

St Christopher's Primary School

Summer Newsletter

A message from Miss Brown...

We've come to the end of another fantastic year at St Christopher's and I'm delighted to say that we have finished the year with the same enthusiasm, determination and passion for learning that we started with in September. We have seen some incredible academic results all across the school this half-term, with our Year 6 children leading by example and achieving the highest Ks2 SATS results that the school has ever received!

It hasn't just been inside the classroom that our school has found success. Our Year Three representatives were awarded an incredibly special trophy for Sportsmanship at the Newmarket School Games, and over 40 children from all year groups transformed themselves into rockstars and brought the house down during their recent 'Rock Steady' performances. We've had sporting successes too, with our Year 1 children playing their first competitive football matches, and our Girls Cricket Team finishing as runners-up in their tournament.

I am incredibly proud of our school and would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils, their families, and our wonderful staff for helping to make it such a special place to learn in.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3rd September!

St Christopher's KS2 Results 2025

	Maths	Reading	Writing	Combined
STC	90%	81%	77%	77%
National	74%	75%	72%	62%

Our pre-school - Fledglings- is due to open on September 15th! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new children and families that are joining our school after Summer!

We still have a few funded and non-funded spaces available for 3-year-olds should you know of anybody that is currently looking for childcare from September.



FLEDGLINGS
ST CHRISTOPHER'S PRE-SCHOOL

Year 5- Day at the Races!

Following their visit to Dalham Stud last half-term, our Year 5 children enjoyed two further trips courtesy of Godolphin and the charity 'Racing to School' that allowed them to delve into the racing industry and the history of horseracing in the local area. Their first outing was to the National Horseracing museum in Newmarket which was followed-up by a tour of the National Stud and entry to watch a real race at the July Course last week. Children also got to meet some famous ex-racehorses such as Stridivarius and even got to feed former Gold Cup winner, Lord Windermere! Everybody that took part in this series of visits had an incredible time, asked lots of wonderful questions, and learned lots about racehorses, horseracing, and how important it is to Newmarket and the surrounding area.



Year 5 Tie Ceremony

In preparation for our Year 5 children becoming the oldest year group in the school when they return after Summer, we held a very special 'Tie Ceremony' where children were given their school tie for next year. We are certain that all of our children in Hawks and Buzzards will become just as exceptional role-models as our current Year 6 children are, and look forward to assigning all of the important school-wide responsibilities that our current Eagles children do so well. We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to all of the parents that attended the ceremony to watch their child receive their Year 6 tie.



Staffing Updates

After two terms at St Christopher's, Mr McDonald in Early Years will be leaving St Christopher's to pursue a career outside of teaching. We are also extremely sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Drobnikova who is leaving us after many years of teaching in all year groups at St Christopher's. Both members of staff will be sadly missed and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Due to our growing school, we also welcome some new faces to the school. We welcome Mrs Norman to EY, Mrs Clark to Y1, Miss Stannard to Y2, Miss Hills to Y4, and Mr East to Y5.

Year 6 SATS Results



We are all EXTREMELY proud to inform you of our exceptional Year 6 SATS results that we received earlier this month. Following the brilliant outcomes that our Year 6 children from last year managed to achieve, we knew that it would be a very tough act to follow. Rather amazingly however, our current Year 6's surpassed all of our expectations and were able to produce our best results ever achieved at St Christopher's! With a combined pass rate of 77%, it also means that children from our school surpassed the national average too. As you can see from table on page one, 90% of our children passed their maths paper, and in Reading over a third of our children are working at a 'Greater depth' level! We would like to say a massive 'well done' to each and every one of our Year 6 children for working so hard throughout the year. Whether they passed their SATS or not, we are all incredibly proud of each and every one of them for doing their best.

Y1- Phonics Screening Check

Our Year One children completed their statutory 'Phonics Screening Check' earlier this month and got to show-off all of the phonics and reading skills that they have developed over the past two years at school. Reading 40 'real' and 'fake' words as part of the test, we are delighted to report that 77% of children achieved the pass mark of 32 out of 40, with many more very close to achieving this. Well done to all of our Year One children for all of their hard work in phonics lessons this year!

