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Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

This week has been a particularly special one in school, as we marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week, a nationwide initiative designed to remind us all that kindness, respect, and inclusion are everyone's responsibility. The

theme this year focuses on the power of positive action, showing that even small gestures can make a big difference in creating a community where every child feels valued and safe.

We kicked things off in typically cheerful St Christopher's style with Odd Socks Day! The sight of brightly mismatched socks everywhere was a wonderful reminder that our differences make us unique, and that celebrating individuality is what makes our community so vibrant. It was fantastic to see pupils (and staff!) getting involved and wearing their oddest pairs with pride.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank the many parents who have shared such positive feedback about the upcoming changes to our daily structure. I know, too, that for some families these adjustments may feel more challenging, particularly where routines, timings, or arrangements will need to shift. Change often brings both gains and perceived losses, and it's entirely understandable that some may feel the impact more keenly than others. Please know that every element has been carefully considered, with the best interests of our pupils, and the long-term wellbeing of our school community, at heart. It's important to emphasise that the purpose of the clubs we provide is enrichment, not childcare. These sessions are designed to inspire, extend learning, and give pupils new opportunities beyond the classroom. For families seeking wraparound care at the end of the school day, Munchkins remain available, offering the same warm, familiar provision at a very similar cost to what parents currently pay, so there is no loss of support. Of course, for those who would like their child to enjoy an enrichment activity and then move on to after-school care, this remains entirely possible. These are two different types of provision, and

while there may be a small additional cost, we are working hard to ensure that any increase is kept both manageable and reasonable. Even where these changes may affect you personally, I hope you can recognise that the intention behind them is deeply positive: to create greater consistency across the school, to support staff in delivering their very best, and to give pupils a smoother, more balanced rhythm to their days. In time, I am confident that this evolution will strengthen the experience for everyone involved.

We rounded off the week with our assembly on Children in Need, exploring the importance of empathy, generosity, and community spirit. It's always a valuable moment for pupils to reflect on how different life can be for others, and how kindness, in both big and small ways, can truly change lives. The highlight of the morning, of course, was seeing one of our very own staff members donning the Pudsey Bear costume, much to the delight (and mild astonishment!) of everyone watching.

Next week marks the arrival of our school Christmas tree, always a magical moment! Continuing our much-loved tradition, every pupil will hang their own named decoration on the tree each year until they leave us in Year 6.

Decorations have been handed to class teachers ready for the big moment. For new pupils (or anyone missing one), your class teacher will let you know, and ask you to please send in a simple

festive ornament labelled with your child's **first and last name**, no class names needed. If you're stuck, we have a few spares in the office for children to choose from. It's a heartwarming tradition that brings our community together, one decoration, one child, one wonderful Christmas tree!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, positivity, and partnership. Together, we're helping our pupils grow into thoughtful, confident young people who know the power of kindness and compassion, and who also know how to rock a very good pair of odd socks!

With best wishes,

Mr Carter

Headteacher



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St Christopher's Connect: Alumni

We're delighted to announce the launch of St. Christopher's Connect, our brand-new alumni community platform. If you haven't already, please do take a moment to sign up, especially if you have a child who has now left St Christopher's.

Join us today: [Home | St Christopher's Connect](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [@stchristophersconnect](#)

Follow us on LinkedIn: [here](#)

We'd also love your help spreading the word. Please share St. Christopher's Connect with friends, family, and anyone who has a connection to the school as a former pupil, parent, or member of staff. Our records only go back so far, and your help in reaching out will make a huge difference as we build and strengthen our alumni network. Together, we can celebrate the many generations of the St Christopher's community, past, present, and future!

Pupil Achievement

We're delighted to share some exciting news about one of our pupils and a former member of our school community! On Saturday, 22nd November at 7pm, Toby (Year 5), Emma (former pupil), and their parents will be performing at St George's Church alongside the internationally renowned London Welsh Male Voice Choir as part of the *Arts at St George's series*. *This special event will raise funds to support the wonderful community work carried out by the London Welsh Male Voice Choir. Audiences can look forward to an evening filled with warm-hearted singing, virtuosic string and piano performances, and new arrangements of Welsh songs created especially for this concert. Tickets are available here: stgeorgesarts.co.uk/event/london-welsh-male-voice-choir-3*

If your child takes part in any activities or achievements outside of school, please do let Mr Carter know; he loves hearing all about them!

