

# Final edition of the Year!

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

We have made it to the finish line! This edition of our school newsletter is all about reflecting on our year and sharing our achievements, filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated milestones, ensuring our pupils not only excel academically but also grow as individuals.

This week, we were finally able to hold out Sports Day for Pre-Prep and Prep on Wednesday, postponed from last week with the winning House being Hillary. We might not have had the sun we were hoping for, but at least the rain mainly held off as our young athletes sprinted, jumped, and leapt their way through a day of friendly competition.. And the Parents' Race...well, I think this was perhaps the most fiercely fought event! Sports Day plays a vital role in our school curriculum, offering far more than just physical exercise. It fosters important life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and resilience. Moreover, it offers a valuable lesson in sportsmanship – teaching our pupils how to win graciously and accept defeat with dignity. These are essential skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

This year's Sports Day was particularly noteworthy for its exceptional organisation and smooth running. It was, without doubt, the most efficiently run Sport Day event. The credit for this goes largely to Ms. Steeden and Miss Symonds, whose meticulous planning and tireless efforts brought this event to life in such a spectacular fashion. But the excitement didn't end at the finish line! We capped off the sporting events with a mouth-watering whole-school BBQ - a perfect chance for everyone to refuel and celebrate together. Then, we unleashed our creative side with a brilliant House activity inspired by the colourful world of Keith Haring. Watching our older pupils guide and encourage the younger ones, as they worked on their art projects, was a true highlight of the day. These moments of cross-year collaboration are what

make our school so special. They foster our family-like atmosphere and give our pupils a chance to form friendships across age groups. The School Council's suggestion for more of these activities was spot on, and we were thrilled to bring it to life!

As is always the case at this time of year, we find ourselves faced with the task of saying goodbye to members of our school community. We bid farewell to some of our staff members (see more on this below), and to our pupils who are moving on to new chapters in their educational journeys. This is especially poignant for our Year 6 students, who are now on the cusp of their transition to secondary school. On Tuesday, we held our annual Year 6 celebration, an event that celebrates all of our Year 6 pupils equally. This celebration is not about individual accolades, but rather a recognition of the growth, resilience, and character each student has developed during their time with us. It's a moment to reflect on their collective journey and the unique qualities they've

brought to our school community. I will miss this year's Year 6 for their energy, their humour, and their triumphs. From the quiet achievers to the exuberant performers, from the budding scientists to the creative artists, each has played a vital role in shaping our school's character this year. However, I am confident they are ready for the next challenge. As Dr. Seuss beautifully said, "*You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!*". I hope this is something our Year 6 pupils will carry with them as they move forward.

Finally, today, we celebrate our Character Counter Champions for the Summer Term. These pupils were nominated by their teachers for consistently demonstrating the qualities and values we aim to cultivate in all our young learners. I will be emailing parents individually to share the reasons behind their child's nomination. These messages will highlight how each of these pupils has made a positive impact on our school community this term through their exemplary character and actions. I am very proud of them.

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As we head into the holidays, I just wanted to say how much I've enjoyed this academic year! It's been a whirlwind of activity and accomplishment, and we've achieved so much together. Our school is a place where our pupils' well-being and best interests are always at the forefront, and that's thanks to your incredible support. A huge thank you to all the parents for your constant involvement, encouragement, and partnership. Your support has been essential in creating a nurturing environment for our pupils to thrive. We look forward to seeing you when you return in September, and for those in our community who are moving on, we wish you all the best for the future. I will write to you all before the term starts with key information, but I thought it might be useful now to note our Welcome Meetings for each year group at the start of the year. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for teachers to guide and inform parents about the new year's expectations and to share essential information. The dates and times for these meetings are as follows:

- Thursday 5th September 08:15-09:00 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Welcome Meeting
- Thursday 5th September 16:00-17:00 - Year 3 and Year 4 Welcome Meeting including iPads hand out
- Friday 6th September 08:15-09:00 - Year 5 and Year 6 Welcome Meeting

Have a super summer holiday and see you on Wednesday 4th September.

