

Newsletter

End of the Year Edition!

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

We made it! Another school year is wrapped up, and what a year it's been! This final newsletter is all about celebrating the journey we've been on together and reminding us of all that we have achieved. We joined the St Dun-

stan's Education Group in 1st March, we received an exceptional inspection report, which truly reflects the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, and we welcomed fantastic new staff and brought new specialist expertise into our curriculum, enriching learning in ways that make us so proud. This year has been one of amazing growth, innovation, and achievement, and it's all thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

This week has been a great final culmination of the year... let's talk about Sports Day... after days of sunshine, we were hit by a rainy day, so had to postpone until Tuesday to hold our Pre-Prep and Prep Sports Day, and I can say, without hesitation, that it was by far the best Sports Day I've experienced at St Christopher's since I joined the school. And that is in no small part thanks to our incredible PE department. Mr Murphy and his fantastic team have truly taken sport and PE to the next level this year, not just in terms of what happens in lessons, but in their forward-thinking, aspirational approach to the entire department. Their organisation, vision, and dedication have completely transformed our sporting offer, and I could not be more thankful, or more proud. And yes, the Parents' Race was (as always) the most fiercely competitive event of the day. Who knew there were so many budding Olympians in our parent community?!

We ended the day with a delicious whole-school BBQ, followed by a wonderful House art activity with lolly sticks which is going to make a super piece of art to adorn our school walls. Watching our older pupils support and encourage the younger ones was genuinely heartwarming. These mo-

ments of cross-year collaboration are what make our school feel so much like a family. Huge thanks to the School Council for suggesting more mixed-age activities, we couldn't agree more!

As we reach the end of term, we also prepare to say goodbye to some much-loved members of our school community. Some of our staff are moving on (more on that below), and of course, we bid a fond farewell to our pupils who are heading off to new adventures, especially our wonderful Year 6. Our Year 6 celebration on Tuesday marked the end of their time with us. It was a celebration of everyone, not about trophies or certificates, but about recognising the incredible journey they've all

been on. From quiet achievers to budding comedians, artists, scientists and sports stars, every one of them has left their mark on our school in a unique way. I will miss their energy, their humour, and their spirit enormously. As Dr. Seuss said: "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"



Today, we also celebrated our Character Counter Champions for the Summer Term, those pupils who have consistently demonstrated the values we hold dear. I'll be emailing parents individually to share why their child was nominated, it's one of the best parts of my job, and something I always look forward to.

As we head into the holidays, I just want to say how much I've enjoyed this academic year. It's been a whirlwind, in the best possible way! Your support, encouragement, and trust means everything. This partnership between home and school is what allows our pupils to thrive, and I am so grateful for the role you play in that. For those families moving on, we send you off with warmest wishes and a big dose of St Christopher's pride. For everyone else, we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

A quick note for your diaries, and to hopefully help everyone start the new year smoothly, we'll be

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Preschool

What a lovely year it has been. We have been so busy with all our activities, that the time has simply flown past. During the Autumn term we enjoyed telling each other about ourselves and our families and discussing all the things that we like and do not like. By the end of the topic we all agreed that everyone is different and we all like different things! Halloween was lots of fun with pumpkins and apple printing and it was interesting to find out about lots of different celebrations including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We ended the Autumn term with our fantastic Christ-



mas concert which we performed to the whole school and then to our parents. The children gave a wonderful and confident performance and sang beautifully. Then we had lots of fun at our Christmas party. Gordon the magician amazed us with his magic, especially when the bunny appeared at the end!

In the Spring term, we really used our imaginations to make up stories about dinosaur land, under the sea and outer space. We were very lucky to have a storyteller, Momoko Abe, come and read us her book as part of World Book Week. Then Easter came with all the excitement of Easter activities and an Easter Egg hunt.

The Summer term was filled with learning about planting, growing and changing; our caterpillars turned into chrysalides and then butterflies and finally we watched them fly away in the garden. This term we also had a very exciting and enjoyable superhero drama workshop which was enjoyed by all.

Sports morning was a highlight of the year and we were lucky to have perfect weather for it. The children enthusiastically ran, jumped and balanced in their races and then we cheered on the grown ups in some very exciting parents' races.

