

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

As we teeter on the very cusp of the end of term (yes, already!), it seems everything is rushing toward the finish line in a glorious, flurry of events, performances, and announcements. This week has been a perfect example of that fabulous end-of-term energy!

We were whisked away to Oz this week thanks to a spellbinding performance of *"The Wizard of Oz"* by our Year 5 and 6 stars. They sang, danced, and acted their socks off to a packed house of beaming families. Having visited Wicked earlier this term, Year 6 has truly gone full circle, from Elphaba to the Emerald City in just a few short weeks! The show was bursting with imagination, heart, and sparkle, not to mention some very snazzy ruby slippers and fabulously character filled performances from scarecrows, tin men, lions, and some long suffering winged monkeys. Huge thanks to Ms Wooderson for conjuring up this theatrical delight!

We also had a special moment as we revealed our new Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil for the next academic year. Following some stirring, persuasive, and at times very witty campaign speeches, the School voted, and I'm thrilled to announce that Emily will be our Head Pupil, with Tamara as her fantastic Deputy. I am enormously proud of all the Year 5 children who had the courage to speak in front of their peers; it was an exercise in confidence, leadership, and self-expression.

Today, we took a moment to celebrate our pupils' hard work and character as Mrs West announced the top merit earners in each year group. These pupils have demonstrated excellence in everything from academic achievements to kindness, good manners, and leadership this term. I look forward to hosting these stars for a special Head's lunch in my office on Tuesday (**or Monday if Sports Day gets moved!**) And speaking of rewards, congratulations to Campbell House, who have topped the charts with the most Character Counters this term! As a treat, pupils in **Campbell** may come to school in their own clothes on Tuesday (**or again it may be Monday if Sports Day is moved**).

And now, for something rather grown-up and important: end-of-year reports will be landing in your

inboxes at 4:00 pm on Monday, with Preschool reports being sent home today with their Learning Journals. They will arrive from one of the following email addresses:

reports@stchristophersthehall.org.uk;
reports1@stchristophersthehall.org.uk;
reports2@stchristophersthehall.org.uk.

If you don't spot it, do check your junk/spam folders just in case. Please note that these addresses **are not monitored**, so do contact us on the usual mail@ address, if you need to follow up. I hope you find the reports a moment for reflection, recognition, and perhaps a little celebration. Each child has their own learning journey, and we are so proud of the progress made this year. The information shared is designed to support, not compare, and we gently remind parents to keep any level indicators for grown-up eyes only. We've also included a quick Google Form link for you to confirm receipt and offer any comments you may wish to share; we always value your feedback.

In preparation for Move Up Morning on Tuesday, class lists for next year have been sent out today. Our teachers are excited to meet their new classes and begin planting the seeds for another fantastic year ahead. There is more information below about the teachers for classes next year, and movement of staff.

Finally, next week is our last week of term, and on the final day (Thursday 10th), we kindly request that all pupils come to school wearing their full school uniform. Additionally, please note that our school day will finish earlier than usual. The collection times for students will be as follows:

- 11.20** - Preschool - (Preschool Gate)
- 11.30** - Reception (Front Door)
- 11.35** - Year 1 & 2 (Main Gate)
- 11.40** - Year 3 & 4 (Main Gate) Year 5 (Preschool Gate)
- 11.50** - Year 6 (dismissal from front door)

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth end to our school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Mr Carter
Head Teacher

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Prep School Creative Writing Club

The Prep Creative Writing Club have been at it again! This term, some of the writers wanted to experiment with poetry. Exploring rhyming structures, haikus, limericks and nonsense poems, here are some of their excellent and humorous samples...

*Frogs are frogs
And they love to sit on logs,
Bath in bogs,
Get chased by dogs,
But most of the time they do their social media
blogs. (Anaiya, 4C)*

*Friends are nice and they sleep in ice
Friends are fun and they like the sun.
They get stuck in bogs but love furry dogs.
They're all old but they are not bold.
They all like their spice, and they drink water
twice. (Ellie, 4C)*

*Eating a lime at dinner time is a crime
It has lots of grime and if you don't hear the chime
at
Dinner time then don't eat the lime at dinner time,
it's a crime! (Egypt, 5T)*

*Siblings are the worst,
In all of Chislehurst
Mums always pick them first*

*They are stinky and they're smelly,
They're full of rotten jelly
It's like they've been cursed
They really are the worst.
Ew! They don't brush their teeth
Or wipe down beneath
They steal all our clothes
And even pick their nose! (Fola, Phoebe and
Emily Year 5)*

Some of our other authors stuck to stories, and have produced brilliant summer reads.

