

Newsletter

Weekly news at St Christopher's



Dear Parents,

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at St Christopher's, and not just because the temperature has dipped. The school is positively humming (sometimes literally) with rehearsals for the many performances that mark this special

time of year. Across the corridors, you can hear Year 1 and 2 practising their songs for their Nativity on 3rd December; there are enthusiastic voices gearing up for the Christmas Carol Service on 4th December (Years 1–6); our chamber choir is preparing to fill Southwark Cathedral with beautiful music on 5th December; the EYFS are busy crafting their moment of seasonal sparkle for their show on 9th December; and, as the grand finale, Years 4–6 are preparing for their performance with the rest of the St Dunstan's Education Group at the Royal Festival Hall on 10th December. In short: it's wonderfully, delightfully, and irrepressibly Christmassy. Not only that, but every child has now added their own special decoration to our school Christmas tree, which is standing proudly in the entrance hall in all its twinkling, colourful glory. It looks rather wonderful, a true reflection of the individuality of our pupils. I'm also very much looking forward to getting even further into the festive spirit at the SCA's wreath-making course, this evening. The staff have assured me that I will definitely return with something that looks more like a wreath than a tangled horticultural experiment... we shall see!

We also hope that Parents' Evening this week was both productive and reassuring. It was a real pleasure to welcome so many families into school over the two evenings, and there was a lovely atmosphere in the building, a true sense of partnership between home and school. Teachers commented on how valuable the conversations were, and how helpful it is to be able to discuss your child's progress, next steps, and successes with you directly. We were also delighted to offer the option of attending remotely, and early feedback suggests that this flexibility made a significant difference to many families. Whether it allowed parents to join from work, from home while juggling other children, or simply without the need to rush across town, we hope it contributed to a more ac-

cessible and accommodating experience for all. Blending in-person and virtual meetings is something we will continue to refine, but we are very pleased that this step forward helped ensure every parent could have the conversation they needed.

This week also saw a very important moment in our school calendar: the Year 6 Charity Assembly. Each year, our Year 6 pupils research and present charities they believe the school should support over the coming year. Often, these charities have a personal significance for them, and the thought, sensitivity, and passion they bring to the project is truly inspiring. On Thursday, our three finalist groups presented to the whole school before the children voted.

The finalists were:

- Harry and Oscar, championing Cancer Research
- Zachary and Alfie presenting for Alzheimer's Society
- Emily and Oliver advocating for Bromley Y

We are delighted to announce that the charity the school will be supporting this year is Cancer Research.

I would like to thank every single member of Year 6. The research, preparation, and courage required to present to the whole school is no small feat, and whether their charity was selected or not, their work was meaningful, thoughtful, and genuinely valuable. All the charities put forward were worthy causes, and we hope the process has helped our pupils reflect deeply on what it means to support others and to give generously of time, care, and thought.

With the tree sparkling, the music flowing, and the spirit of giving firmly rooted in our community, it truly feels as though the festive season is well underway.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Carter

Head Teacher



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Year 6

On Thursday, Year 6 were delighted to welcome two special visitors from St Dunstan's Senior School: **Mr Elkouby** and **Miss Cheetham**. Their visit brought a vibrant mix of new ideas and inspiring discussion, as they delivered two engaging lessons focused on the evolution of social connection and how we can reduce our carbon footprint.

The first session, with Miss Cheetham, encouraged pupils to think deeply about how human connection has changed over time; from face-to-face communication to the digital links we rely on today. Year 6 embraced the challenge of exploring these more mature themes, offering thoughtful reflections on how technology shapes friendships, communities and the way we interact with the

world around us.

In the second workshop, with Mr Elkouby, the children turned their attention to environmental responsibility. With enthusiasm, they explored practical ways to shrink their carbon footprints, from small daily habits to larger lifestyle changes. The session sparked lively discussion, with pupils keen to share ideas and build on one another's suggestions.

Throughout both lessons, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, contributing confidently and collaborating with real energy. We are grateful to Miss Cheetham and Mr Elkouby for giving Year 6 such a motivating and memorable experience, and we look forward to putting some of their ideas into action!



Hope4Malawi

We want to celebrate the huge success achieved by the St Christopher's community. At the end of the Summer Term Mr Organ arranged a collection of school shoes that our pupils had outgrown in aid of the charity Hope4Malawi. The collection grew and grew and eventually we had collected over 120 pairs of shoes of all children's sizes for them. This week the charity has been kind enough to send us pictures of the children receiving their new shoes and we even recognised a few pairs from the photos! Hope4Malawi also created their own blog post which you can read [here](#), which tells you all



about "Watching their faces light up as they tried on their shoes was a powerful reminder of how small acts of kindness can change lives - how even a single second-hand pair of shoes can show a child that they are valued."

We hope you enjoy reading about the successful donation to Chipwepwete Primary School, and agree that in the spirit of St Christopher's we owe it to ourselves to go even further next time. With that in mind, we are proudly opening the collection of your out-grown school shoes with immediate effect. Please bring these to the 30 classroom, in good condition and paired up.

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Year 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Tower of London. The adventure began on the coach, where the children were thrilled to spot many of the famous landmarks they have been learning about in Humanities this term. Cries of *"I can see The Shard!"*, *"There's the Gherkin!"*, and *"We're going over Tower Bridge!"* filled the bus as we made our way through the city.



At the Tower, the children met a time traveller from the

year 1666, who told them all about the Great Fire of London. She was very impressed by how much the children already knew about London, Samuel Pepys, and the events of the Great Fire. Inside the White Tower, the children learned more about how the fire spread so quickly - and were especially fascinated to hear about Samuel Pepys burying his parmesan cheese!

