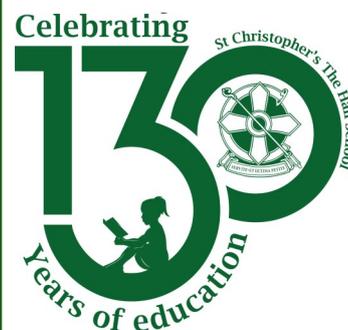


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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting last full week!

We withstood and braved the weather to celebrate our school's 130th birthday as well as our Summer Fair with grand and joyous events. The festivities were a blend of fun and nostalgia to mark this special milestone. We welcomed the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Mike Botting, with his Mayoress wife, to open our Legacy Garden. He was so warm and sociable, engaging with all the pupils he encountered around the School. On the back of this, we hope to be able to take the School Council to the Civic Centre next year, and work alongside the Council in some way with our charity initiative, St Christopher's in the Community. Thank you to the SCA, ably led by Mrs Miles and Mrs Rose, for an event of Glastonbury proportions - what is a festival without some showers after all? I would also like to thank Mrs Taggart (mum to Ella and Ollie) for her innovation, and help masterminding the birthday celebrations. Do visit our YouTube channel, where you will find a lyric video of the birthday song written by the children, as well as the full video of our pupil creating the 130 shape for our 130th anniversary. You can get to our page by clicking [here](#).

The pupils met their new teachers for the upcoming year, on Wednesday. Our staff put a great deal of thought into planning engaging activities to introduce themselves to their new class. We were delighted to have our new staff members join us on that day as well, allowing pupils to meet their entire teaching team for the next year. We hope this experience reassured them and left them feeling prepared and enthusiastic about starting in September.

Sports Day was another lovely event that truly embodied our ethos of inclusivity and reward. We believe that as teachers, our role is to inspire a love for each subject, emphasising that it is not solely based on one's proficiency. The day was filled with enthusiastic participation, friendly competition, and a sense of accomplishment for all involved. We are proud of every child who took part and gave their best effort. We announced that the winning House, after Pre-Prep and Prep, was [Johnson!](#) More on Sports Day next week.

Thank you to Mr Myatt and Ms Steeden for their organisational skills!

We held the Head and Deputy Head pupil elections last Friday. We decided to conduct these elections now to avoid any impact on Year 5 as they move into Year 6, where the first term they will be focusing on 11+ and other secondary school preparations. We are so proud of all the pupils who put themselves forward for these leadership positions. Speaking in front of peers can be challenging, but they all showed great courage and shared insightful thoughts. I know these pupils will have gained valuable experiences from this process, win or otherwise and every participant is already a champion for stepping up and taking part. We will reveal the election results in our last assembly next week.

Lastly, we would like to inform you that the reports will be emailed to you today. You will receive the report from either reports@stchristophersthehall.org.uk, reports1@stchristophersthehall.org.uk, reports2@stchristophersthehall.org.uk, therefore, please check your email junk folder if you do not receive it. Additionally, please do not reply to these email addresses, as they are simply used to ensure all reports get delivered at the same time, but otherwise these mailboxes are not monitored. I know you will be proud of your child's progress and achievements. Learning is not a linear process, but rather a multifaceted journey where pupils grow and develop at their own pace. We strive to help each child achieve their personal best and encourage them to compete to better themselves rather than compare themselves to their peers. Do read the report, digest the information and then celebrate any key successes with your child or any helpful tips for the future. However, do remember the levels given are an indication for adults only. This is true no matter what level your child is at. Remember, telling your child that they are above a certain level can lead to undue pressure to maintain this, as much as telling them that they have not reached a level may also cause them to feel anxious and possibly that they are failing. Please complete the short Google form within the letter to let us know you have received the report, and add any comments you wish. If you have any immediate pastoral or academic questions before the end of term, our door is always open.

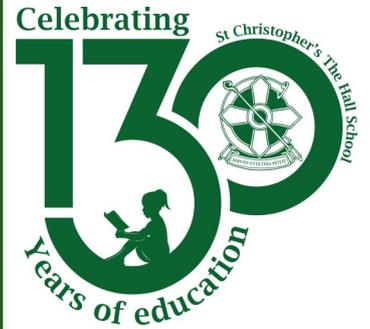
See you for our final week, next week.

Mr Carter

Head Teacher

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Windrush

We just wanted to make a mention of a significant moment in British history, especially since we had a workshop on World War 2 last week. This day, known as Windrush Day, commemorates the arrival of the ship MV Empire Windrush in 1948. The Windrush generation, consisting of individuals who immigrated from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971, made a remarkable impact on the British labour force after the Second World War. Their contributions were instrumental in rebuilding Britain and addressing labour shortages. It is essential for us to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable contributions made by the Windrush generation. Let us take this opportunity to educate our children about their remarkable achievements and inspire them to embrace inclusivity and diversity in our community.

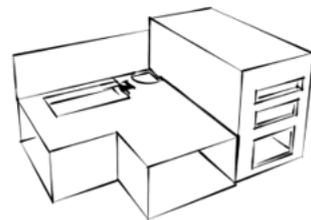
Prep CAD ECHO

Here are a few of the amazing designs our ECHO club pupils created.