Early Years Outcomes

We are delighted to report also that our Early Years data has continued to rise, and this year sits at an amazing 74% of our children achieving a 'Good Level of Development'. Helping our pupils make a strong start at St Christopher's is of paramount importance to everyone at the school, and so we are delighted to see that for the fifth year running our data is above that of the national average! We have lots of exciting things planned next year in Early Years including a revamp of our outdoor learning space over the Summer holidays which is being funded through all of the hard work and fundraising efforts of the 'Friends of St Christopher's' this year.



Children from across the school entered artwork into the DEMAT Art Exhibition in Ely!



Year 3 Visit to West Stow

Year 3 were able to bring their History and Art learning to life during their recent visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon village. They carefully studied museum exhibits of real artefacts that had been found in the area that they were walking on. Outside in the village, the children could explore reconstructions of what the archaeologists think the buildings might have looked like. They had an exciting day and finished it by learning a little more about what it must have been like to be an Anglo-Saxon in West Stow.

Year 2 Visit to Banham Zoo

Our Year Two children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Banham Zoo this half-term. They were able to see a wide range of different animals, and looked particularly closely at their habitats and how they differed from one another. When they returned, they enjoyed helping to find all of the different countries and continents that some of these animals came from on the world map.



FRIENDS of St Christopher's

We'd like to extend a huge 'Thank you' to the wonderful members of our school PTA group- the 'FRIENDS of St Christopher's'. Throughout the year, the FRIENDS have organised a range of incredible fundraising events including cinema nights, discos, bingo nights and our 'STC's Got Talent'. These culminated recently in our hugely successful school Fun Day which was well attended by members of our school and visitors from our local community. Thank you for your continued hard work and commitment to raising as much money for the school as possible- it has allowed us to buy many new and important resources for the school!

Year 6 House Captains

Our Year 6 House Captains have done a fantastic job this year and have regularly been called upon to lead Celebration Assemblies, help to conduct school tours and show visitors around, and be the face of St Christopher's at various different events.

We are incredibly proud of our House Captains and would like to say a big thank you to Jenson, Amelia, Cayden, Teddy, Bella, Evie and J'Kwon!





Girls Cricket- Runners-up!

Our Girls Cricket team performed brilliantly in their inter-school competition this half-term. Having made it all of the way through to the final, they were narrowly beaten to finish runners-up on the day!

Well done to everybody that competed!

Sports Day 2025

We held three very successful 'Sport's Days' this half-term, starting with the Early Year's 'Mini-Olympics', and culminating in both the Key Stage 1 and the Key Stage 2 events the following day. Thank you for all coming along to support us!

Final Standings

1st Place- Owls - 161pts
 2nd Place - Rabbits- 155pts
 3rd Place- Hedgehogs - 151pts
 4th Place - Badgers- 144pts



Pirates of the Curry Bean!



Our Year 6 children put on a fantastic performance in their show 'Pirates of the Curry Bean!'
 Thank you to Zoe Maclachlan for the wonderful photos!

Mr Goddard

After 13 wonderful years at St Christopher's, we also say a sad 'goodbye' to Mr Goddard who retires at the end of this school year. Mr Goddard has taught nearly 400 children in his time in the school, and has enjoyed leading subjects such as computing, RE and maths. He has also played an integral role in leading our whole-school collective worship- something that he both enjoys doing and is passionate about.

Mr Goddard will be missed both in the classroom and around the school, but we are certain that he will be a frequent visitor to the school and has already volunteered to join us on many of our planned school trips next year. To say 'thank you' to Mr Goddard for all of his hard work, parents and staff clubbed together to buy Mr Goddard his own iPad which was presented to him in a special assembly on the last day of term.

I am sure that you will all join us in wishing Mr Goddard a wonderful retirement, and we hope that you enjoy a well-deserved rest!

Multiplication Tables Check

Children in Year 4 have worked exceptionally hard this year to practice and develop their times table fluency and quick-recall in preparation for their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). With a average score across the country of 20.6 out of 25, we are pleased to report that our school average surpassed this with 21.4 out of 25 correct.

Well done Mr Etheridge, Mr Doherty and all of Year 4!

St Christopher's School Christian Vision

"With faith, we soar on wings of strength and rise to every challenge."

Guided by Faith, a Journey of Strength, a Foundation of Pride