

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

Today marked one of the most anticipated assemblies of the year, where we celebrated the incredible character demonstrated by our pupils. A huge congratulations to Campbell for earning the most character counters this term – their commitment to our core values has truly shone

through. As a special reward, pupils in Campbell will have the opportunity to wear their own clothes this Monday – something to look forward to! I also had the pleasure of announcing the highest merit earners for the term, and I'm excited to share that I will be enjoying a special lunch with Evelyn (Rec), Max (Year 1), Scarlet (Year 2), Samuel (Year 3), Freya (Year 4), Emily (Year 5), Rayan (Year 6) in my office next week. While today's assembly was a highlight, we are all looking forward to concluding the term with an even grander celebration on the final day, when we will announce our Character Counter Champions. I will personally be writing to the parents of these remarkable students to highlight the wonderful reasons for their nominations.

In other exciting news, we've been treated to a musical extravaganza this past week! On Tuesday, our Years 1-3 pupils wowed us with a brilliant concert, showcasing their impressive talents. From joyful singing to and some lovely recorder playing, their enthusiasm and skill were truly inspiring. It was a real delight to see them perform so beautifully. And just a couple of days later, we had yet another fantastic concert - this time from our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Sadly, I wasn't able to attend this, which I was genuinely disappointed about, as I absolutely hate missing any of the children's performances. However, I've heard glowing reports about the show, and I have no doubt the children were spectacular. This concert was particularly special (and bittersweet), as it marked the last one that Mrs. Gay will lead for our school before she leaves at the end of this term. It's hard to put into words just how much she has brought to our school's musical life. Her dedication, creativity, and passion have made such a difference, and she's been an incredible colleague to work alongside. I've truly valued her input, and she will be

greatly missed - not only for her musical expertise but also for the warmth and inspiration she has shared with us all.

However, speaking of music, we've also been busy with the interviews for our new Director of Music, who will start in September. While no one can replace Mrs. Gay, we are thrilled to announce that we've appointed Mrs Eastwood to the role. She impressed us with her vision for our music program and will be an excellent addition to our team. For the Summer term, we're delighted to welcome two talented interim teachers who will continue to enrich our music provision. Mrs. McSorley will join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays, teaching Preschool through Year 3, and Mrs. Jeremic will be in on Mondays and Fridays to teach Year 4-6. We know they will do an excellent job as we await the arrival of our new Director of Music.

Today, we also held our second "Seat at Our Table" event, where parents were invited to join us for lunch and see first-hand the excellent provision we have for our school meals. The children are fortunate to have such varied and healthy choices every day. There was a real buzz in the air and hopefully an indication of a delicious lunch enjoyed together. Unfortunately, I also missed most of this event due to a meeting with the Executive Board at St. Dunstan's, but I am excited to share that these meetings are part of the preparations for some big upcoming projects we are planning for the Autumn term. I'm sure you'll love hearing more details soon – watch this space!

Lastly, I want to remind you that next week, school will finish on Wednesday after our annual Easter Hatwalk. (Be sure to check on the poster later in the newsletter for the themes for each class and the timings) You're warmly invited to join us for this festive event and to collect your child directly afterward. If you can't make it, you're welcome to meet them at the gate at the designated times:

- 11:20 for Preschool (from the SCAMPS Gate)
- 11:30 for Pre-Prep (from the Pre-Prep playground)
- 12:00 for Prep (from the Pre-Prep playground)

Mr Carter

Head Teacher

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Creative Writing Club (Prep)

This term our budding writers have been hard at work crafting tales of love, mystery and pandas. Every Friday lunchtime, they have brought creativity and enthusiasm to the Art classroom, where they have plotted and written their very own tales. We are delighted to share a snippet of these here!

Paddy the Panda walked in the wishing, wild wind to the pretty park. When she got there, there was a giant surprise waiting for her. When she opened it... there was her friend called Milo. Then they played together in the exciting, fun park. They played happily together on the see-saw, then Milo said, "Hey Paddy..."

Paddy said, "Yeah?"

"Let's have a sleepover."

Then Paddy said, "Yes! I have been waiting for you to ask me that forever!"

Hazel (Year 3)

Once upon a time lived a ten year old, and his name was Harry. He had a dog called Nico. Nico was four years old. Harry had a football tournament with his friends from his school: Arlo, Sammy, Scott, and Samuel. They played for their hometown club, Lain FC. Their group was the easiest group there, and they won their first game against Iverytown, 4-2 against them.

