



Weekly News

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week at St Christopher's, including the start of all the after-school clubs and activities, it's fantastic to see children taking part.

Year 2 Honours

On Thursday, Year 2 discovered their special roles during the Year 2 Honours Assembly. The whole school gathered to celebrate; the cheering and encouragement from the children for one another was truly heartwarming. Each child took pride in being presented with their honours, and they are already taking their new responsibilities very seriously. Many have been sharing ideas and plans for their roles. We are so excited for the new year and to give the children opportunities for leadership and creativity in their final year at St Christopher's.

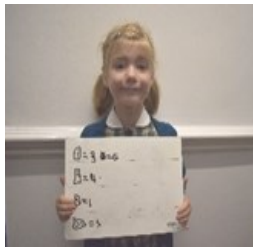
Year One News



The children in Year 1 have been busy acting this week, stepping into the roles of the Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood. As they performed, we focused on asking them questions, introducing the use of question marks and "noisy punctuation". The children wrote some fantastic questions to ask both the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood, showing their growing understanding of question formation.



In Maths, the children worked on representing amounts using different manipulatives. We practised using the tens frame, discovering that when the top or bottom row is full, we can count on from 5. The class enjoyed the subitising challenge, where they rolled a dice and wrote down its corresponding numeral, enhancing their number recognition skills.



In Science, we had a fun lesson on labelling body parts. The children enjoyed drawing around their peers and then labelling different parts of the body, making learning both interactive and memorable.

In Geography, we continued to focus on the United Kingdom and its capital cities. The children enjoyed learning about various landmarks across the UK, expanding their knowledge of their home country.



Year Two News

This week in maths, the children have been working on partitioning and recombining numbers, along with problem-solving and reasoning. They have been using Base10 apparatus to practically exchange tens, which has been a great hands-on approach to understanding this concept.

In Literacy, the children have been retelling the story of Goldilocks while focusing on using different sentence openers to make their writing more engaging and varied.

Our Science lessons have been all about investigating materials. The children enjoyed exploring their environment, finding examples of different materials and discussing their properties.

In Music, there was a great deal of excitement as the children were equipped with their first recorders! They are eager to start learning how to play.

The highlight of the week was the children receiving their honours, and their enthusiasm and pride were clear for all to see!

Individual School Photos

Individual School Photos will be taken in school on Thursday 26th September; parents are welcome to choose whether their child wears the summer or winter uniform for their photo.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that next Friday 27th, we will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, right after drop-off in the school hall. Parents are warmly invited to join us for coffee and cake in support of this wonderful cause. Cake donations are greatly appreciated (please avoid anything containing nuts and sesame) and can be brought to the hall that morning. The PTA will be hosting the event, and class teachers will pop by throughout the morning to greet and chat with parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

This weeks **lunch time superstar** is Otilie you have impressed the catering team so much this week with your beautiful manners. Keep up the great work!

Merit Awards:

William C, Vihaan P, Irina B, Otilie H, William I, Izzy H, Finley G, Ashwin S, Alex Z, Lars R, Edward F and Teddy S

Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan



Year 2 Honours for 2024-2025

Head Boy	Remy
Head Girl	Estrella
Deputy Head Boy	Zhibo
Deputy Head Girl	Faith
Hall Prefects	Teddy Jamie
Playground Prefects	Sunny James
Play Champions	Thomas Mc Thomas B
Librarians	Ivan Ryan
Chairs of School Council	Farzan Luca
Eco Captains	George Leo
Music Captains	Ethan Lyana
Sports Captains	Sam Rory
Art Captains	Florence Alisa
Computer Monitors	William Kian
House Captains for Kemp	Lucy Edward
House Captains for Ahlberg	Chloe Vihaan
House Captains for Donaldson	Grace Arthur
House Captains for Dahl	Charlie Sebastian

Pictured here are the original Head Boy and Head Girl badges which are made of solid silver! You will see that Saint Christopher is pictured on both of the badges carrying a child on a journey. This is the image that inspired our two founders: Miss K Angus Paterson and Miss P Critchell Moody, to name the school in 1938 after the patron saint of travellers; St Christopher, prompting images of nurture, safety and adventure. Our Head Boy and Head Girl still wear these badges for their first day in office before returning them to the display cabinet where they can be safely enjoyed by generations to come.