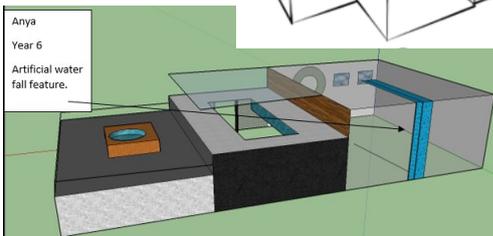
Everyone worked so hard to come up with unique designs. They then used a CAD program to make their designs come to life. Pupils also programmed a virtual camera drone to fly around and inside their buildings.

If you ever need an architect, I could recommend some pupils to you!

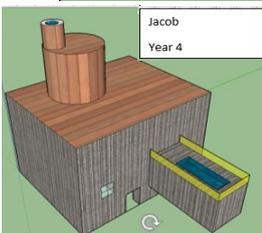
Lauren, Year 6



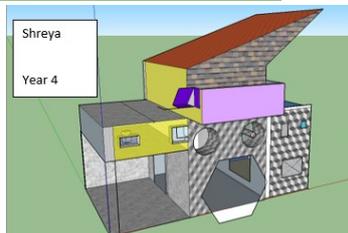
Anya
Year 6
Artificial water fall feature.



Jacob
Year 4



Shreya
Year 4



First Aid ECHO

We have had a wonderful time learning about all things medical, including finding out how to make an effective 999 call, making fake wounds and then bandaging them, and last but not least, learning how to do CPR. All the children involved made



me proud - they had such a thirst for knowledge, and participated fully in all the activities, asking lots of sensible questions along the way. Some of the things we learnt required sensitivity and a mature attitude, and even the youngest children showed these qualities.



Everyone has been a pleasure to have in the club, and we feel they are now equipped with the skills to potentially save a life. Well done, First Aid Clubbers!

Pre-Prep Mindfulness ECHO

The children have been learning to use various techniques and exercises to clear their minds to allow them to enjoy the present moment. Here are some quotes from the children themselves expressing how they have felt about Mindfulness club:



Sophie (Reception): *"Relaxing! It helps me calm down after a busy day, I use the flower and flame breathing at home."*

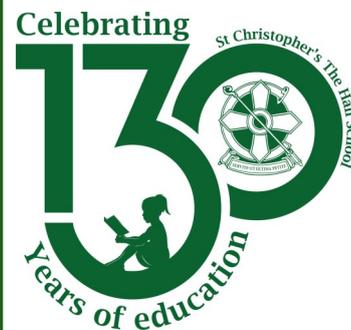
Ella (Year 2): *"I like Mindfulness club because it calms my mind down and helps me relax, I like the different fun poses and stretches in yoga."*

Max P (Year 2): *"I like Mindfulness club, it takes the stress out of me. I always use my glitter jar when I am anxious and all the glitter looks like all my stress coming down."*

In this busy and exciting world it's so important to stop and smell the flowers, Namaste to all!

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Dismissal times and location on last day (Thursday 13th July)

Please remember that we finish early on the very last day of term. Therefore, the dismissal times for all year groups, as well as the location are below:

- 11.20** - Preschool (from **SCAMPS door**)
- 11.30** - Reception (from **Front Door**)
- 11.40** - Year 1 & 2 (from **Main Gate**)
- 11.50** - Year 3 & 4 (from **Main Gate**)
- 11:50** - Year 5 (from **SCAMPS Gate**)
- 12.00** - Year 6 (dismissal from **Front Door**)

Pupil success

We are very proud of Misha (Year 2) who passed his grade 2 piano exam with distinction! Misha was very focussed and practised nearly every day independently, which is very impressive.



We are also so proud of Digby (Year 6) and the success he is having outside of school with his golf.

He plays golf regularly at the Sundridge Park golf club, practising whenever he has time and has now reached an official handicap is 16!

We are also proud of Lottie (Year 5) and Hugo (Year 2) who will be running the Demelza 5km bubble run on Sunday. They have been training really hard to both be able to complete the race and have raised almost £700 for charity. They are very grateful for all the generous donations they have received!



Well done, both!

If you have any successes or news outside of school, do make sure you email in and let us know. Mr Carter loves hearing about these things.

Prep Spy Club ECHO

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning to be successful spies this term! Not only have we learnt a little about the types of gadgets and skills a spy might need, we also looked at some famous spies within history and a surprising amount were women. Seeing photographs of real life spies (not just James Bond!) fascinated all our pupils as we realised that they were just everyday people in plain sight. Some of our activities included making up codes that involved symbols, writing messages in lemon juice so it was invisible until it was ironed (just to make a hot day even hotter!) and studying detailed pictures and answering questions from memory. It was a thoroughly enjoyable club to lead and our pupils were certainly keen spies.



Social Media

If you are not following us on social media, you are only getting half the story!

You can follow us at [@stchristhehall](https://twitter.com/stchristhehall)



on Insta and Twitter, as well at [@stchristhehallsport](https://www.facebook.com/stchristhehallsport) to get all the inside info from school life! You can also now follow us on Facebook where we have St Christopher's School Group

What's Happening Next Week

- Monday 10th July**
 - Music Exams.
 - Summer Fair (15:00-18:00)
- Tuesday 11th July**
 - Year 6 Celebration at St George's Church (17:00-18:00)
- Wednesday 12th July**
 - Year 6 Water Sport Activity Day (all day)
- Thursday 13th July**
 - Last day of term - school finishes between 11:20-12:00 (see timings above)