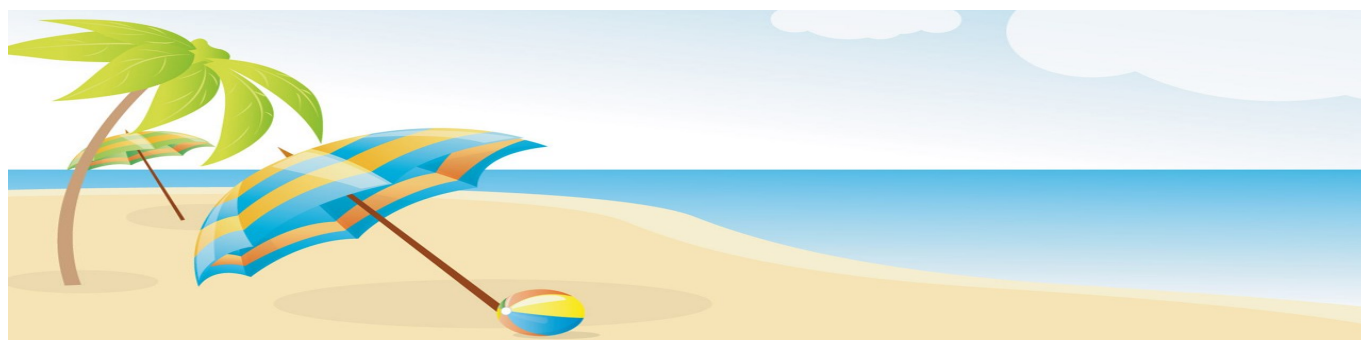
Mr Carter

**Head Teacher**

### **Independent Schools Award**

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you! St Christopher's The Hall has been shortlisted for the prestigious Independent Prep School of the Year award in the Independent Schools of the Year 2024 com-

petition. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and excellence of our entire school community. This year, the competition received an overwhelming number of nominations from hundreds of schools across 24 award categories, highlighting the exceptional achievements within the independent school sector. To be among the shortlisted schools is an honour that reflects the innovative and life-affirming educational experience we provide for our students. As part of this celebration, we can proudly display the special 'Shortlist' badge on our website and promotional materials. This badge symbolises our commitment to educational excellence and our ongoing efforts to support the aspirations of young people from all backgrounds. The final list of winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in October, following the publication of the list of Finalists on 9th September. We look forward to this event with great anticipation and are incredibly proud of the recognition we have already achieved.



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### Farewells to staff

As we approach the end of the school year, we bid farewell to several valued members of our staff.

Mr Myatt, who has been part of the St. Christopher's community for 30 years. Miss Atkinson, Miss Symonds, Miss Hicks and Mrs Bibby who will all be moving on to new adventures. Their contributions to our school community have been immeasurable, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them the very best in their future endeavours and look forward to hearing how they are getting

on. We also wish Mrs Dubeck and Miss James all the best as they begin their maternity leave. Many congratulations to both of them on this exciting new chapter in their lives! We look forward to welcoming them back and meeting their little ones in the future.



### A Fond Farewell from Mrs Wanstall

After 25 wonderful years, it is with mixed emotions that I leave St. Christopher's School. As I reflect on my journey here, I am filled with gratitude for the experiences, relationships, and growth I've enjoyed.

I joined St. Christopher's as a newly qualified teacher, fresh-faced and eager to begin my career in education. Over the years, I've had the privilege of wearing many hats; from teaching Year 1 and Year 2, to serving as Head of Pre-Prep, Assistant Head, and finally, Deputy Head. Each role has brought its own challenges and rewards, shaping me both professionally and personally.

During my time at school, I've had the pleasure of working alongside three different Head Teachers, each bringing their unique vision to our school. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Mr Carter, who has been an exceptional mentor these past three years. His leadership has challenged me to step out of my comfort zone, fostering personal growth and boosting my confidence. Our professional relationship, marked by mutual respect and plenty of laughter, has been a true highlight.

Leaving St. Christopher's has been one of the most difficult decisions I've had to make. However, the time has come for me to prioritise my family and explore new passions, particularly within the areas of Special Needs and Mental Health.

