make sense of the world around us.

What a wonderful week of exploring, creating, counting and learning! We are so proud of all the children and the enthusiasm they have shown throughout the week.

Year Two News

Year 2 have been completely captivated by *The Minpins*, our focus text, eagerly diving into the story page by page and being left in suspense at every turn! The excitement and mystery of the book have inspired some incredible writing, with the children using rich vocabulary and imaginative ideas to bring their own creations to life. As part of their learning, they designed their own wanted posters. Ottilie produced a wonderfully scary poster for her terrifying monster, which certainly caught everyone's attention!

In Music, the children have been exploring the recorder and have loved learning how to keep in time with the music. They have shown great enthusiasm as they practised new skills and worked together to create rhythmic performances.

The children have also enjoyed taking part in thoughtful discussions about how we can keep our school safe. They explored the importance of rewards and responsibilities within our school community and shared some excellent ideas about how everyone can play their part. Heidi shared some lovely views on what appropriate behaviour looks like and why treating others with kindness and respect is so important.

It has been another fantastic week of learning, creativity and teamwork in Year 2!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning and brought along such delicious cakes and savoury food. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to support such a worthy cause. A special thank you to our PTA for organising the event so beautifully – your hard work made the morning run smoothly and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Thanks to everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, we are delighted to have raised funds to support Macmillan's incredible work.

This weeks lunch time superstar is Andrew, who has been wonderfully chatty with the catering team and proudly shared how much he enjoys being our Head Boy. Well done, Andrew! We are so proud of you!

Top of the leader board this week is **Dahl** House with a superb total of **378** House points. Congratulations to **Dahl** house.