The Preschool team have really enjoyed teaching the children this year. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them, and seeing them become such lovely children who are so ready for Reception is a wonderful privilege. We know they

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holding our Welcome Meetings at the start of term. These are a great chance to meet the teacher, hear about expectations, and ask any burning questions!

- Tuesday 2nd September 09:00–10:00 – Preschool and Reception Welcome Meeting, where you can bring your child to learn more about the year ahead. Yes, this is going to be held on one of the INSET days to help you embed before the kick off of the school year
- Thursday 4th September 08:15–09:00 - Year 1 and Year 2 Welcome Meeting
- Thursday 4th September 16:00–17:00 – Year 3 and Year 4 Welcome Meeting (*including iPad handout*)
- Friday 5th September 08:15–09:00 – Year 5 and Year 6 Welcome Meeting

Have a super summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3rd September. We're especially excited that the playground renovations begin tomorrow, and we can't wait for the children to return and see it in all its glory! We're also hoping to host a special preview event on Wednesday 3rd September, where families will be invited to explore the new space, enjoy a relaxed social gathering, and celebrate the start of an exciting new chapter together. Watch this space. More details will follow soon!

Mr Carter

Head Teacher

are all ready for their school journey ahead. We wish them an enjoyable summer and all the very best of luck in the future!



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Reception has had a super year! There are many highlights to choose from...our trips from the natural wonders of Hall Place and High Elms to the imaginative land of the Story centre are definitely up there as super fun and memorable days! Bringing our learning to life by bug hunting all over the school land for Science, exploring our deep dark historical cellar in Humanities and the tastes of Asia for our EDI week were firm favourites. The biggest and shiniest highlight of them all has been how each of them has grown, learnt and played as a



team. We are so excited for their next adventure but will look back fondly on our year together.



Year 1

Year One has had a fabulous year, look at these pictures and see how we have grown!

We have especially enjoyed our trips and workshops this year, starting off with Godtone Farm way back in the Autumn Term. We were even lucky with the weather then! We saw the days old piglets, got to hold reptiles and insects and had a great time exploring the outdoor play area. Also in the Autumn Term, we were visited by the Toy Museum and had a fabulous time looking at how toys changed over many years of being around, getting to hold and play with them too.

The Spring Term had us out on a windy day visiting Leeds Castle, we marched around the maze dressed as soldiers, and went up through the cellars of the castle to look at the original features that have been preserved. We could spot all of the things we had been learning about in the classroom.



During EDI week, we looked at New Zealand and Australia, particularly creation stories known as The Dreaming. We acted out some of the stories such as Tidalik The

Frog, wrote our own based on How The Birds Got Their Colours, and created kites as part of the celebration of Matariki.



In the Summer Term we had great fun with the visiting Circus Skills workshop, learning how to juggle, spin plates and balance. Our big highlight for this term was our trip to London Zoo. Our first stop was to the penguins to see them swimming under the water. We tried to see the lions but they were hiding from the hottest day of the year! Our journey continued through Africa where we saw the giraffes, zebras and warthogs. Tigers and gorillas were next and we unsuccessfully tried to swap a child for the baby gorilla! Finally we got to see the lions!

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Year 2

As we come to the end of a truly incredible year in Year 2, we can't help but look back with pride and joy at everything our children have achieved. It's been a year full of discovery, imagination, creativity, and above all, a genuine love for learning.

We began our journey delving into the past with our exciting topic on the Great Fire of London. The children brought history to life with their brilliantly crafted model houses - and watched in awe (and just a little excitement!) as we safely re-enacted the fire to understand how quickly it spread. Their curiosity and thoughtful questions made it a truly memorable experience.



From the past, we leapt into the future, as our budding space explorers began thinking about becoming astronauts. We launched into learning about the solar system, space travel, and what it might be like to live on another planet. The children imagined life in space with such enthusiasm that we wouldn't be surprised if we see some of them at NASA one day!

One of the highlights of the year was our magical theatre visit to see 'The Princess and the Pea.' Wide eyes, giggles, and gasps filled the auditorium as the children were captivated by the performance. It sparked so many wonderful conversations and inspired creative storytelling back in the classroom.