*The Frylands Adventure
There were nineteen kids and six in each room.
You had to write down two people. Yinka voted for
Dennis and Scott. Sammy voted for Scott and Arlo.
In my room I had Arlo, Sammy, Yinka, Rhys
and Erik V. At night, Arlo and Scott slept in the top
bunks. At night, I threw my pants at Arlo! Then
Erik V and I sang a bedtime song to Rhys. It
went...*

*Twinkle twinkle little star,
Gummy bears are chasing me. (Scott, 3C)*

*Edward and Marcus
Once upon a time, there were fish who lived with
their owner Sammy. Sammy was a football player/
scientist/actor. Little Sammy gave Edward and
Marcus magic fish food that made them strong.
Then a magic door came. It had two sides and a
sign saying 'Portal to Ogdof'... (Sammy, 3C)*

Year 3

This week, our pupils had an unforgettable experience at Frylands on their residential trip. For many, this was their first time away from home, and they embraced it with enthusiasm and maturity. We were incredibly proud of how well-behaved and respectful they were throughout.

The children threw themselves into every activity, from climbing and archery to team-building challenges, demonstrating fantastic cooperation, bravery, and support for one another. A real highlight was the evening talent show, where pupils shared poems they had written, told spooky stories

around the campfire, and, of course, enjoyed delicious ice lollies as the sun set!

Mr Codd and Mrs Goberdhan couldn't be any prouder of the children — their resilience, kindness, and spirit made the trip a true success. It was a joy to witness them grow in confidence and independence. Well done to all who took part in this memorable adventure!



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ABOUT OUR CAMPS!

Our Ofsted registered camps are packed with over 50 fun-filled activities each week to keep the kids entertained, safe and happy during the school holidays!

TIMINGS & DISCOUNTS

- Standard day at camp, 9:30am-4:30pm
- Extended Hours, 8am-9:30am, 4:30pm-6pm
- Sibling discounts available
- Discounts available for full week bookings

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

- Theme days
- Book with childcare vouchers, Tax free childcare, Bright Horizons & CGPS
- HAF Programme Provider
- Pre-school places available at selected locations

CAMP DATES

• Feb Half-Term	• Summer Holidays
• Easter Holidays	• October Half-Term
• May Half-Term	• Christmas Holidays

BRAND NEW CAMP LOCATIONS

• Dulwich College Ducks (Dulwich)	• Tubbenden Primary School (Orpington)
• St Christopher's The Hall (Beckenham)	• The John Fisher School (Purley)
• Sydenham High School (Sydenham)	

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS AT MUNCHKIN SPORTS

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SCA

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fair! It was a beautiful day for it, and we hope you enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

As the summer term comes to a close, we're already looking ahead to our next event — Open Air Cinema Night on Saturday, 30th August!

Gates will open at 4pm (film to start between 5:30-6pm), and the evening promises to be a great opportunity for pupils, parents, families, and friends to reconnect over pizza, drinks, and a film, just before the new school year begins.

We hope to see you there!

Tickets are available now via the link below:

<https://www.scasales.co.uk/>



Allergy reminder:

Please do not send in snacks which contain nuts or sesame seeds.



PE/Sport

Well done to Ellie in Year 4, who took part in her very first trampolining competition last weekend. Competing as the youngest participant in the 9-12 age category, Ellie showed great skill and determination, earning an impressive second place finish. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and look forward to watching her progress and success in the years to come.



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Staffing for Next Year

As we look ahead to the next academic year, I wanted to share a few updates and reflections on staffing. It is good educational practice to move staff between year groups from time to time. This not only broadens teachers' experience and keeps their practice fresh, but it also helps prevent them from becoming too 'institutionalised' in one specific age group. Exposure to a range of year groups strengthens their overall teaching repertoire - and we are fortunate to have a team of outstanding educators who are more than up to the task, no matter which year group they are teaching!