Work of the Week

In Year 2 we have looked at two very different versions of Goldilocks. Goldilocks & The Three Bears by Lauren Child and Me & You by Anthony Browne. Faith made some excellent comparisons between the texts using 'but' to connect her ideas

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L.O. Using 'but' to connect ideas

X In the first book the pictures were ^{rich} where ~~Edgar Culergall~~ ^{were it} built in the second book the pictures were ^{rich} where ~~gray~~ ^{rich}

In the first book Goldilocks was ^{rich} but in the second book Goldilocks was ^{rich} poor.

In the first book the house was old but in the ~~second~~ ^{was} second version the house is modern.

In the first book her mum ^{care} cares about her but in the second book her mum is ^{selfish} selfish.

In the first book Goldilocks was in the woods but in the second version it is in the ^{rich} city.

Very well done, Faith (1hp) Splendid comparisons and excellent use of 'but'

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

What an amazing week we've had in Nursery! This week, our focus has been all about emotions, guided by the book 'The Colour Monster'. We've explored what each colour monster represents and how their colour matches their emotions. We discovered that yellow represents happiness as it reminds us of the sun. During our morning group time, we introduced our colour monster charts to help children express how they're feeling. We've also loved looking at all the wonderful photos that have been sent in about what makes the children feel happy. In addition to learning about our emotions, we've been experimenting with colours. The children have been superstars at remembering the colours and even created their own handprinted colour monsters using the three primary colours— red, yellow, and blue. Children discovered that mixing blue and yellow together makes the green colour monster. Maybe your Nursery child can help you at home with finding out what the green colour monster means?

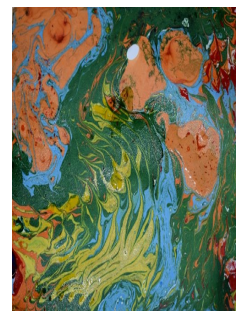
In our creative room, we've been making self-portraits using mirrors, to see what features we have on our faces and how our expressions change with different emotions. The children have been also been practising their numeracy skills to help the colour monsters count out his emotion buttons. Using dice, they figured out how many emotion buttons each monster needed, and the nursery team were all impressed by their counting skills! In the kitchen the children have measured and mixed ingredients to make Monster-shaped biscuits, which the children decorated to match their colour monsters. These were enjoyed at the snack table. Wow what a fun –filled and enriching week we have had in Nursery!



Reception News

What a busy week we have had in Reception, it's been non-stop learning, practising and creating! We started off with reading our focussed story 'Tree' by Britta Teckentrup which tells the story of our seasons and how it changes the trees throughout the year. We then chose a season to describe and wrote about it using our phonic sounds. In Maths we have been focussing on number recognition and matching these amounts conkers. We have practiced our digit formation too. Phonics has started with great enthusiasm and the children are applying their new sounds as well as practising the correct letter formation. Mrs Degg visited us this week you can see the children's experience on Seesaw as well as our Autumn photos we took too. The technique of 'Marbling' was great fun, from the patterns we created we hope to make some more trees! What a busy week of learning we have had; we cannot wait to see what next week will bring!

Please note that your child's Seesaw QR code has been put into their book bags today.



The Foundation Team

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd September 7pm - Pre-Reception Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 25th September - Year 1 trip to Gatton Park

The children should wear their PE kit and trainers and have their waterproof coat and sun hat. The children will not need any money and a packed lunch will be provided

Wednesday 25th September - 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Jupiter Class 2.30pm-4pm



Thursday 26th September - School photo

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



Friday 27th September - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

Entrance via the school Hall from 8.30am



Mathletics: Congratulations to Estrella W, Luigi, CM, Florence P, Sebastian C, Ivan C, Sophia M, Leo SM, Tabitha Band Teddy S for your Bronze 1 Certificates

Congratulations to Muzhi D and Reva M for your Bronze 2 Certificates



Spotty Box: Awards for success outside school:

Lucy S - Star-Tastics star of the week for working hard on her floor skills & Bronze Three Star-Tastics certificate

Izzy H - Star-Tastics medal

William I - Certificate for completing the Summer Reading Challenge.

Faith H - Star-Tastics certificate for beautiful work on handstands

