



# Saint Christina's

Pre-Prep and Prep School  
for boys & girls aged 3-11

## Bulletin

**Friday 8th March 2024**

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a wonderful week in School. The weather has still nipped around the edges, but just to see blue skies and flocks of parakeets descending on the Terrace, has elicited a smidgen of joy and opportunity. I enjoyed bumping into Reception earlier today when they were admiring the cloudless sky and discussing the vapour trails left by the jets that had been passing over the School. Another example of a small moment to admire the vastness of our world and experience a small sensation of awe and wonder.

The bulletin is packed with things that have gone on across the School this week. We all really enjoyed World Book Day: I was deeply impressed with the breadth of characters that came to life within our community through the costumes that they wore. Although Harry Potter probably edged it again this year, it was wonderful to see other characters such as Phileas Fogg being celebrated. Thank you too, to everyone who contributed to the book exchange. The children have enjoyed choosing a new thing to read – what a wonderful way to refresh the book shelf.

Our Open Morning will be held on Tuesday Morning so do please make sure that your friends and neighbours know that they can still sign up. We have a good crowd already, but there is always room for more as we move to having a sustainable two form entry.

You may remember that a few years ago, we had a regular 'road update' spot within the bulletin as they upgraded the terrace. Well, I am pleased to announce that the 'road update' is back! You will have noticed that they have been dealing with a leak in the mains over the last week or so. This was repaired last week, but when the pipe was recommissioned, it blew further along where there was clearly an additional weakness that could not sustain the new pressure. I'm pleased to say that this repair now seems to be good. In doing the work, Thames Water had already identified a further leak up the hill at the top of the School car park and expected therefore to be on the Terrace for another week. Unfortunately, however, the mains at the top of Titchfield Road have now also blown and I suspect therefore that the works will continue for some time. Please be aware of the ongoing restrictions around the School for through traffic and parking and factor this into your School journey.

You may be interested to know that we are hoping to host some activity camps during the Summer holiday. As and when any details emerge, we will post them in the bulletin so you are aware. Details of one of the new upcoming activities is included in this edition of the bulletin – please leaf through to find it if you are interested.

Finally, I would just like to thank the Sisters and the Staff involved in preparing those children in Year 3 who have chosen to prepare for and receive their First Holy Communion this year. An important element of the children's journey to their FHC in May, is their first confession, the sacrament of reconciliation, which will form the core of our Mass today. Our prayers are with each family and child as they take this significant and sacred step.

I do hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again, next week.

Alastair Gloag  
**Headteacher**

## Judo Competition



Congratulations to Seb and Adrian for their outstanding performance at the Judo competition in Belgium last week!

We're thrilled to announce that Seb secured the gold medal, showcasing exceptional skill, dedication, and sportsmanship on the mat. Adrian secured a hard-earned silver medal, demonstrating incredible determination and talent throughout the competition.

Well done, boys! Your hard work, perseverance, and passion for Judo have truly paid off. Your achievements are a testament to your commitment to excellence in the sport.

## KS2 Collective Worship

This week's KS2 Collective Worship was led by children in Year 3. It was the third in our Lenten series, and reminded us, through the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments, that God promises to guide us so we can live in freedom.

*God spoke all these words. He said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt."*

*Exodus 20:1-2*

Year 3 shared the important messages that God promises to guide us so we can live in freedom. He also guides us through His Word, through Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit. We can GIVE, ACT, and PRAY during Lent to respond to God's guidance.



**Mrs Ellisdon Head of KS2**



## Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons at Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre. Well done everyone who has been trying their best this week!



We cannot wait to swim again next week!

**Ms O'Leary – Year 4 Teacher**

## Year Six Geography – Waterfalls

We have been looking at waterfalls in our Geography topic on rivers – how they are formed, where they feature within the course of a river, and where in the world the more famous waterfalls lie.