Back on Earth and closer to home, we took our Science learning outside and got our hands dirty in our very own Year 2 allotment. From sowing seeds

to watering and watching them grow, the children have loved every moment of tending to their vegetables. It's been a fantastic way to connect with nature and understand where our food comes from.



We also travelled back in time again during our Victorian Seaside workshop, where the children explored how holidays used to be. They were transported to a different era - and learned so much through hands-on activities and role-play.

All of these amazing experiences were brought to life by the energy, enthusiasm, and love of learning shown by every single Year 2 child. Whether in the classroom, out in the garden, or on a school trip, they have approached each challenge with curiosity and determination.

We couldn't be prouder of the progress they've made and the wonderful people they're becoming. As they get ready to take their next steps, we know they'll carry with them not just knowledge, but a passion for exploring the world around them.

Well done, Year 2 - and thank you for a truly unforgettable year!



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Year 3

What a fantastic year it's been in Year 3! From the very first day, the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm, resilience, and love of learning.

One of the most exciting developments this year was the introduction of our new 1:1 iPads. We've spent time exploring how to use them effectively, embedding technology into our learning in creative and purposeful ways. In History, we travelled back in time to explore fascinating civilisations. Our topic on Ancient Egypt was brought to life during a visit to the Horniman Museum, where we had the incredible opportunity to hold real artefacts in our hands. Later in the year, our work on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons included an unforgettable Viking Day filled with excitement and discovery.

In PSHE, we were particularly proud of the children's thoughtful discussions during our debates on pay structures and fairness in the world of work. Their empathy and ability to see different perspectives was inspiring. We also came together as a community for our Smiley Mile run, raising over £1,300 for charity—an amazing achievement

that showed just how big-hearted our pupils and their communities around them are.

A true highlight of the year was our first residential trip. It was a huge success, filled with laughter, adventure, and a chance for the children to grow in confidence and independence.

Mrs Goberdhan and Mr Codd could not be prouder of the children in their class. We will miss them dearly in September, but we know they are ready for the next exciting chapter.



Charity

We are immensely proud to have fundraised an incredible £4,266.81 for this year's chosen charity, The Epilepsy Society. On behalf of the charity, a huge thank you for your support and generosity.

and events this year, including 'Purple Day', Reception's 100 Activities, Year 1's Beat the Goalie, Year 2's Trim Trail Circuits, Year 3's Fun Run, Year 4's Bake Sale, Year 5's Car Wash, Year 6's Cricket Match and many more! We look forward to giving our school's donation, which will support their important and vital work.

CHARITY TOTAL
2024–2025
We have raised
£4266,81
★ for
Epilepsy Society
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	Epilepsy Society
Total Raised for Charity	4266.81
Purple Day	309.58
Penny Post	4.04
Concert Collection	334
Children in Need	100.94
Odd socks day	95.8
Reception Fundraiser	35
Yr 1 Fundraiser	324.00
Yr 2 Fundraiser	679.00
Yr 3 Fundraiser	1383.51
Yr 4 Fundraiser	216.00
Yr 5 Fundraiser	384.00
Yr 6 Fundraiser	137.55
Additional Funds	94.92
Christmas Jumper Day	168.47
Total Raised for Charity	4266.81

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Year 4

Oh My Goodness! How much have we achieved in Year 4 this year? It's been an incredible journey filled with fun, engaging, and memorable experiences.

From our exciting trip to the Natural History Museum for a STEM robotics workshop, to stepping back in time during our Stone Age workshop at Knole Park, and marching in formation like true Roman soldiers — we've certainly made some unforgettable memories together. Our fabulous residential to Leeson House in beautiful Dorset was a highlight, especially our trip to the beach at Swanage, where we loved watching the children play and devour some truly enormous ice creams!

We explored the theme of identity at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, developed our geography skills on a local area walk for mapping, and celebrated culture and diversity during an unforgettable EDI week, where we made masks and even home-made guacamole! We also visited a Gurdwara to experience what a Sikh Temple is like — a first for many of us.

Not only that, we've enriched our learning through the use of iPads and are now confident in our digi-

tal skills. From GarageBand to Canva, technology has added a whole new dimension to our lessons.