I must also mention an exciting development for one of our colleagues: **Mrs Morris** will be seconded to Rosemead, another school in the St Dunstan's Educational Group, for the next academic year. She will be taking on the role of Head of Year 4, a brilliant opportunity that reflects her talents and leadership. While we will very much miss her drive, dedication, and passion for education here at St Christopher's, this experience will be hugely beneficial for her professional growth, and indeed, for the wider Group, as we continue to share expertise and strengthen our collaborative ties. We hope to welcome her back after her secondment year with even more insight and inspiration to bring to our pupils. We will also be bidding farewell to **Mrs Dorman**, who will be leaving us at the end of term to spend more time with her family. Though her time with us has been short, she has made a lovely contribution to school life, and we wish her all the very best for the future. Thank you again to **Miss McSorley** and **Miss Jeremic** for the wonderful music lessons this term. Your positivity, commitment and musical expertise have made real impact and we have appreciated having you on board.

As we say some goodbyes, we are also delighted to be saying some cheerful hellos. We look forward to welcoming back **Mrs Dubeck** following her maternity leave and are equally excited to welcome **Mrs Eastwood**, who will be joining us as our new **Director of Music**. Both bring a great deal of talent and energy to the team, and we are thrilled for what lies ahead.

The teaching staff and teaching assistants for each year group next year are as such:

Class	Teacher	TAs
Preschool	Mrs Conway	Mrs Salim, Mrs Meacock, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Bruin
RO	Mrs Oliver	Mrs Coombes
RS	Mr Styles	Mrs Vasey
1H	Miss Heselwood	Mrs Appiah and Mrs Malcolm
1J	Miss Johns	Mrs Creamer
2C	Mrs Chamadia	Mrs Craig
2Co	Mrs Cornish	Mrs Gobherdan
3C	Mr Codd	NEW
3O	Mr Organ	
4C	Mr Chowdhury	Mrs Dempsey
5S	Mrs Shivers	Mrs Michael
5T	Mrs Titchener	
6P	Mr Pretara	Mrs Aldridge
6R	Miss Rule	

In addition, other specialists and non class teaching teachers are as follows:

Mr Murphy	Head of PE and Games
Miss Davison	PE Teacher
Miss Steeden	PE Coach
Ms Williams	Head of Art/DT
Ms Wooderson	Drama Teacher
Mrs Eastwood	Director of Music
Mrs Dubeck	Head of MfL
Mrs Moorley	Head of Learning Enrichment
Mrs Davies	LE Teaching Assistant and First Aid Coordinator
Mrs Dodd	LE Teacher

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Clubs and Wraparound Care next year

Goodbye to SCAMPS, Hello to Munchkin! As we approach the end of term, we wanted to share some exciting changes ahead in our wraparound care provision.

After many years of serving our school community, we will be saying goodbye to SCAMPS at the end of this term. From September, we are thrilled to introduce Munchkin, our new and improved wraparound care offering.

Munchkin will run from 7:30am until 6:00pm, giving families greater flexibility and support, particularly for working parents. The extended hours are just one of the ways we're aiming to make daily life easier and more manageable for you.

This transition will also bring a more tailored approach to care. With increased space requirements and the need to cater for different age groups more specifically, we will be rethinking how we use our facilities. As a result, our after-school clubs programme will be streamlined and restructured to allow for a more logical and effective use of space across the site.

Rest assured, we will still be offering a wide range of exciting clubs and activities for the children to enjoy, though these may look a little different from this year's format.

We will be sending out full details of all available clubs, including booking information and confirmed days, near the end of August. This will give us the time needed to finalise the programme and ensure it runs smoothly from the start of the Autumn Term.

Please keep an eye out for more information as we near the end of the holidays. Thank you for your continued support as we make these positive changes for the future.

Emailing teachers

REMINDER: - ALL emails to teachers should use the mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk. It is very likely that emails will not get to their destination if you email teachers directly.



SOCCER SCHOOLS

HOLIDAY COURSES

LONDON



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. We have 4 & 5 day courses running across the Summer at the following venues in London:

- Battersea Park
- St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground

Book now by scanning the QR code or by using the below website.

Date Range	Age	Players
23rd Jul - 29th Aug	School Year 1-8	Boys & Girls

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What's Happening Next Week

- Monday 7th July**
 - Pre-Prep Sports Day (09:15-10:30) **WEATHER DEPENDANT! SEE EMAILS**
 - Prep Sports Day (11:00-12:30) **WEATHER DEPENDANT! SEE EMAILS**
 - Year 2 to 3 Transitions Meeting (16:00-16:30)
- Tuesday 8th July**
 - Moving up Morning (09:00-10:40)
 - Year 6 Leavers' Celebration @ St George's Church (17:00-18:00)
- Wednesday 9th July**
 - Year 6 Chessington Trip
- Thursday 10th July**
 - Last day of term. School finishes from 11:20 (**see dismissal times and location above**).