Allergy reminder: Do not send in snacks which contain nuts or sesame seeds.

English

As Heads of English, Miss Johns and Mrs Shivers, enjoyed going into Preschool and Reception this week to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week. On Monday and Thursday, they shared, sung and celebrated a range of nursery rhymes with the children. We hope you also enjoy reciting some at home over the weekend!

World Nursery Rhyme Week

November 10 - November 14



Orchestra Workshop

On Thursday last week, a group of our Year 5 and Year 6 children travelled to St Dunstan's to take part in an orchestral workshop playing alongside their senior school orchestra. It was a wonderful experience for our players; challenging them to play some advanced repertoire, and giving them a real buzz that comes from participating in such a large ensemble with extensive brass and percussion sections. With thirty children from other primary schools they played a rousing rendition of Brahms Hungarian Dance no 5, and the overture to Die Fledermaus by Strauss. Our young players did themselves proud and ended the afternoon with a thrilling performance to their parents.



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Year 1

We have been so busy in Year 1 since Half Term! In English, we've been getting our teeth into our new text, Winter Sleep, which has sparked our curiosity about animals and how they survive the colder months. The children have been fascinated



to learn all about hibernation, exploring how different creatures find safe, cosy places to rest through the winter. Our classroom discussions and writing activities have really brought this topic to life!

In Humanities, we've turned our attention closer to home, learning all about our local area. We've started to explore the history and landmarks of Beckenham, and the children have loved comparing what Beckenham is like now with what it

might have been like in the past. We can't wait to continue discovering more about the place we live and go to school!

As scientists, we've been investigating Everyday Materials - looking closely at the things around us and thinking about what they are made from and why. One of the biggest surprises was discovering that glass actually comes from sand! The children were amazed and have been eager to test and sort materials to see which are strong, flexible, or waterproof.

Perhaps the most exciting thing happening in Year 1 right now is our preparation for the Nativity play! The children are working hard to learn their lines and sing a wonderful collection of songs - including a few in different languages. We don't want to give too much away, but we can promise a joyful, heart-warming performance that will get everyone in the festive spirit. We can't wait to share it with you in just a few weeks' time!

St Christopher Hall Week 2 Autumn

Weekly menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quorn Mince Chilli Con Carne	BBQ Chicken Thighs	Roast Turkey with Stuffing	Chilli Beef in a Taco with Sour Cream	Chefs Catch of the Day
Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread	Stuffed Jacket Potato Skins	Cheese Tomato and Courgette Flan	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese	Vegan Sausages with Fried Onions
Sweetcorn	Peas and Sweetcorn	Fresh Carrots	Peas	Mushy Peas
Green Beans	Green Salad	Broccoli	Roasted Vegetables	Baked Beans
Pasta and Rice	Smoky Jacket Wedges	Golden Roast Potatoes	Mexican Rice	Chipped Potato
Iced Sponge or Fresh Fruit	Orange Jelly or Fresh Fruit Cocktail	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard	Strawberry Yoghurt or Chunks of Fresh Fruit	Assorted Ice Creams

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Year 4

The knee bone is connected to the leg bone!

This term in Science, Class 4C has started an exciting new topic "*Animals, including Humans.*" The children began by sharing everything they already know about the human body - and it turns out, they know quite a lot!

We talked about how the human body is made up of many important organs, each with its own special job. The children were quick to name the

heart, which pumps blood around the body, and the lungs, which help us breathe. They also discussed the brain, our body's control centre, and the stomach, which helps to digest our food.

Using body outlines and diagrams, the class had fun guessing where each organ is found and how



big it might be. The children's interest peaked when they discovered that the skin is the largest of the human organs and that the heart is approximately the size of a fist and slightly to the left of the chest bone (sternum).

Over the next few weeks, 4C will be learning more about how the body works together as a system - and how humans share similarities and differences with other animals. It's going to be a fascinating journey inside the human body!



Lottery Letter No. 25/00679/SOC/LOT

Draw to be held Monday 8th Dec

St Christopher's the Hall Christmas Fair Raffle!