Scott (Year 3)

Now if you're one of those kids who hates going to school and getting up early in the morning, then this book isn't for you!

This is Amy, a 13 year old going back to school after a long summer holiday. Amy goes to Summer Set Secondary School, a very hard (but boring for Amy) school. It's Monday 7th February 2025 and Amy is very excited because today has all her favourite subjects! Art is first and Amy's class - 7H (her teacher is Mrs Hicks) - are painting in a Van Gogh style, based around the sunflowers with the flaming orange, maroon petal-tips and elegant lime green stems.

Anaiya (Year 4)

The Mystery of Pancadamy Chapter 1

"Kyyyyyyyya!!!!" Shouted Kamaria Kali Khloe Kamila Kravec karate-chopping a punching bag with the back of her paw. Kamaria was practicing her warrior skills in Juckatiom Warrior Gym as in a few weeks she would be joining the best warrior school on the planet...PANCADAMY!!!!

Pancadamy was the school every young panda warrior dreamed of joining, especially Kamaria, as her sister was the greatest warrior ever... Borghidr!!!! Everyone knew who Borghidr was. For many years Kamaria had had to live in her sister's shadow but now she was going to outshine everyone else by becoming the GREATEST WARRIOR EVER!!

"That was an amazing chop," commented Kamaria's best friend Bash, sarcasm dripping from his voice.

"*Ó, qíng bǎochí ānjìng Bā shén (Oh do be quiet Bash),*" Kamaria said. "*Rúguǒ nǐ guǎn bù zhù zuǐ, jiù shuō xiē hǎohuà (And if you can't keep your mouth shut say nice things).*"

"*Alright I will Kǎ mǎi yǎ,*" replied Bash, "*Hǎo de, wǒ huì de (Alright, I will).*"

"Thank you. *Wǒmen zǒu ba (Let's go),*" said Kamaria, "*I've had enough practice for today.*"

So Kamaria and Bash walked out the gym and out into the blazing Hong Kong sunshine.

Olivia (Year 5)

The Diary of a Hamster Monday 18th November Hey there!

My name's Maya and I am a hamster. I live in a luxurious hamster cage with my hum (hamster-mum) and twin sister Mia. My hum had this 'great idea' (if it can even be called that!) that Mia and I should get diaries. She also said that we spend too much time on our Ham-Vs, but if she thinks that she can get us away from TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat or Whatsapp for 2 whole hours, then she should think again. 'Mia, Maya blah ,blah, blah TOO much time on your HAM-V's.'

BREAKING NEWS: Our mum is SOOOOO OLD that she still uses Facebook on her HAM-V

P.S : DON'T expect me to be all 'Dear Diary' here and 'Dear Diary' there. I am a mature, sensible, totally-not-girly hamster!

Fola (Year 5)

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Creative Writing Club (Prep) (cont)

Sir Cheeseball The Third

Sir Cheeseball the Third is a Cheeseball, the third cheeseball to rule Cheesedonia. He likes to pretend his favourite food is apple because everyone else does but really he likes eating fellow cheeseballs. Not the types of cheeseball you find walking around but the type you find in packets that are already dead but taste really nice - I'm not gonna lie!

He is mayor of Cheesedonia. In Cheesedonia, the cheeseballs have strict rules that there is only one ruler, because adult cheeseballs are very smart, and the cheese government made rules that rather than a King Cheeseball, at the election of cheese they elected Sir Cheesball the 3rd and the CheeseBall courts ruled there was only one ruler - him... it was fair and cheesquare, and they made Sir Cheeseball a Mayor.

He lives with his Cheese-wife, Cheese-daughter, Cheese-son and Cheese-dog and Cheese-cat in the Castle of Cheese with Cheese butlers and Cheese maids who live there. The Cheese children have massive cheese bedrooms and the Cheese pets have their own little Cheese houses.

Zirphie (Year 5)

The Domance (Death and Romance) of the Century

Chapter One- Love at First Smirk

Once upon a time there was a Romeo and Juliet although they didn't know it yet.

Antonio was strolling on the streets of Italy not caring a single bit what was going on around him. Antonio was the type that was vain, careless and selfish; he didn't do anything to anyone - he just loved it when something did happen.