Our visit continued with a trip to see the dazzling Crown Jewels, a walk along the battlements, and a chance to watch the Changing of the Guard. We even met a Yeoman Warder. Later, we spoke with a member of the team dismantling the poppy display, who showed us one of the beautiful ceramic poppies and shared more about the artwork's significance in remembering those that have given their lives for their country.

It was a wonderful day full of learning, history, and memorable moments for everyone and helped to bring our classroom learning to life.

St Christopher Hall Week 1 Autumn

Weekly menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti Pasta with a Homemade Tomato Sauce	Pepperoni Pizza	Sausage Meat Platt with Onion Gravy	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Chefs Catch of the Day
Cheese and Tomato Flan with Cheddar Cheese	Cheese Pepper and Tomato Pizza	Cheese and Spinach Wellington	Mushroom and Onion Lasagne	Vegetable Spring Rolls
Sweetcorn	Chefs Mixed Green Salad	Herby Roast Potatoes	Fresh Crispy Coleslaw	Peas
Green Beans	Peas	Fresh Sliced Carrots	Fresh Green Vegetable	Baked Beans
Baby New Potatoes and Spaghetti	Salt and Pepper Golden Wedges	Fresh Cabbage	Spicy Baby Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes
Lemon Drizzle Sponge or Fresh Fruit	Assorted Yogurt's with Fresh Fruit Cocktail	Ginger Short Bread Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Assorted Yogurt's and Fresh Fruit	Apple Sponge with Ice Cream

Available daily

Homemade Fresh Soup, Fresh Homemade Breads, Seasonal Salad Bar, Homemade Sandwiches and a Pudding of the Day.

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food with thought

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SCA

Just 1 week to go until our Christmas Fair!

The SCA elves have been working so hard to make this year's fair a magical and memorable event for all of our children.

Pre-orders are now closed, but don't worry, entry tickets, currency, and raffle tickets will still be available at the door.

Please remember:

All of our games and internal stalls accept Fair Currency.

External stalls accept cash/card only.

The bar and delicious food stalls accept currency, cash, or card.

We can't wait to welcome you all to the St Christopher's Christmas Fair 2025!



Communication

A quick reference guide for communication in school.

Music and instrumental lessons	musicadmin@stchristophersthehall.org.uk
Sports or fixtures	sport@stchristophersthehall.org.uk
Lunchtime or afterschool clubs	clubs@stchristophersthehall.org.uk
Finance	finance@stchristophersthehall.org.uk
Munchkin	admin@munchkinsports.com
Anything class related or for the teachers	mail@stchristophersthehall.org.uk NB: please mark F.A.O and indicate who this is for. Anything urgent or time sensitive please call or mark email URGENT
Anything that needs the Head's attention	headspa@stchristophersthehall.org.uk

Lottery Lottery No. 25/00679/SCC207

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 RRP £370
Vanity Lab skin care hamper worth £200
Pixie and Sera a Smart check health screen worth £999
£50 The Little Picture Company gift card
£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 Carol Service for Years 1 - Year 6 Key Information

Our Carol Service at St George's Church takes place on Thursday 4th December at 2pm, and we look forward to welcoming families from Year 1 to Year 6.

Pupils should attend in full school uniform with blazers. Bags, hats and water bottles will stay at school until the next day. All after-school clubs are cancelled except Coding and Judo, which will run a combined session from 4–5pm for any pupil in Pre-Prep or Prep who has been signed up in advance via the Google form already shared.

Parents may enter the church from 1:50pm, and children should be collected from the church at approximately 3:10pm, unless they are returning to school for Coding/Judo or Munchkins (as indicated on the form). Please remember that photography, filming, food and drink are not permitted in the church, and we ask everyone to remain seated throughout the service.

We look forward to celebrating the start of the festive season together.

Christmas Extravaganza

You can still purchase tickets for our Christmas Extravaganza at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday 10 December, 7–9pm by using this link [here](#)

A full logistics letter, for Years 4, 5 and 6, including drop-off and collection details, will be sent out next Monday. We're staggering communication to avoid overwhelming you during this busy period of events.

We look forward to a wonderful evening of music and celebration!

Penny Post and Christmas Cards

We are delighted to announce that our St Christopher's Penny Post will be returning next week starting Monday 1st December!

The children can bring their Christmas cards to the Hall before school, along with their pennies (1p per card), so the Year 6 pupils can stamp and deliver them to the correct classrooms.

It costs one penny per card to post, and all money collected will be donated to our chosen charity, Cancer Research.

Year 6 look forward to helping you deliver your wonderful Christmas cards!

School Council

Our School Council representatives have been invited to help shape the after-school clubs we offer at St Christopher's for the 2026–



2027 academic year. By asking the children directly what activities they would like to see, we are giving them an important voice in the life of our school and ensuring they feel genuinely involved in decision-making. Their ideas and interests will help guide us as we plan a range of engaging, enjoyable clubs that reflect what matters most to our pupils. We look forward to seeing the wonderful suggestions they bring forward.

What's Happening Next Week

Monday 1st December

- Year 3 Netball v Merton Court (Home), all pupils.
- Year 3 Rugby v Breaside (Away)

Wednesday 3rd December

- Year 1 and 2 Nativity (at 09:00-09:45, and at 10:00-10:45)

Thursday 4th December

- St Christopher's Carol Service (14:00-15:00) at St George's Church.

Friday 5th December

- Flu Vaccinations .
- Year 5 workshop at St Dunstan's .
- Christmas Fair (15:00-17:30) .
- Southwark Cathedral Carol Service for Chamber Choir (19:00).