As I prepare to embark on this new chapter, I want to express my heartfelt thanks:

- To the children: Your smiles have brightened my days and reminded me why I chose this profession.
- To the staff: Your support and kindness have been invaluable. I couldn't have asked for better colleagues and friends.
- To Mr Carter: Thank you for your exemplary leadership, guidance and friendship.
- To Mrs West: Thank you for your unwavering support and friendship. You've been more than a job share partner – you've been a steadfast supporter and confidante throughout our journey together.

To the entire St. Christopher's community; I wish you continued success and happiness in the future. The memories I've made here will always hold a special place in my heart.

With warmest regards and deepest gratitude,

**Mrs Wanstall**

**Deputy Head**





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### **Celebrating Student Achievement.** **Impressive Progress in Core Subjects**

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our pupils' academic progress this year. As part of our ongoing commitment to student success, we have continued to closely analyse school data to track the growth of our pupils in key subject areas.

The results are cause for celebration! Our latest analysis reveals remarkable achievements across English, Mathematics, Reading and Science:

- 78% of pupils have made higher than expected progress in English
- 83% have achieved or exceeded their progress expectations in Mathematics
- An outstanding 90% of pupils have met or surpassed their progress goals in Reading

•86% of pupils are working at expected or higher than their expected levels in Science.

These figures reflect the hard work and dedication of our children, as well as the tireless efforts of our teaching staff and the support of parents and guardians. Such impressive results across core subjects demonstrate that our educational strategies are effectively enabling our children to reach their full potential.

As we move forward into a new academic year, we remain committed to supporting every child's academic journey and building on this success.



### **Head Pupil & Deputy Head Pupil of School**

We are now in the third year of holding elections where each student in our school community has a democratic vote to choose the Head and Deputy Head Pupil for the upcoming year, and last week, a number of the Year 5 pupils courageously put themselves forward for these positions.

Each and every one of them stood confidently in front of the entire school and delivered an impressive speech sharing their passions, visions and reasons why they should be considered for the role. They all spoke with great enthusiasm and demonstrated that they were all worthy candidates.

They all spoke positively and highly of the school, and showed that our Character Values are clearly very much embedded within them; it was wonderful to see.

They all deserve praise and applause for their commitment and courage in putting themselves forward and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. As with life, we can't always win at everything we set our minds to, but the experience itself is a valuable lesson to take away, regardless of the outcome.

Following the whole school vote, Jack was elected as Head Pupil and Zoe will be our Deputy Head pupil. Mr Carter looks forward to working with them next year in keeping pupil voice front and centre at our school.



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### Governors

It may be a cliché, but it is amazing how quickly this year has flown by and how much the St. Christopher's Community has achieved in that time. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment, not just the teaching professionals who enthuse and inspire our pupils on a daily basis, but the office, estates and kitchen staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the School operates effectively and efficiently. Thank you to our SCA who help promote the school and tirelessly raise funds for its betterment. I would like to thank my fellow governors, who so readily share their time and professional expertise for the benefit of the School. Many thanks go to you as parents for supporting the School and your children in their learning journey. Lastly, I would like to thank the

children themselves for the energy and good humour they bring to all the activities and challenges of school life.

The end of the year brings changes too. I would like to wish good luck to those members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities and to our Year 6 leavers at their new schools.

I have no doubt that the next year will be as busy and as exciting as ever, particularly with the roll out of our new Digital Strategy, and that as a School we will continue to thrive on change and innovation.

I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing summer holiday.

Mrs Lindsay Curtis

**Chair of Governors**

### SCA

We can't quite believe it's been nearly a year since we took over as Co-Chairs of the SCA, and with the current school year coming to an end we wanted to send a big thank you to **ALL** the SCA, the volunteers, the class reps, the teachers, the staff, the parents, and of course all the children. We would also like to mention and thank the SCA committee members that give up their time to help sort, buy and organise all events, from running up and downstairs to the basement, managing the Second Hand Uniform Shop, attending open mornings, buying and shopping for prizes, the list is endless...

As you know, last Saturday, the SCA held the Summer Fair. It was a great day and fun was had by all, in spite of the inclement weather. Once again we would like to thank everyone for their assistance and help in making it another fun and memorable day.