- £100 cash
- £50 Chancery Voucher
- Free black cab ride to Gatwick or Heathrow
- Nella block of knives RRP £299.00
- Free coffee every day for a week from Shotlands
- Three free sessions at Power Pilates
- Shark Glam Multi Styler
- Vanity Lab skin care hamper worth £200
- Pixie and Sera a Smart check health screen worth £999
- £50 love 2 shop voucher for the highstreet
- Make up and Beauty Hamper
- 2 week reshape gym voucher, water bottle and cap
- £50 petals florist voucher
- Munchkins Free Day

All proceeds to go the St Christopher's Association

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St Christopher's the Hall
Christmas Fair

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 3PM-5:30PM

GET READY FOR SOME FESTIVE FAMILY FUN!

- 🍴 TUCK INTO YUMMY HOT FOOD, PRETZELS & SWEET TREATS
- 🎁 BROWSE MAGICAL GIFT STALLS — POTTERY, STATIONERY & MORE
- 👴 MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO & VISIT THE SECRETS ROOM
- 🎮 FUN GAMES, CRAFTS & TOMBOLAS GALORE!
- 💎 DON'T MISS THE RAFFLE AND OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE!

Bring your family and friends and share the Christmas sparkle! Tickets £4 each - under 3s go free! 🌟🎄

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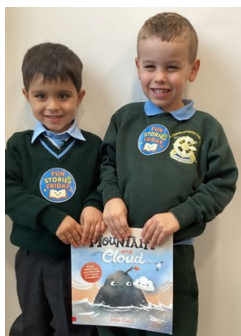
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EYFS

In this week's Fun Story Friday's session, we read the story Mountain and Cloud by Jana Currell. This story was all about facing worries and finding friendships, it also started with the Preschool sound of the week-'m'. In this sweet tale, we meet Mountain and Cloud who are the best of friends and who look after each other in the great grey sea. The adventure really starts when a storm comes along and separates the two friends, enabling them to face their worries, make new friendships and eventually find one another once again. Big Congratulations to our Observation Question winners: Max in Preschool and Vir in Reception. Next week, it's RO's turn to join and we're already looking forward to more Fun Stories Friday Fun! Parents, don't forget to join us for our special Parent Fun Stories Friday Edition on Friday 5th December!



SCA: Autumn Dates for the Diary!

Thursday 20th November - Christmas Fair Donations. The SCA will be at the gate, at drop off, collecting bottles and toys for our tombolas, along with unused gifts for the return of our ever popular Secret's Room! Donations are gratefully received and appreciated.



Friday 5th December 3pm - 5:30pm - Christmas Fair! We are excited to invite you to what we hope will be a magical afternoon! Tickets, currency and raffle tickets are now available on the SCA website.
<https://www.scasales.co.uk/christmas-fair-2025>

Social Media

You can follow us at @stchristhehall on Insta and X, as well as at @stchristhehallsport to get all the inside info from school life! On Facebook where we have St Christopher's



Year 3

Year Three took a trip to the British Museum to support their study of all things to do with ancient Egypt. They enjoyed a smooth journey through London's sights, pointing out the London Eye, The Shard and the River Thames. Arriving at the museum, they observed the two minute silence marking Armistice perfectly, before heading off to the galleries. A treasure hunt had been prepared and armed with iPads they set off photographing and noting items including canopic jars, paintings, bowls and of course some mummies! The afternoon was spent taking in the spectacle of some of the stone carvings including a giant head and arm of Rameses II as well as the world famous Rosetta Stone.



What's Happening Next Week

Monday 17th November

- Christmas Tree Arrives
- Year 3 Rugby & Netball v Eltham College, All pupils involved

Tuesday 18th November

- Year 4 Rugby & Netball v Eltham College All pupils involved

Wednesday 19th November

- Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum

Thursday 20th November

- SCA Christmas drop-off for Christmas Fair
- Year 5 Rugby & Netball v Eltham College All pupils involved. TBC
- Parent Partnership Event: English and Math Curriculum (17:00-19:00)

Friday 21st November

- Year 3 Ancient Greek Day (dress up) .
- Year 6 Allyn's Netball Tournament selected pupils.