

# Newsletter

## Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

We have made it - our first full five-day week of this half-term! With so many bank holidays and events peppered throughout this half-term, these full weeks are something of a rare beast, so we feel especially triumphant to have reached Friday with smiles still firmly in place.

Adding to the feeling of celebration, we've been blessed with glorious sunshine all week, making it truly feel as though the summer term has officially arrived. To mark the start of May and to embrace the joyful weather, we hosted a "Dress in Your Own Colour" day on Thursday. While we are strong advocates for school uniform as it helps create a sense of belonging, pride, and equality - we also recognise the value of giving pupils the occasional opportunity to express their individuality. Therefore, it was wonderful to see pupils arriving in clothes they love - a real demonstration of self-expression. Encouraging children, and indeed everyone, to dress in a way that makes them feel comfortable is such an important part of building confidence and embracing individuality. The school was a dazzling rainbow of cheerful outfits, and the sunshine gave the whole day an extra sparkle. To help everyone stay cool, we also treated the children to ice lollies at lunchtime - a simple but very well-received delight!

On Monday, we marked *Earth Day* in our school assembly. We talked about why Earth Day matters: it's a reminder to protect our environment by saving energy, reducing waste, and looking after nature. The children shared fantastic ideas about how we can help - from picking up litter to planting bee-friendly flowers. One thing's clear: our pupils are planet protectors in the making!

This week also saw the first of our charity fundraising efforts for the summer term, with Year 4 hosting a fantastic cake sale. Events like this are not just fun (and delicious!) - they are also an important way for the children to experience the power of giving, learn about the causes we sup-



port, and feel empowered to make a difference themselves. Thank you for your generosity and encouragement!

Sport has also been a huge highlight this week. Our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the ISFA Girls' Football Tournament. We are passionate about promoting girls' sport and could not be prouder of the way our teams played, supported each other, and represented our school with such spirit and determination. It's vital that we continue championing opportunities like this, and we're thrilled to see our girls thriving on and off the pitch.

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that we have now received our Independent Schools Inspectorate report following our recent inspection - and it is truly excellent news. The report highlights the strength and quality of education we provide, and we are especially proud to have been awarded a **Significant Strength** in the area of Leadership of Teaching and Learning. Although it appears as just a short phrase within the body of the report, Significant Strength is one of the highest commendations the ISI can give. It is rarely awarded, and only when Inspectors find practice that is not only consistently excellent, but has a sustained and exceptional impact on all pupils. In our case, it means that the way we lead,

shape, and continually refine teaching and learning across the school is not simply strong - it is sector-leading. It reflects a level of strategic clarity, professional alignment, and educational vision that sets the school apart, even among high-performing peers. It is a benchmark very few schools achieve, and we are immensely proud to see our work recognised in this way. While ISI reports no longer contain headline judgments such as "excellent" or "outstanding," those familiar with the format will recognise just how glowing our report is. We are currently waiting for the ISI to publish the report on their website so that we can share it with you officially. In the meantime, we are preparing a summary document to draw out the key highlights and ensure the whole community can celebrate what this report confirms: that the school is in a tremendously strong place.

Mr Carter  
**Head Teacher**

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### Preschool

The Preschool children have settled back into their routines with ease this term, and were very happy to see each other after the Easter break. The sunnier weather has given us lots of opportunities for spending more time in our outdoor learning areas this week and the children have really been enjoying the water play as well as playing with the sand and mud in the outdoor kitchens. We have some budding mud chefs



amongst us. Our theme this half term is 'Under the Sea' so we have already been looking at, and talking about, all the exciting things that live in the oceans. We have been imagining what it would be like to swim under the sea or even travel in a submarine! We have lots to keep us busy and we are looking forward to the term ahead.



### Pre-Prep

It has been a sunny and exciting start to the Summer Term in Pre-Prep with the lovely weather and a new set of ECHO clubs already underway.

The Pre-Prep children are looking forward to what will be a short, but action packed term, with Sports Day, Moving Up morning and Phase Fusion activities planned for after the half term break. We have various trips and workshops planned for the Summer, including trips to London Zoo and Greenwich, a Seaside Workshop for Year 2 and a Pre-Prep Circus Skills workshop for all the children. Year 2 also has swimming this term which is very exciting!



The Year 2 classes have made the most of the warm weather, planting some crops in relation to our 'Plants and Growing' Science topic. If the children prove to be good gardeners, we hope to enjoy a delicious home grown salad at the end of the term!