Throughout the year we have held Fairs, Discos, Book Swaps, Freedom Friday with all proceeds raised going towards playground initiatives. Please look out for some exciting updates from September for the Pre Prep Playground. In addition, the SCA has also funded new benches, toys and storage for the Prep Playground which will be installed over the Summer. Every penny raised contributes to these initiatives, so once again we thank everyone for their kind contributions.

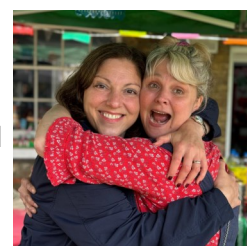
We are always looking for new ideas for events and we look forward to working with you for the next coming year. We are also very excited to meet and work with our new class reps from September so please do get in touch once your year group has agreed on the rep for next year.

It is with sadness to announce that Fiona Beaton, Co-Treasurer, will be stepping down from her role from the end of this term, having spent 3 years in the role she has earned a well earned rest, so we are looking for an additional volunteer to work alongside our existing Co-Treasurers from September onwards. This role is open to both new and existing parents, so if you would like more information or are interested please do get in touch with us. The SCA relies heavily on volunteers and helpers and much of this is not possible without you, so please do contact your class reps if you are interested.

Lastly, we especially wanted to say a big thank you to Mr Carter, Mr Davies, Mrs Jeffery and Ms Ibini for their support, guidance and help throughout the year, much of which would not have been possible without them.

We wish everyone a wonderful Summer!

Bobby and Emma  
**Co-Chairs of the SCA**





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### House Event

After a busy morning of races and relays that make up sports day & a fabulous barbeque lunch, the children reconvened in their Houses for some art activities. Lots of fun was had by all, creating large artworks in the style of Keith Haring. We started by drawing



around each other on the playground, we all got covered in chalk! Then went inside to do the same on paper.....the children were so creative and brilliant at working in teams across the phases. Some lovely, life size artwork was created. Well done everyone it was great to see some exceptional team work.



### Charity

This year, we have come together to raise an incredible amount of money for MIND, a charity with close ties to the St Christopher's community. The highlights of the year have been French Day, our beautiful carol service and our individual class fundraisers. We are extremely proud of our community for raising over £4,000 for MIND and would like to thank everybody involved in donating towards the cause. Whether you paid for a croissant, listened to us sing or sponsored an activity, your money makes a real difference and we look forward to continuing to raise money for our next charity in the future.

	Mind	Great Ormond Street Hospital
French Day	416.71	
Penny Post	114.31	
Carol Service	499.5	
Onesie Day	121.47	
Class Sponsored Events	3669.75	
Lily & Neve	12.44	
Music Concert	92.32	
Drama Production	61.72	
St Christopher's Funds	887.31	1500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5875.53</b>	<b>1500</b>
Total Raised for Charity	7375.53	

As we near the end of another wonderful school year, we reflect on the remarkable stories of generosity and kindness that have emerged from our school community especially through our St Christopher's in the Community initiative. These



acts of charity not only bring us closer together but also instil a strong sense of empathy and social responsibility in our pupils. We hope that next year, our pupils will continue to look for opportunities to help and support those in need, building on the inspiring examples set this year.

To conclude this year, we are delighted to share a heartwarming story from Nancy in Year 5. Almost exactly three years after her first donation, Nancy has once again cut and donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, an organisation that creates wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer and other illnesses.

But Nancy's generosity doesn't stop there. She is also fundraising to support the talented individuals who craft these beautiful wigs, making a significant difference in the lives of children who receive them. If you would like to contribute to Nancy's fundraising efforts, please visit her JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/nancyslittleprincesswig2024>

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### Preschool

This has been a lovely year in the Preschool with so many adventures and activities it is difficult to pick out just a few to mention! In October, during Black History Month, we had a wonderful visit from a storyteller, who inspired us with stories from all over the world. Our Christmas concert, in December, was great fun to perform and the children did us proud with their fabulous singing. The next week, we had lots of fun when Gordon the entertainer visited us, and the highlight of the show was Fluffy the Bunny who magically appeared at the end.

