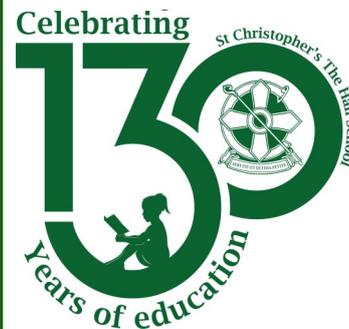


# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

What an exhilarating week it has been at St. Christopher's the Hall School! On Monday, we kicked off the excitement with the inaugural St. Christopher's the Hall Football Tournament for Year 3.

Our school grounds were full and the atmosphere was electric as we welcomed six other schools to compete. The spirit of competition and teamwork was palpable, and our pupils rose to the occasion, with our A team securing a commendable 3rd place and our B team 5th place. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Steeden and Ms. Symmonds in organising and ensuring the smooth running of this fantastic event. A big thank you to all parents who came to support us!

Additionally, on Monday we hosted our latest Parent Partnership event. This event was dedicated to discussing our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum, and provide a clear outline, emphasising its importance in nurturing the holistic development of our students and how this plays a crucial role in shaping their understanding of relationships, boundaries, and personal wellbeing. Unfortunately, the turnout was a very small select group; however, we assume this is due to the fact you must trust us in how we will be delivering this area of the curriculum in the Summer Term. Thank you to Mr Codd and Mrs Shivers for their work on this and for delivering the message so clearly and effectively. For those unable to attend the event, we have made videos available on our website in the Parent Partnership section. You can access the videos by following this link [here for Pre-Prep](#) or [here for Prep](#). Do contact Mrs Shivers or Mr Codd via mail@ if you have any questions.

Thursday was a day filled with exploration and discovery as our Year 1s embarked on a memorable trip to Leeds Castle. Did you know that Leeds Castle is often referred to as the *"loveliest castle in the world"*? I know that the pupils enjoyed visiting *'the loveliest castle'* and have the opportunity to explore a real castle after learning about them this term. Additionally, on Thursday, we also had the pleasure of enjoying not one, but two music concerts. Year 5 mesmerised us in the morning, while Year 6 dazzled us in the afternoon with their exceptional musical talents. I am so grateful to Mrs. Gay for her outstanding work in preparing our

pupils, ensuring that, as is her trademark, both concerts ran like clockwork.

Today, we celebrated World Book Day, and because we can never do things in the same way as everyone else(!), we decided to move the celebration to Friday instead of the national day on Thursday. Mr. Pretara and Miss Johns put in a tremendous effort to make this year's celebrations a memorable one. The theme, 'Bedtime Stories Across The World,' lent itself to our dress up theme for pupils being cosy pyjamas! The children embarked on a literary adventure filled with engaging activities. From listening to audiobooks to unleashing their artistic talents by designing new book covers and crafting character profiles. Our Year 6 pupils delighted in reading stories to their younger counterparts. I am also so pleased that we were able to invite Beckenham Bookshop to host a book sale at the end of the day today.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I have to announce some very sad news. Mrs. Wanstall, one of my fabulous Deputy Heads, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, in July. After 25 years of dedicated service to our school, Mrs. Wanstall has decided to explore new opportunities outside of teaching, particularly in the field of special needs. Both personally and professionally, I will miss her dearly; however, I respect her decision to pursue new endeavours while she can. Although we will celebrate her at the end of the year, I want to express my deepest gratitude for everything she has done for the school, and for me her invaluable support over my time here, not to mention her remarkable tenure as Deputy Head; she undoubtedly has left an indelible mark on our community. However, as one chapter closes, another begins. I am very fortunate to have Mrs. West who will step into the role as the sole Deputy Head next year, and will move from a part time role, into more of a full time one (although I think she already worked on her days when she wasn't in school anyway)! I know Mrs. West's ability to excel in this new capacity, and I am grateful for her willingness to embrace this challenge.

Next week already looks to be an exciting one as STEM week starts - plenty of opportunities for parents to join us in school!

Mr Carter

**Head Teacher**

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### Year 3 Football tournament

On Monday 4th March, our Year 3 pupils represented St Christopher's in our very own Football Tournament. There were six schools participating in the Boys 7-a-side and Girls 5-a-side matches which made for a busy afternoon of Football. Each school played in their respective groups before progressing onto the final round of matches. Victory in the Boys tournament went to Merton Court and for the Girls, Eltham College came away with 1st place. Well done to all involved in what was a fun afternoon of Football!



### Year 4

Year 4 had a most interesting visitor last week. A centurion from the time of Emperor Claudius' invasion in 43 AD! We spent the day learning all about what it would be like to be in the Roman Army and how hard this lifestyle was. We were able to put on some armour, learn about the weapons used and why and then, at the end of the day, to march in formation to battle. This was really exciting as we had to chant left and right in Latin and keep our shields close so as the enemy (those pesky barbarians!) could not find a gap to break through. As well as this, we were able to clean ourselves with olive oil and strigils, clean the armour to prevent rusting, grind wheat to make bread for the soldiers, play Roman games and write messages in wax tablets. So as to fully appreciate our school dinners, we experienced what a typical meal for a soldier consisted of. We can conclude that it was pretty bland and mushy! It was a really informative day with so much learning packed in. Well done to our Year 4 pupils for taking such an active role throughout the day and showing our visitor how well we listen to new information and ask thoughtful and engaging questions.



### Reception

On the 1st March Reception had been at school for 100 days. For our charity event, we did various activities for 100 seconds. Some of the things we did were clapping, writing our name and jumping for 100 seconds. We also made a crown and completed a 10 square frame by putting 10 dots in each square to equal 100.



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### Pupil Achievement

Albie (Year 4) attends the New Wave Academy in Bromley and, last week, he received a new stripe on his belt for Jiu Jitsu. Well done, Albie!



Sid (Year 5) entered the Bromley Festival of Music and



Speech last weekend, in the Piano-forte section, and was awarded a Bronze medal in a very competitive category. Fantastic news, Sid!

We are proud of Aveline (Preschool) who has been learning to swim every weekend and recently completed Stage 1 Swimming lessons from Swim England. Well done, Aveline; what a great achievement.



If any pupils experience success outside of School, we'd love to hear about it, so do let Mr Carter know.

### Preschool

The children in Preschool took part in a very exciting and interesting science workshop on Wednesday. We talked about time, and tried to guess when 10 seconds was up. We also watched lots of experiments and found out that a balloon filled with air will pop when put over heat, but if it is filled with water it doesn't pop. The children were full of ideas and thoughtful comments and we are looking forward to carrying on with lots of science activities in the classroom.



### Social Media

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

You can follow us at [@stchristhehall](#) on Insta and X, as well as [@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.



### Music

A few of our Year 6 instrumentalists are performing in a short lunchtime recital at St. George's Church next Friday 15th March at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend the concert, which will last for about half an hour.

### *What's Happening Next Week*

#### Monday 11th March

- STEM week starts
- Year 3 Girls v Eltham College - Football Tournament, selected girls to play (13:20-16:30)
- Year 4 Boys Football v Faringtons @home all year 4 boys to play (14.20 - 15.20)

#### Tuesday 12th March

- Year 4 Girls Football Tournament at Eltham College, selected girls to play (13:00-16:00)

#### Wednesday 13th March

- STEM workshop for all pupils

#### Thursday 14th March

- STEM KAPLA exhibition for parents (15:15-16:30)

#### Friday 8th March

- Music Recital at St. George's church by select Year 6 (12:30-13:15)
- Parent STEM exhibition - after school Celebrate all the STEM activities the children have created (15:15-17:00)