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**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL FOR 4-16 YEAR OLDS**

**BROMLEY**



Fun, safe and welcoming environment for girls ages 4-16 to develop and enjoy the game



Indoor and outdoor facilities so we can train all year round



Lots of touches of the ball to aid development



Girls Only Sessions

**Sessions:**

**Mondays**  
5.30 pm - 6.30pm: 4-16 year olds

**Address:**

Harris Academy Beckenham  
Manor way  
Beckenham  
BR3 3SJ

Price: £88 for 8 sessions

**Book your free session**



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**What will my child learn at weekly training?**

Each week has a different theme with children developing their technical ability, speed / movement / agility, fitness, game understanding as well as character and desire. We ensure that each player is being adequately challenged and continues to learn new football fundamentals throughout the year.



**Training Sessions for Girls**

**Harris Academy Beckenham**  
Manor Way, Beckenham, BR3 3SJ

**Monday**

4-16 year olds: 5.30pm - 6.30pm



**Can all players come to weekly training?**

Players of all abilities are welcome at We Make Footballers from ages 4-16. Our fun, engaging and challenging syllabus often provides children with their first introduction to football. Our coaching team will ensure that your child is developing at each session both technically and socially.

**Links to professional clubs**

We have links to lots of professional clubs and run talent ID events for our players to showcase their skills in front of scouts. We have helped 300+ players sign for professional academies.

**Please contact the team on**

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### Prep

Welcome back to all our Prep School students and parents! I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine this week - long may it continue. We have an exciting term ahead, full of memorable experiences. All year groups will be heading off on their residential trips: Year 6 will be catching the ferry to the Isle of Wight, Year 5 will be heading down to Bowles Outdoor Centre, Year 4 will enjoy the



beaches and surroundings of Swanage, Dorset, and Year 3 will experience their very first night away at Frylands. Alongside our residential, we have a fantastic calendar of events to look forward to, including our sponsored charity events, EDI week, STEM workshops, Sports Day, the Year 5 and 6 production, and our much-anticipated Summer Fair. I am certain it will be another Summer Term to remember!



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### Royal Russell Inter School Maths Competition

An intrepid team of four Year 5 pupils ventured to Royal Russell School for their Inter School Maths competition.

Fola, Emilia, Oscar and Oliver headed up our team of mathematicians to compete against seventeen other teams from schools across South East London, Bromley and Kent.

The challenges were split up over four rounds and involved three friendship challenges that required superb problem solving skills, teamwork and a strong understanding of numbers.

By the end of the afternoon, the results were announced and St Christopher's came 9th out of 18, which is an outstanding achievement. However, Mrs Shivers and Mr Chowdhury were so proud of how our four children conducted themselves, demonstrated resilience and simply enjoyed the event, they would proudly award all four pupils first place! Well done, Fola, Emily, Oscar and Oliver.



### EDI Week

We are excited to announce that next week (from Tuesday 6th May - Friday 9th May) Reception - Year 6 students will be embarking on an exciting EDI week. Children will be allocated a part of the world, which they will research, explore and learn through a range of subjects. Please join us in the Upper Hall on Friday 9th May (from 3.15-4.15pm) for a 'Walk Around The World' where your child can showcase and celebrate their work from the week with you.

### SCA

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in St Christopher's very first Pop-Up Flower Shop! We're thrilled to share that we raised over £1,000, which will go towards adding the finishing touches to our new Pre-Prep playground.

Even more special than the fundraising total was the joy and excitement the children experienced while creating their beautiful gifts for loved ones. We truly wish every parent could have seen their little ones in action – they were absolutely beaming with pride. What a special bunch they are!

Keep an eye out for more exciting events coming soon, including our relaxing evening sound bath, our Father's Day event, and plenty more to come!



### *What's Happening Next Week*

-  **Monday 5th May**
  - BANK HOLIDAY
-  **Tuesday 6th May**
  - Start of EDI Week
  - Year 4 Cricket v St Dunstan's (Away)  
All Year 4 to play (14:15-16:30)
-  **Wednesday 7th May**
  - Year 5 Bowles Residential Parent Meeting  
(08:20-08:50)
-  **Friday 9th May**
  - Year 6 Cricket v Colfes (Away)  
All Year 6 to play (14:15-16:30)