In the Spring term, we had an entertaining and interesting visit from Professor Bubbles during STEM week. Easter came with all the excitement of Easter celebrations and activities and an Easter Egg hunt.

The Summer term was filled with learning about planting, growing and changing and as always, our caterpillars turning into butterflies was fascinating, and we enjoyed watching them flying away. This term, we also enjoyed an exciting drama workshop

all about travelling to different places on trains, planes, buses and in boats. Sports morning is always a highlight for us, and this year was no exception. The children were very excited to see the grown-ups racing, and the whole morning was splendid, topped off by perfect weather. As the children get ready to move into Reception, we are extremely proud of how they have grown up over the year. Good luck everyone we hope you have a very enjoyable Summer break.!



### Reception

What a fabulous year we have all had in Reception. Since September, all those months ago, the children have come in with big smiles, enthusiasm and embraced every opportunity with excitement and humour. We have been to Dulwich Picture Gallery and listened to the storyteller sing us stories about the paintings around us. In March, we celebrated 100 days of being in school and we loved taking part in sponsored activities around the theme of 100. We travelled to Hall Place and learned about plants and seeds and we made a mess planting our own pots with grass seed. This term, we have been to the Theatre to see Zog and the Flying Doctor. The children made us so proud with their brilliant behaviour and they all loved Zog and his friends on their adventures. Reception loved the opportunity to dress up for the job they would like to do when they grow up. We are ending on a high of art day, Sports Day, House activities and fun and we look forward to a bit of a rest in the summer! All of the teachers wish the children all the very best as they move on to Year 1.





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### Year 1

What a privilege it has been to teach Year 1 this year! We are incredibly proud of their progress, both academically and emotionally. Watching them grow and develop has been a rewarding experience for all of us. One of the highlights has been seeing the children's excitement about learning. From plants to clouds, life cycles to different materials, their curiosity and enthusiasm have been infectious. It has been a joy to watch them discover new concepts and apply their knowledge in creative ways. Our trips to London Zoo, Godstone Farm, and Leeds Castle were fantastic opportunities for hands-on learning. The children's excitement was palpable as they explored the zoo, interacted with farm animals, and marvelled at the history and beauty of Leeds Castle. These experiences have enriched their understanding of the world and provided wonderful memories which we gratefully share. We are immensely proud of the children's work this year. Although Miss Hicks will be leaving the school, Mr Codd and Mrs Dodd will ensure she stays informed about all the amazing accomplishments the children achieve next year. Their determination and hard work have prepared them well for Year 2 and we are confident that the foundation laid this year will help them thrive in Year 2 and beyond.

### Year 2

We have had a wonderful and busy time in Year 2 as the eldest children in the Pre-Prep. The highlight of Autumn Term was learning about the Great Fire of London, and being able to set alight to our models of the houses in Pudding Lane. Our learning was brought to life during our workshop and visit to the Tower of London. We also performed with gusto during our Nativity performance of Christmas with the Aliens, which we spent a long time rehearsing for, but it was definitely worth it! Our favourite part of Spring Term was the Kapla Workshop during STEM week. This enabled us to see just how impressive our results could be when working together as a team. It really was incredible! Another stand-out event was of course the Easter Hatwalk. It is such a fun and creative way to end the term. During Summer Term, we have enjoyed our weekly swimming lessons. We have all made progress in our technique of this all important life skill. Our most memorable day of the Summer Term is definitely Go Ape. Our bravery, balance, dexterity and ambition were all put to test and felt an immense amount of pride when we completed the course. We have really enjoyed Year 2 but are definitely ready for Prep School... with a nice long break in between of course!





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### Year 3

After a successful transition into the Prep School, we are so proud to see how much all of the Year 3 pupils have grown. Independence is a key skill we nurture in Year 3 and we have noticed that our children are far more capable of thinking for themselves and using our many Character Values, especially Common Sense. The year has seen a number of exciting events take place, such as a Viking workshop; an Ancient Egypt themed day at the Horniman Museum and even an African drumming masterclass during Black History Month. We raised a fantastic sum of money for the chosen charity Mind, when we ran the height of Mount Everest. A core memory we will always remember is our trip to Frylands and how much fun we had together. What a fantastic year!