Best wishes

Mrs Grehan

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

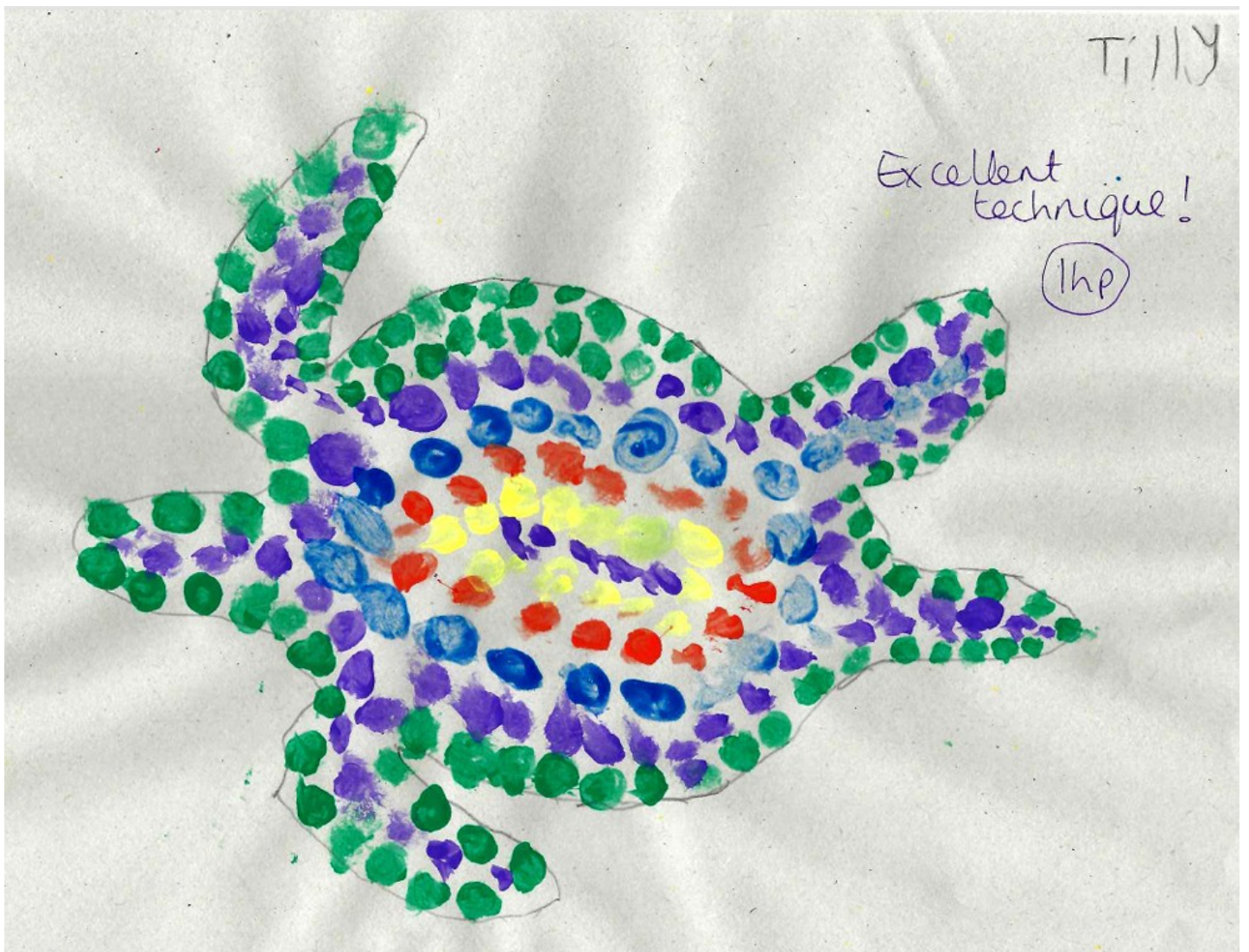


Year 2 Honours for 2026-2027

Head Boy	Andrew
Head Girl	Heidi
Deputy Head Boy	Ashwin
Deputy Head Girl	Sylvie
Chairs of school Council	Austin & Georgia
Eco Captains	Miran & Otilie
Art Captains	Sebastian & Jack
Sports Captain	Harry
Librarians	Isabella & Finley
Music Captains	Chloe & Hugo
House Captains for Kemp	Quinn & Rowan
House Captains for Ahlberg	Eva & Julius
House Captains for Donaldson	Alfie & Irina
House Captains for Dahl	Adam & Florence

Work of the Week

Year 1 have been learning about the artwork of the first people of Australia. This is Tilly's impressive and colourful turtle.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

This week in Pre-reception and Nursery, we've been thinking all about our families and the special people who make our homes feel like home.

In the Creative Room, the family photos you sent in helped inspire some brilliant "My Family" portraits. The children really enjoyed drawing themselves and their family members, practising their fine motor with their pencil grip and showing lots of detail.

In Green Room, we looked at pictures of people from babies all the way to adults. We had to figure out the correct order from youngest to oldest, talking about how each one looks different and how people change as they grow, pointing out things like tiny hands, big shoes and "grown up hair." We shared our ideas about growing up, "When I am big I will be as tall as my house", this sparked plenty of giggles and more imaginative predictions.

Out in the garden, our little ones were busy caring for the babies in our water play, giving them a lovely wash; making sure they were squeaky clean! They were full of imaginative ideas about what babies need, from soft blankets to "tiny sandwiches." The children also built creative little homes for our puppet families, leading to lovely conversations about different kinds of houses

The children have loved chatting about who they live with and sharing stories from home this week. We can't wait to see what's in store for next weeks learning!



Reception News

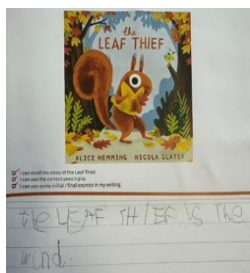
As we begin to explore seasonal changes, our focus story this week has been *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming. Poor Squirrel was trying to make patterns with his leaves when he noticed that one was missing! This exciting story inspired the children to write their own recounts about what happened. We have been so impressed by how quickly the children are developing their early writing skills and are already able to identify the initial and final sounds they need to begin writing words independently. We also introduced our first tricky word, "the", which cannot be sounded out using our phonics knowledge.

In maths, we have been exploring patterns. The children enjoyed creating colourful caterpillar patterns and building patterns with the multilink exploring who could make the longest pattern.

We are also working hard practising our Harvest poems and are looking forward to sharing them with you soon.

Our daily phonics lessons continue to extend the children's knowledge of letters and sounds, and they are growing in confidence when reading CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. We have also had great fun becoming word detectives, spotting the difference between real and nonsense words and using our phonics skills to read them all.

We are so proud of the fantastic start the children have made to their learning journey this term!



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 30th September - Year 2 trip to Pizza Express

We will be leaving school at 9.00am, walking to Pizza Express Epsom and returning by 12.00pm

Friday 2nd October - Open Morning for prospective parents

*If you have younger siblings you would like to register, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. It is never too early to register-we already have children registered to start in **2029**! You can register your child by filling in the registration form on line. If you have any questions about registration or the availability of places, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office*



Friday 9th October 10am - Harvest Festival

St Martins Church

Saturday 10th October - Early Years Open House Event 10-11.30am

An opportunity to experience everything our nursery has to offer

Thursday 15th October 8.30am - Coffee morning with Mr Fenton

Entrance via the school hall

Friday 16th October - PTA Halloween Disco

15.30-16.15pm Nursery , Pre-Reception & Reception

16.30-17.15pm Yr 1 & 2