Some members of Year Six combined this study of Geography with Art and painted waterfalls – you will a image here:

Here are some interesting trivia (or fun facts) that Year Six unearthed in their study of waterfalls:

- Waterfalls are formed in the Upper Course of rivers – the water erodes the soft rock more easily than it erodes the hard rock. After that it is unsupported and collapses!
- Nigeria has some of the longest waterfalls in the world; they are often formed by rivers or streams that flow over ledges or cliffs
- Formation of a waterfall can take thousands or millions of years
- The Iguaza falls constitute the largest waterfall in the world – in Argentina!
- The roar from Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is so loud that it can be heard from 25 miles away
- The tallest waterfall in the world is found in Venezuela, where the water falls all of 979 metres



- Many waterfalls around the world are used to generate hydroelectric power
- Erosion has caused the Niagara Falls to move south by seven miles over the past twelve thousand years, and because of that it could eventually disappear
- Some fish in Hawaii have evolved to climb waterfalls using suction cups on their bodies

Fr Rudolf - Y6 teacher

## PE Update

Year 4 have enjoyed their first week of their intensive swimming sessions. I have been greatly impressed by their efforts and the improvements they have made already. This week, the children have focused on refining their swimming techniques in the front crawl and backstroke developing their arm pulls, kicking actions and breathing techniques. They have also started to look at the dolphin kick in the butterfly and their timing in the breaststroke. The swimming teachers have praised the Year 4 children for their excellent behaviour and focus. Please note that next week there will be no swimming session on Tuesday.

This week, the Year 2, 3 and 5 classes have made great progress during their gymnastics lessons, producing some excellent paired routines. Year 5 has explored counterbalance and counter tensions while year 3 has focused on symmetrical balances to great effect.



On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 classes enjoyed their Inter House football competition with some fantastic matches. The House captains split their house into two teams and the teams played in a round-robin tournament. There were some very close games, but the overall winners of the event were Saint Cedilla. Well done to Alice (Year 6), who was the overall leading scorer, and well done to Gina, Sofia, Sarah, Hugo, Allegra, and Edda, who were awarded the star players from each of the 6 teams. The matches were played in great spirit, and it proved to be an excellent afternoon. A huge thank you to Alice (Year 5) for her help keeping track of all of the scorers and scores throughout the afternoon. She did a wonderful job.





In the coming weeks, all Key Stage 2 classes will be spending a couple of weeks of cross-country in preparation for the Inter House cross country competition. This will take place during lesson times at Primrose Hill Park. The children are advised to bring in old trainers or football boots for these sessions as the park is currently a little muddy. The dates for the cross-country sessions can be seen below. We have also been invited to a girl's cross-country competition hosted by Devonshire House so this will be a great preparation for this event aimed at Year 5 and 6 girls.

	Cross Country Session 1	Cross Country session 2
Year 3	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	-

On Monday, the Year 4 and 5 netball teams took on Devonshire House and both teams put in a strong performance. The Year 5's were beaten by a strong opposition. Alice (Year 4) was awarded star player for her excellent interceptions and passing throughout the game. The Year 4 team continued their impressive run of results with an impressive victory with some great shooting from Kanna and Beatrix who was awarded star player. The girls played so well as a team and are continuing to progress.

On Wednesday, the Year 6 netball team took part in a tournament with 7 other schools hosted by South Hampstead. The team started strongly with 3 victories and a draw before losing their final 3 teams against some very strong opponents. The team should be proud of their efforts throughout the afternoon. Well done to Allegra for being awarded star player for his excellent shooting throughout the afternoon.



## Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Year Group	Time
Monday 11th March	St Mary's	Year6 A and B Netball	16.00-17.00
Wednesday 14th March	Devonshire House	Year 6 Football tournament	13.00-15.15
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Trevor Roberts	Year 4 and 5 Football	15.45-16.45
Wednesday 20th March	Sarum Hall	Year 5A and 4A Netball	15.45-17.00
Thursday 21st March	Devonshire House	Year 5/6 cross country	13.00-15.30

Mr Raveney - Director of Sport

## Pi Day Challenge

We are really looking forward to celebrating Pi Day next Thursday!

Pi, or  $\pi$ , is a [mathematical constant](#). It is the [ratio](#) of the distance around a [circle](#) to the circle's [diameter](#). Which produces a number. However, the number is rather strange. Pi is what we call an irrational number. The most amazing thing about Pi is that it never ends ... it's genuinely a never-ending number.