### Year 4

Wow, wow, wow! What a wonderfully busy year it has been with our amazing Year 4 classes. We have so many memories to cherish, from: our trip to the Natural History Museum for a STEM robotics workshop, a Stone Age workshop, marching like Roman soldiers in formation at our Roman workshop, a fabulous residential to Leeson House in Dorset, Mr Pham coming in when we were stud-

ying 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', a trip to Bishop Challenor to learn about some weird and wonderful animals, and of course our amazing charity fundraising experiences (4S' sponsored assault course & 4M's Bake Sale). Each and every child has embodied our school's ethos and Character Values and grown so much academically and holistically. It has been a joy and a pleasure – we will miss you Year 4!





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### Year 5

What a fantastic year full of wonderful memories, outstanding learning and many laughs along the way. Some particular highlights for us have been: our day trip out to the Royal Observatory Museum, our exciting Workshop linked to our Victorian's topic and, more recently, our residential trip to Bowles. We have also loved reading a diverse range of texts in English and linking parts of our learning to computing. Our STEM week was also a great success where the children worked collaboratively and really got involved with their life size Darleks. Our Great Bread Bake off was also a day to remember; we were astounded by the skills, dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by the whole year group and we were impressed by their delicious bread. Finally, their maturity and teamwork shone through when cleaning the teachers' cars in support of our school charity, MIND. We are so proud of everything Year 5 have achieved this year and will really miss them but are happy and excited for the next part of their St Christopher's journey.



### Year 6

We are very proud of all that the children in Year 6 have achieved this year and we hope that they will treasure their memories of the year, and the entirety of their education, for many years to come. From an amazing residential week exploring the sights and sampling culinary delights in the Spanish Capital, Madrid, back in May, to a phenomenal end of year production with 'Whispers Across The Waves', each child can leave school feeling that they have grown as individuals and excelled. Other highlights include their enterprise projects to raise money at the school summer fayre, their sponsored water fight, baking delicious (but dry!) pasties in D&T and, of course, the exhilarating trip to Chessington World of Adventures on their penultimate day of school. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach the year group and we wish all of Year 6 the very best of luck as they transition into Year 7 at their new secondary schools. Well done, 6C and 6P!

### Computing

It has been inspiring to witness the great progress that the students have made in their computing skills over the past year. Throughout the curriculum, we have explored a variety of topics and successfully tackled a wide range of challenges. From Reception to Year 6, we have nurtured the budding computer scientist in every student. One of the year's standout moments was our exploration of coding with Micro: bits. The Micro: bit is a compact computer designed to

stimulate creative thinking. The children have had the opportunity to program it in a multitude of ways using real code. The Pre-Prep students have been honing their digital writing skills and expanding their proficiency in creating and editing text. They are now confident in utilising a keyboard and mouse to input and delete text. They have also produced some wonderful Digital Art using Paintz





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### PE and Sport

It has been a fantastic year of sport for all at St Christopher's. Pupils have worked hard and made excellent progress in their PE and Games lessons. It has also been an excellent year of fixtures for the Prep School. Particular highlights include reaching the ISFA Football Finals for the U11 Boys, participating in IAPS Netball and Hockey Tournaments and fourteen Year 4 - 6 pupils reaching the Bromley Schools Athletics Finals. Amongst these achievements, there have been fixtures in Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Swimming and Athletics. It has been fantastic to see the hard work and determination that pupils have put into their sporting events. Every pupil has represented the school fantastically and we are so proud of the sportsmanship they have demonstrated throughout the year.

In the Preschool, pupils had an amazing morning of Sport on Friday 28th June showing parents their running, jumping and balancing skills. Pupils had a great time, with lots of cheering and smiles on the day.

We have been so pleased with the adaptability and resilience shown by our pupils throughout the year. The Pre-Prep and Prep Sports Day was also a huge success. Pupils enjoyed the freedom of deciding their own races and the competition on the day made it an exciting event. Well done to all involved!



### Modern Foreign Languages

It has been another successful year for Modern Foreign Languages at St Christopher's the Hall. The children have continued to enjoy taking part in immersive and engaging lessons to develop their understanding of French and Spanish language and culture.