This year has been truly jam-packed with opportunities to grow, learn, and shine. Each and every child has embodied our school ethos and Character Values, showing tremendous growth both academically and personally. It has been a joy and a privilege to watch you all flourish.

As your teachers, we are so proud of everything you've achieved. We had the best time too! We will miss you, Year 4 — thank you for an incredible year!



Year 5

Year 5 has been remarkable! It is hard to hand select a few highlights as this academic year has been so incredible, but we will do our best... Our Residential Trip to Bowles gave us memories to last a lifetime. The children embraced the opportunity to learn practically and engage in a wide range of individual and collaborative activities.

During EDI Week, we studied Africa and Year 5 showcased their wonderful independent research skills to create: poetry, art, sculptures and animal fact files. In honour of our charity fundraiser, our students cleaned the staff's cars, where they demonstrated many of our Character Values including Common Sense and Teamwork. As class teachers, we have been privileged to watch our

incredible young people flourish and blossom academically, socially and holistically this year. We have every faith they will enter Year 6 with increased confidence in themselves and their abilities. We will miss you 5S & 5L, but most of all, we are proud of you.



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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 time at St Christopher's, for many years to come. From an amazing residential week ex-



ploring the Isle of Wight back in May, to a phenomenal end of year production with *'The Wizard of Oz'*, each child can leave school feeling that they have grown as individuals and excelled. Other highlights include their enterprise projects for the summer fair (which raised over £700 for the Epilepsy Society), their epic water fight, the awesome

Staff vs Year 6 cricket match, 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, 6P and 6R!

Celebrating Student Achievement at St. Christopher's The Hall – 2024-2025

We are delighted to share some fantastic news about our pupils' academic progress this year. In line with our ongoing commitment to excellence in education, we have closely reviewed our school data to assess pupil growth across key subject areas — and the results are truly impressive.

Our latest analysis from our assessments show significant achievements in English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science:

- **84%** of pupils made expected progress or exceeded expectations in **Mathematics**
- **82%** of pupils made expected progress or exceeded expectations in **English**
- **84%** of pupils made expected progress or exceeded expectations in **Reading**
- **77%** of pupils made expected progress or exceeded expectations in **Science**

We are also extremely proud to announce that a significant number of our pupils have been assessed as **Working at Greater Depth**, based on teacher judgements. This means they are performing **well above the expected**

standard for their age — a remarkable achievement that reflects both their deep understanding of the curriculum and their ability to apply knowledge with confidence and independence.

- 37% of children from Year 1 to Year 6 are Working in Greater Depth in **Maths**
- 37% of children from Year 1 to Year 6 are Working in Greater Depth in **Reading**
- 16% of children from Year 1 to Year 6 are Working in Greater Depth in **Writing**
- 28% of children from Year 1 to Year 6 are Working in Greater Depth in **Science**

These outcomes are a testament to the hard work and determination of our pupils, the unwavering dedication of our teaching staff, and the invaluable support of our parents.

Such strong progress across core subjects highlights the effectiveness of our educational approach and our shared commitment to helping every child thrive. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we remain focused on building upon this success and continuing to support each pupil on their learning journey.

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Drama

It's been a spectacular year in Drama at our school, filled with laughter, learning, and plenty of standing ovations!

In the Autumn Term, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children took to the stage in their hilarious and heartwarming nativity play, *The Inn-spectors*. The young performers delighted audiences with their confident performances, expressive characterisation, and beautiful singing. Their enthusiasm lit up the stage and brought the nativity story to life in the most memorable way.

Meanwhile, Year 4 embarked on a fascinating journey into the past with their Silent Film project. Inspired by the golden age of cinema and legends like Charlie Chaplin, pupils explored early film techniques and created their very own comedy shorts. Using iPads to film and edit, they showcased incredible creativity and comic timing. These brilliant films premiered at the Year 3 and 4 concert to huge acclaim from parents—and soon, word spread. Pupils across the school have been asking Miss Wooderson for special screenings, captivated by the imaginative storylines and expressive performances.

In the Spring Term, our talented LAMDA pupils rose to the challenge of their Acting and Devising exams, achieving exceptional results. Their hard work and dedication truly paid off - congratulations to all!