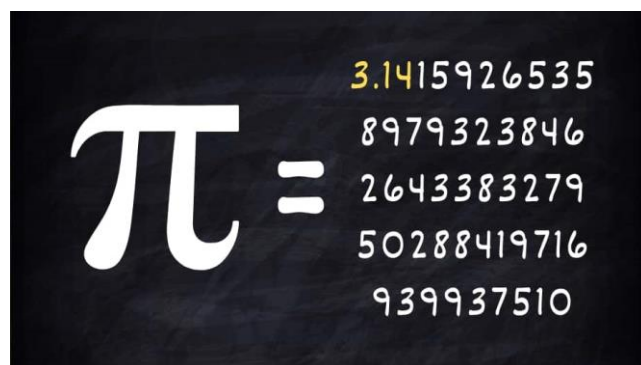
In Maths, particularly when you go to secondary school, you'll find that Pi becomes a very important number for things you do in Maths, so it's a really good number to learn.

The good news is, that you don't have to remember the whole number, because, that would be impossible – it never ends!

However, we have a challenge every year, to try and memorise as much of Pi as we can. I want EVERYONE to have a go, and it doesn't matter if you remember 10 or 400 numbers, it's all about getting off the escalator and having a good old try!

Every child in the school will have the opportunity to showcase their numerical prowess by reciting Pi to as many decimal places as they can remember during class on Thursday.

Who knows, you might be the one to etch your name into Saint Christina's School history as the new Pi record-holder. The current individual record stands at 220, so good luck!





## Celebrating World Book Day 2024

We had such fun over the last couple of weeks celebrating the love of reading and books.

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Book Fair. It was once again a huge success and a large percentage of what we sold will go to the school so we can buy new books for our classrooms and for the library. All of the books which were ordered at the Book Fair have been delivered to the children.

We loved celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. The children looked absolutely fantastic in their outfits. We had such a huge array of characters portrayed from princesses to superheroes, animals, astronauts, detectives and characters from classic children's books. Many of the teachers also enjoyed joining in with the dressing up!

In the afternoon the children in Year 6 led a whole school assembly. They quizzed the school on a number of different book characters, shared some of their favourite books and acted out a few stories for the school to guess. Year 2 learnt a Book Day song which they sang and then taught the whole school which was a lovely way to end our assembly.

Throughout the day, the children took part in many different book related activities such as book an author quizzes, writing about their favourite book character and sharing stories with each other. A number of photos were pinned up around the school of some of the staff reading books and the children had to guess who was reading what. The tricky part was, many of the staff were quite disguised so you can imagine the fun that was had trying to guess who was behind every book! The children also met up with their buddies and were tasked with coming up with a story and creating a book! It was wonderful to see the buddies working so well together. Their imagination and creativity were absolutely brilliant.

Thank you so much for supporting our whole School book swap. All of the books were sorted into year groups and delivered to each class. The children absolutely loved choosing a new book.

**“We thought that World Book Day was very exciting and the Book Swap was very enjoyable. We loved guessing the teacher behind the book.” Year 6**

**“Mr Raveney’s costume amazing!” Year 6**

**“My favourite part of the assembly was when the Year 6s acted out stories and we got to guess what they were” Finn Y4**

**“I enjoyed guessing the teacher behind each book and exploring around the school finding each one” Mahi Year 1**



I loved today because we got to do so many fun things and reading lots of books - Niamh Year 1

“I loved seeing what everyone was dressed up as” Apolline Year 5

I enjoyed seeing my friends dressed up as a scary vampire - Raphael Year 1

I loved the book swap. It was really fun to donate books that we no longer read anymore and to have a new book to read.” Aoife Year 5

“I enjoyed dressing up as Harry Potter, my favourite character from my favourite books” Arya Year 3

“It was a fun and we discovered lots of books that we could read in the future” Isabella Year 3