He was just walking past a cafe when a woman and her children came out, but the poor woman tripped and her coffee spilled all over her clothes. Luckily it wasn't hot. All he did was stand there with a smirk building on his face. Suddenly a sort of hero appeared. Ok, I'll tell the truth she was a hero and her name was... Juliet. She took the children to one side and at the speed of lightning the mother was pretty ok. "Wow," gasped Antonio with his jaw almost on the floor.

"Oh lalah!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" whispered his mate Pedro.

"Oh shh," Antonio reprimanded sternly. But to be fair he did think that he had a little feeling for her in his heart.

Emily (Year 5)

It was a misty, sunny start to a Monday morning at the start of half term. The breeze smelt like flowers and happiness and the sky was an azure colour blue.

The animals were communicating sweetly saying what they were going to do today and people in London shared jokes and joy as they walked past each other.

On Blueberry Lane, there was a house with a daughter, a mother, a father and a baby brother that lived there.

Poppy, the optimistic daughter, was lying in bed sound asleep when suddenly her alarm went off. The minute she heard the alarm, she leapt out of bed, throwing her duvet off and turned the alarm off swiftly.

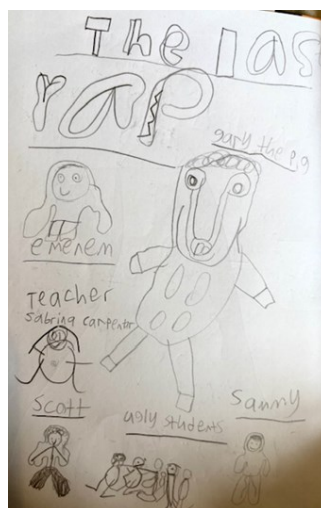
She was just about to put on her fluffy, fuchsia coloured dressing gown when her Mother burst through the door along with her brother, Oliver.

"What's wrong?" asked Poppy, starting to feel worried.

"We have some terrible and some sombre news, my darling angel. Grandma has died." Mother wept, feeling blue.

Phoebe (Year 5)

And last but not least, Sammy (Year 3) graphic novel featuring Gary the Pig and Eminem.



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DT

This half term, every year group has been hard at work in their Food DT lessons, learning all about nutrition, healthy eating, and how to make and

adapt recipes. The lessons have been filled with exciting hands-on activities, allowing students to put their learning into practice.

The fun culminated in a series of cooking sessions; everyone got to enjoy the fruits of their labour! Each year group brought in ingredients, worked together, and made something delicious to eat

For example, Reception had a fun time experimenting with three different smoothies, tasting and comparing the flavours. Year 3 students made fresh and tasty salsa, while Year 4 got busy making hearty homemade

soup. Year 6 students took a step back in time, making carrot biscuits from an authentic WWII rationing recipe—what a great way to learn about history and food!

Each group worked hard together to prepare their dishes. They had to follow recipes, learning valuable skills along the way. It was a fantastic way for everyone to not only discover the joy of cooking but also understand the importance of making healthy food choices.

From tasting new foods to sharing and enjoying what they made, every student has had a marvellous time in their Food DT lessons this term. What a delicious way to learn!



Phase Fusion

This half term the children have had the opportunity to participate in our Phase Fusion initiative once again. Each week the Pre-Prep and Prep school have come together in mixed Phase classes to take part in activities based around Spelling, Phonics and Handwriting, Maths Games

and Activities, Team Games and Skills, Art and Design, Reading and Mindfulness.

This Half term Year 2 and 6P have had the

chance to work together each Wednesday and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it has been fantastic to see how the Year 6 children have supported and encouraged the younger children. This was particularly evident in the Team Games session, which involved teams attempting to cross a 'swamp' without falling in or leaving anyone behind!



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Easter Hatwalk

Please join us 15 minutes before the Easter Hat Parades for a hot cross bun and selection of beverages, including iced coffee and soft drinks. We'll be located in the playground, outside the hall doors. The weather looks to be holding out for us!

We look forward to seeing you there.

A selection of second hand uniform will also be available. If you have items that you would like to pre-order to view, please email stchristophersassociation@gmail.com by 9am Monday 31st March.

Join us on the last day of term when we host our

PRE-PREP Easter HAT-WALK! 2025!

Children who wish to participate can decorate a hat at home to bring to school on Weds 2nd April and parade down the Hat-walk in their creation!