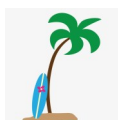
As many of you will have seen in recent correspondence, Miss Wooderson will now be handing over our LAMDA provision to a new teacher, Peter Chequer. Peter is very excited to continue developing the LAMDA programme here at St Christopher's, and places are already filling up fast. Please contact Miss Wooderson if your child is interested in continuing their LAMDA journey—or would like to try it for the first time.



Rehearsals began in January for our much-anticipated annual musical. This year's production was none other than *The Wizard of Oz*, brought to life with sparkle, style, and heart. Year 6 pupils approached their roles with admirable curiosity and commitment, which included attending a West End performance of *Wicked* to deepen their understanding of the characters. Their detailed research and focused rehearsals (including during a summer heatwave!) resulted in a confident, moving performance that paid tribute to the original while adding a fresh, modern twist.

Of course, the show wouldn't have been complete without the incredible Year 5 chorus, who sang their hearts out. Their energy, passion, and vocal power added a vibrant dynamic to every scene and truly lifted the entire production.

A huge thank you to all our pupils for their creativity and commitment, to the staff for their tireless support, and to our families for cheering us on every step of the way. What a fantastic year it's been for Drama - we can't wait to see what next year brings!



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Art/DT

It has been a vibrant and exciting inaugural year for Art and Design Technology as a specialist subject at St Christopher's the Hall. Across all year



groups, pupils have embraced a wide array of creative challenges which saw them designing, making, drawing, building, cooking, and experimenting with a diverse range of techniques and materials.

In Art, children have delved into drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and sculpture,

often blending these techniques to produce striking multimedia pieces. Inspired by both historical and contemporary artists, pupils have developed their visual language and refined their artistic skills. We were thrilled to showcase their work throughout the year, especially in our newly launched hallway Art Gallery. Noteworthy highlights included Year 1's adorable Valentine's Day ducks, Year 2's beautiful floral prints, Year 5's expertly shaded tonal pumpkins, and the intricate Koi fish paper sculptures by Year 6.

Meanwhile, in Design Technology, children have tackled hands-on projects that built their problem-solving and technical abilities. From sewing their own textile creations to crafting inventive board games and toys, pupils demonstrated creativity, teamwork, and perseverance. Reception

thoroughly enjoyed taste-testing and creating their own fruit smoothies, Year 3 impressed with their determination during their textile weaving unit, and Year 4's imaginative use of recycled materials to design carnival games was truly inspiring. This year also saw the Year 6 students learning about AI from an industry expert and exploring the practical applications and ethical responsibilities of using this ever-developing technology.



The Art and DT department has become a hub for innovation and expression, where every child is encouraged to think independently, take creative risks, and celebrate their individuality. We are incredibly proud of all that has been achieved this year and look forward to building on these foundations with even more ambitious projects and collaborative opportunities in the year ahead.



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Head and Deputy Head Pupils

We are proud to announce that this year marks the fourth successful cycle of our elections for the roles of Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil. Once again, our school community came together to celebrate student voice, leadership, and active participation in school life.

Last week, several courageous and ambitious Year 5 pupils stepped forward to put themselves in the running for these important leadership positions. Each candidate delivered a thoughtful and passionate speech in front of the entire school, sharing their visions, values, and ideas for how they would serve the student body.



Their confidence, enthusiasm, and commitment to our school community were truly inspiring. Every one of them proved themselves to be a worthy contender, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and the example they have set.

We are delighted to announce that Emily will be our new Head Pupil and Tamara will be our Deputy Head Pupil for the coming year. We are confident they will embrace their new responsibilities with the same enthusiasm and dedication. We wish them both every success as they take on these important leadership roles within our school community.



To conclude, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Jack, our Head Pupil, and Zoe, our Deputy Head Pupil, for their outstanding dedication and hard work throughout the year. They have shown exceptional leadership and have been wonderful role models for the younger pupils at St Christopher's. Their positivity, commitment, and sense of responsibility have made a lasting impression on our school community. We will miss them greatly and wish them every success and happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter at their new schools.

MfL

We've had a fantastic year in Modern Foreign Languages across all year groups!

Reception pupils enjoyed their first experience of learning a foreign language, while Year 5 began their Spanish journey with great enthusiasm. In Years 3 and 4, pupils successfully integrated iPads into their learning, using them for research, interactive games, and language practice.