At the beginning of the academic year, the whole school had the opportunity to celebrate 'all things French' by dressing up for a special French day full of exciting activities. As part of the initiative, we also launched a highly successful French bake-off competition raising over £400 for this year's school charity of choice, Mind. The dining hall was full of the scent of delicious baked goods as children eagerly queued to buy French-inspired treats from our French café. The House Representatives, Head and Deputy Head Pupils expertly led the café, taking orders and encouraging everyone to use as much French target language as possible.

The children have also benefited from access to a wealth of new digital resources, particularly our subscription to the fantastic Languagegenut website. They have used this to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in a fun and interactive way. They have especially enjoyed having access to this resource at home to build upon their learning within the classroom. We were very proud when over 70 children also signed up to compete in the annual Languagegenut competition during which they completed a series of language learning challenges, aiming to win as many points as possible to appear on the UK leader-board. The children worked diligently throughout the competition and all were chosen to receive a personalised certificate.

Finally, a huge highlight this year was undoubtedly our inaugural residential trip to Madrid where the children spent four action-packed days soaking up all of the glorious sunshine and vibrant culture that the city has to offer. They all had a wonderful time and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. At every opportunity, they developed their cultural understanding and conversed with locals in Spanish.

Next year, the department will continue to build upon its successes and a key aim will be forging partnerships with other schools to collaborate on MFL projects and share good practice.



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### Year6 in Chessington

To mark the end of their time at St Christopher's The Hall, Year 6 visited Chessington World of Adventures for some adrenaline-fuelled fun. Throughout the day, the children released their inner dare devils, experiencing rides such as Dragon Fury, Mandrill Mayhem, Vampire, Croc Drop and Seastorm. Oh, and how could we forget getting drenched on Monkey Swinger?! There was also a chance to visit some of the friendly animals around the theme park. What an epic day to mark the end of an era for our Year 6 cohort!





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### Music and Drama

It has been another busy year in the Music and Drama departments! The Autumn Term saw Reception perform their own Nativity concert, followed by Year 1 and 2 giving an entertaining performance of 'Christmas With The Aliens', telling the Nativity story we all know but with a refreshing twist. Parents also enjoyed our Preschool Christmas concert and our school Carol service with performances from the Orchestra and Senior, Junior and Chamber Choirs.

In the Spring Term, given the number of musicians across Year 5 and 6 we split their annual Music concert into two across the day, with performances from Senior Choir, Chamber Choir and Orchestra in both concerts and an impressive array of soloists and songs from each Year Group. Our Year 4 Music and Drama showcase at Easter included two short plays, solo music items and songs as well as the Senior Choir and Recorder Ensemble. This year has seen the introduction of our smaller 'Music Tea concerts' hosted by the Visiting Music Teachers; these have been successful in offering a more intimate performance space and an opportunity for parents to meet the music teachers, and we are intending to host more next year.

In March the Chamber Choir enjoyed huge success in the Bromley Music Festival, winning both of their classes and more silverware to adorn the music room! In the same month a small group of advanced Year 6 musicians gave a wonderful recital at St. George's church as part of the church's Friday lunchtime public concert series; it was an honour to be invited to take these pupils to perform and they gave a stunning performance which was extremely well-received by the audience.

During the Summer Term, Year 1, 2 and 3 performed a music concert all together for the first time, with energetic performances of songs and percussion from Junior Choir and all the Year groups, plus some impressive solos from across Year 3. Following this, the much-anticipated Year 5 and 6 production of 'Whispers Across The

Waves' took the audience on an exciting journey over the seas with mystery and humour in equal measure!

A new drama initiative this year has been the LAMDA club and, after careful preparation, ten children from our Prep School have recently enjoyed taking their first LAMDA exams at the School in areas such as Acting and Choral Speaking.

We are fortunate to have such a high standard of musicians and actors across the school and we would not be able to do what we do without this amazing pool of talent and the support of our Visiting Music Teachers, staff and parents in rehearsing and presenting all the events. We thank you for your support and are looking forward to what next year brings!