Pre-Prep school hat themes:

Reception: Bunny Wonderland! Decorate your hat with cute bunnies, flowers, and pastel colours	Year 1: Easter Picnic Think of picnic treats like sandwiches, fruit, chocolate and lemonade
Year 2: Nature's Beauty Focus on trees, leaves, and animals like squirrels, birds and hedgehogs	

Weds 2nd April	10:50am	Main Gate opens for Pre-Prep parents to enter the playground for a drink, hot cross bun, and a chance to view uniform
	11:00am	Pre-Prep parents head into the Main Hall to watch the parade
	11:15 - 11:25am	Pre-Prep Hat Parade
	11:30am	Pre-Prep children return to their playground with teachers/TAs for dismissal

Parents not attending the parade should be at the Main Gate ready to collect their child.

Join us on the last day of term when we host our

PREP SCHOOL Easter HAT-WALK! 2025!

Children who wish to participate can decorate a hat at home to bring to school on Weds 2nd April and parade down the Hat-walk in their creation!

Prep school hat themes:

Year 3: Animal Kingdom! Your favourite animal or a jungle theme, using vibrant colours or textures	Year 4: Magical Forest Design a hat with mythical creatures like fairies, elves or woodland animals
Year 5: Dinosaurs of Easter A prehistoric twist - dinosaurs celebrating Easter with eggs and spring flowers	Year 6: Time Travell! Different time periods or future worlds, like Victorian Easter or a futuristic celebration

Weds 2nd April	11:30am	SCAMPS Gate opens for Prep parents to enter the Pre-Prep playground for a drink, hot cross bun, and a chance to view uniform
	11:45am	Prep parents head into the Main Hall to watch the parade
	11:50 - 12:00pm	Prep Hat Parade
	12:00pm	Prep children return to the Pre-Prep playground with teachers/TAs for dismissal

Parents not attending the parade should be at the Main Gate ready to collect their child.

Musical Theatre ECHO

Musical Theatre ECHO Club has been a joyful and creative space full of harmonies, choral singing, duets and solos! We learnt about several West End musicals and even took a (virtual) walk

around London's Theatreland. Then, we selected a Musical to focus on each week.

Throughout each session, the children learnt, rehearsed and performed a song synonymous with each production. Mrs Coombs and Mrs Shivers were blown away by the children's confidence, wide range of ideas, thoughtful compositions and support for one another.



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Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Ethan (Year 3) and Shreya (Year 6), who both achieved their 9th KYU orange belt in karate over the weekend. This is a fantastic accomplishment, reflecting their dedication and hard work. Well done to both!



Anna's (Rec) impressive achievement in the Bake Off competition at the Greek Community School during the Greek Carnival celebrations also deserves recognition! Her cake, which was generously donated to raise funds for the school, sold out incredibly quickly, showcasing her talent and support for the school community. Well done, Anna!



Arjun (Year 2) and his Nexgen team have reached the semi-finals of the prestigious Gold Cup, ranking among the top four teams in their age group out of 75 teams in one of the most competitive youth leagues in London and the UK! Regardless of how the knock-out stages unfold, we are incredibly proud of Arjun and his teammates. This season has been a valuable lesson in resilience and teamwork for Arjun. Well done, Arjun!



If your child achieves anything outside of school, do let Mr Carter know—he loves hearing about it!

Emailing teachers



REMINDER: ALL emails to teachers should use the mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk

A Seat at our Table

Last Friday and today, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming many parents to join us for a school lunch. This special event gave us the opportunity to showcase the delicious and nutritious meals our catering team provides every day - whilst also bringing our school community closer together. Parents from Preschool to Year 6 shared conversation and laughter over a hearty meal. Our Yr 6 students were on hand to serve from the salad bar and chat with guests.

As always, Phil and his dedicated team went above and beyond, preparing a sumptuous roast dinner with all the trimmings. To top it off, parents enjoyed fresh fruit platters and a mouth-watering sponge cake for pudding.

The feedback we received has been incredible, and we are so glad that everyone enjoyed this event as much as we did. We hope to host more of these in the future, continuing to celebrate the fantastic food and strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

Thank you to everyone who joined us; we cannot wait to welcome you back to our table again soon!



What's Happening Next Week

Monday 31st March

- Easter Egg Cork Hunt (whole school in the afternoon)
- Year 6 Parents IOW Residential meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

- Pre-Prep Hat Walk: 11:15-11:25am
- Prep Hat Walk: 11:50-12pm

Times for dismissal:

- Preschool 11:20 - from SCAMPS Gate
- Pre-Prep 11:30am - from Pre-Prep playground
- Prep 12pm - from Pre-Prep playground