Throughout the year, students across all classes have continued to develop their language skills with curiosity and commitment. We celebrated both



European Day of Languages and EDI Week, where we explored French and Spanish

cultures from around the world. Pupils also learned how Christmas and Easter are celebrated in Francophone and Hispanic countries. To round off the year, we took a closer look at the unique cultural aspects of Switzerland.

There have been some particular highlights this half term:

- We welcomed a visiting theatre company, who performed a Spanish-language play for our Prep students. The actors' energy and the interactive nature of the performance made it a memorable experience for all. Some lucky pupils even got the chance to join the actors on stage!
- During Wednesday ECHO Phase Fusion sessions, different year groups came together to expand their vocabulary through fun games and collaborated on creating small picture books with sentences in Spanish and French.

It's been a wonderful year of language learning and cultural exploration. Well done to all our pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm!

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Leavers

Mrs Jones: After so many years at St Christopher's it will be very hard saying goodbye. Although this is the right time for me to leave a thoroughly enjoyable career in Early Years teaching, I will miss it very much. But I will particularly miss the warmth and kindness of the staff and children at St Christopher's. It is a wonderful school and I have loved working here. Thank you to everyone who has made my time here very special.



Mrs Morris: I've really enjoyed the past four years at St Christopher's. It's been amazing to watch the school go from strength to strength in such a short space of time. During my time here, I've had the opportunity to introduce and organise a range of exciting initiatives such as STEM weeks and the introduction of the iPads.



Just like our pupils, I enjoy being challenged and participating in new experiences, which is why I've decided to take on a new opportunity at Rosemead. While I'm looking forward to this next chapter in my career, I'll be truly sad to leave behind our wonderful children, families, and of course, the amazing staff. I'm going to miss Mr Chowdhury's jokes especially.

Mrs Dorman: I am sad to be leaving St Christopher's after only one year. Unfortunately, the time has come (much sooner than expected) to prioritise my elderly parents as they negotiate changes in their lives and health. This past year has been a joy. It has been a privilege to work with the Year 4 children and see them learn and grow in confidence under the guidance of their inspirational teachers. Also, I have had so much fun playing with Pre-Prep children at lunchtime - I will miss our games of sardines and duck, duck goose! I wish you all a successful and happy future.



Mrs McSorely: There have been so many highlights from my time at St Christopher's during my time here. Teaching the Preschool has been absolutely wonderful - all 27 of them in one go for 40 minutes! Seeing them all



totally engaged and mesmerized by the musical activities and songs they have all been working on. Seeing their confidence grow and their musical skills develop has been incredibly rewarding. Year 1s as above. There are too many highlights to mention as they happen every lesson! They have all grasped the tapping, reading and writing of simple rhythms. The year 2s have loved the musical games, especially Apple Tree. We had a lot of fun! It's been great to work with you and to all the staff who have made me so very welcome.

It has been a fantastic job for the summer term. Thank you to all.

Mrs Stamate: It has been an absolute pleasure working at St Christopher's. Over the years, I have had the privilege of witnessing the school evolve and flourish, from its early beginnings to the vibrant, forward-thinking community it is today. It has been incredibly rewarding to play a part in that journey and to see how much has been achieved through the hard work and dedication of so many. One of the greatest joys of my time here has been getting to know the children and their families. There is something truly special about watching children grow and thrive during their time at school, and I have always appreciated the warmth and sense of community that St Christopher's offers. It has been a genuine privilege to be part of that. I will particularly miss working alongside such a passionate and committed staff team. The sense of camaraderie, purpose, and care that runs through the school is something I will always treasure. It has made coming to work each day a joy, and I feel very lucky to have shared so many moments, big and small, with such wonderful colleagues. Thank you all for the support, kindness, and laughter over the years. St Christopher's will always hold a special place in my heart.



Mrs Abbey: I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in 2J, working alongside Miss Johns and with 17 of the most wonderful children. I have watched them all grow in confidence and progress so well; this is the most rewarding job in the world! I have enjoyed working in such a warm school environment and been made to feel very welcome. I look forward to hearing how everyone is doing as I will be keeping in touch.



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SCA

As the school year draws to a close, the SCA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful pupils and parents for your support throughout the year.