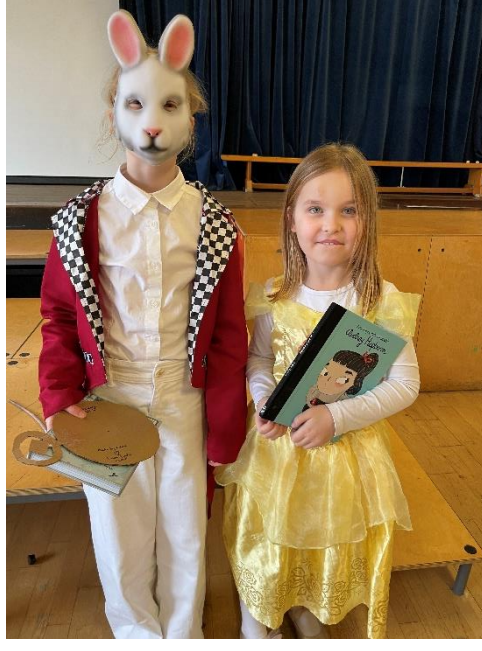
“It was lovely sharing books and characters with our buddies” Jun Year 3

It has been yet another very successful World Book Day this year!

**Mrs Ellidson - Head of English**







## LiveSimply Award

I am pleased to share with you that our school will be working towards becoming a LiveSimply school and achieving the LiveSimply Award.

The LiveSimply Award, coordinated by CAFOD, the Catholic agency for overseas development, is presented to schools who demonstrate they are **living simply, living sustainably, and living in solidarity** with the world's poorest communities.

During our LiveSimply journey, we will be taking faith inspired actions that support our school & local communities and our global sisters and brothers too.

We look forward to telling you more about our actions and inviting you to also take part with us. We really appreciate your support.

If you would like to know more about LiveSimply for schools, please visit [cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools](https://cafod.org.uk/LiveSimplySchools)

**Mr Burke**



## Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, it will be Red Nose Day.

On this date, we invite your child to dress in their own clothes with an optional red nose!

We would be very grateful for an **optional** donation through the following link:  
<https://superkind.org/campaign/comic-relief>

Alternatively, we would also be thankful for a donation towards Fr Terry's food bank.

**Mr Burke, Caritas Ambassadors and the Charity Prefects**





## Fr Terry's Food Bank

We believe, at St Christina's, that we are called to serve those around us throughout the year.

We were so touched by your generosity towards Fr Terry's Food Bank last half term and we will continue to collect non-perishable food to celebrate his legacy.

All donations will be distributed to the homeless and local families in need. We would be delighted if you would support us with this initiative – even the smallest donation can make a big difference.

If you would like to donate any non-perishable goods to this cause, please ask your child to leave their donation on the designated tables underneath the stairs next to the Arts Hall. We kindly ask that all donations for this half term are brought into school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Thank you for your support with this cause.

**Mr Burke, Kao and Tilly-Rose (Year 6 Charity Prefects)**

## Saint Christina's Food Collection



## Choir – join now!!

KS2 Choir has been relaunched and both old and new members from years 3-6 are very welcome. We will be working towards performances at the open morning and the Easter play so please come along straight after half term on Mondays, 3.45-4.30pm in the Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Mrs Bryant - Director of Music**

## Guitar/Ukulele Lesson

Our Guitar/Ukulele teacher Keith Taylor currently has some space to take on some new students. If your child is in KS1 or KS2 and would like to have Guitar or Ukulele lessons, please contact Keith on [ktaylor@saintchristinas.org.uk](mailto:ktaylor@saintchristinas.org.uk)

## Ukulele Club

The Ukulele Club is now open to Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children. Please contact the office if you would like your child to join or try it out. It is a good opportunity to play music with others. It is run by Mr Keith and takes place on a Thursday morning at 8am in the music room.