Since the beginning of the year, we've introduced several exciting events, including our very first "Pop-Up Flower Shop" for Mother's Day, the "Balloons of Gratitude" event for Father's Day, and our sunny "Summer Fair". We also brought back our ever-popular and wonderfully artistic tea towels!

Thanks to your support, these events have raised approximately £10,000 in profit, which goes directly towards enriching the school experience for all our pupils at St Christopher's The Hall - something they truly deserve.

We hope you and the children have enjoyed these events, as that is, of course, what matters most.

In the meantime, don't forget to book your spaces for the Open Air Cinema Night on Saturday 30th August - spaces are limited! It's a fantastic opportunity for families to reconnect and share summer holiday stories before the new school year begins.

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

Lastly, we're delighted to announce that Hayley Amsbury will be joining Carly as Co-Chair of the SCA. A huge thank you to Dagmar for all her contributions over the past few months.

Thank you to all of our team who volunteer, you make all of this possible!

We wish you all a joyful, restful, and sunny summer holiday!

With best wishes,

The SCA Team



A Standout Moment. **Our Exceptional ISI Report**

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, one moment stands out as a real highlight for the entire community: our exceptional ISI inspection report.

The report was a powerful affirmation of all that we strive to achieve at St Christopher's The Hall. Inspectors praised many aspects of the school, most notably identifying the leadership of teaching and learning as a "significant strength". This is a rare and highly commendable judgment, and one that speaks volumes about the clarity of our educational vision and the impact of our teaching team.

The report also reflected the strength of our curriculum, the high quality of our teaching and learning, and the exceptional experience we provide for our pupils, both in and beyond the classroom. It captured something we know to be true every day: that St Christopher's is a place where children are nurtured, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

Above all, the inspection recognised the hard work, dedication and shared purpose of our whole community - staff, pupils and families alike. It was a proud and uplifting moment, and one that we wanted to share again as we reflect on the many successes of this year.

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PE & Sport Round-Up

As the school year draws to a close, we're incredibly proud to look back on what has been an outstanding year for PE and school sport. Our pupils from Years 3 to 6 have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience, and true team spirit.

Every child from Years 3 to 6 has proudly represented the school across all four of our core team sports: football, rugby, cricket, and netball. Whether it was a muddy rugby pitch in January or a sun-soaked cricket ground in June, our students gave their all and showed what teamwork really means. Alongside our regular fixtures, pupils have taken part in swimming galas, cross country races and a range of inter house sporting events.

Our sporting calendar has also taken us beyond school grounds, with exciting trips to professional football clubs, giving pupils a chance to experience elite facilities and be inspired by the professional game.

In athletics, 13 pupils from Years 4 to 6 qualified for the Bromley Schools' Athletics Finals, a testament to their dedication and training. All 13 pupils finished in the top 18 in the Borough and a special mention to Trinity, who finished second in the Howler Throw, missing out on first place by 40cm! We also had a fantastic showing in football at the district level, with several pupils from Years 4 to 6 progressing through to the latter stages of the District Football Trials and earning places in the development squads. The future of school football looks very bright!

A special mention must go to Polina in Year 6, who represented the school on the national stage at the IAPS Swimming Finals. She delivered an exceptional performance in the 50m breaststroke, finishing 11th in the country – an incredible achievement and a proud moment for us all.

The year came to a fitting close with our Pre-Prep and Prep School Sports Days, bringing energy, excitement, and a wonderful sense of community to the final week of term. Although the weather forced a postponement on Monday, Tuesday delivered ideal conditions for a day filled with spirited competition and enthusiastic support. The Pre-Prep event saw Johnson claim a well-earned victory, while Campbell triumphed in the Prep event. After all the scores were tallied, it came down to a narrow margin of just 10 points - enough to crown



Campbell as the overall winners of this year's Sports Day. A fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and school spirit!

This year's successes are a reflection of the pupils' hard work and the unwavering support from families and staff. Thank you to everyone who has cheered from the sidelines, washed muddy kits, and encouraged our young athletes.

We look forward to another exciting year of sport ahead – but for now, we celebrate a year where participation, perseverance, and pride truly defined sport at St Christopher's The Hall.

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