## Parents Link Update

**Bingo Night is coming .... March 15th to be exact!**

Shake off the winter blues at this guaranteed fun night, with the bonus of really great prizes to be won. Ticket purchase of £25 includes a buffet style dinner, and a bingo card for each of the 3 rounds for the evening. Tickets are limited due to seating capacity so don't wait around, once they are gone, they are gone! This year's event is a fundraising event, as we aim to raise sufficient funds to replace the existing Chapel keyboard with a new Digital Piano in honour of Fr Terry and his years of dedication to the children and the wider school community. Tickets are on sale now at [www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas)

### Nearly New Uniforms...All Change!

It's the 21st Century and Parents' Link are launching a new, improved system for your ad hoc purchase of Nearly New Uniforms from Parent's Link stock. This does not replace our regular physical sales, it's for days when you find your child has had a growth spurt, lost their hat, or the weather has suddenly changed...now you can place your order for ad hoc uniforms using <https://form.jotform.com/240054518102342>

Here you'll find a guide to the uniform items needed across the age ranges, you can order the items you require, and subject to stocks, your order will be filled ready for collection from school. Parents' Link will still host scheduled live sales of Nearly New Uniforms in the schools Arts Hall too. Our next sale event is March 22nd 3.30pm, ahead of the changeover to Summer uniform across the school.

A vibrant poster for a Bingo Night event. The background is dark blue. In the center, the words "BINGO NIGHT" are written in large, bold, yellow and white letters, enclosed in a yellow rectangular frame. Surrounding the frame are several colorful bingo balls with numbers: a red ball with '19', a blue ball with '35', and a purple ball with '7'. There are also yellow stars and a yellow pencil. In the corners, there are illustrations of bingo cards with some numbers marked with red 'X's. The overall theme is festive and game-related.

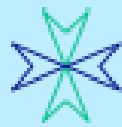
**BINGO  
NIGHT**

PARENTS' LINK WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO BINGO  
NIGHT 2024

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes at this fun-filled event. Our Guest Bingo callers will guide you through three rounds of the classic game, and enjoy a buffet dinner by Chef Nigel. Refreshments available to purchase

**FRIDAY MARCH 15TH - 6.30PM**  
MAIN SCHOOL HALL

Tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas)



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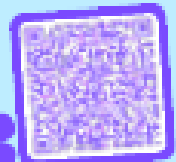
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**Kids Yoga**



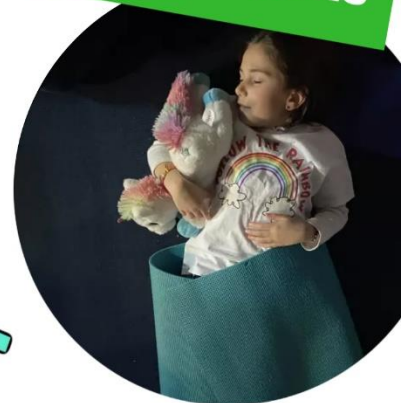
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## REMINDERS / HEALTH & SAFETY

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of pupils and staff in the school who have serious nut allergies. Please will you ensure that you do not give your child any nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella) to bring into school.

### MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please do not send your child into school with any medication on their person. Medication can only be administered by qualified personnel. The only medication that we can administer, therefore, is prescribed medication e.g. Antibiotics, Inhalers, EpiPen's. Children should not be sent into school with any other type of medication e.g. Cold and Flu medicines / Calpol / Lozenges etc. If your child is unwell and in need of medication, they should remain at home until they feel better.

If your child does have any medication, please contact Miss Georgia, and she will ask you to fill in the relevant forms and keep the medication safely in the School Office. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Late collection of children

If a parent enrolls one child into a club and needs to put another in Homework club, they will be charged a fee of £15 for the second child. Additionally, children who are collected late at the end of the school day or after a club will be sent to Homework Club and parents will be charged accordingly. Homework Club runs from Monday to Thursday from 3.30-5.00pm and costs £15 per session. A late fee of £50 will be charged if children are collected after 5.00pm.

### Items left in the front office

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day before they arrive in the morning: e.g. snacks / PE Kit. Items are regularly being left in the office by parents and carers throughout the day and, whilst they will do everything they can to help you, this causes disruption not only to the office staff but also to the children, Class Teachers and TAs who have to come to the office to collect the items. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

### Sunday Mass

Just a reminder to everyone, you are all invited to join Sunday Mass, which is held in the Chapel at 10.00am

## Dates for your diary

Monday 11 <sup>TH</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science Week</li><li>• Year 5 and 6 Football Fixture</li></ul>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open Morning (No swimming for Year 4)</li></ul>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pi Day</li><li>• Year 6 Football Tournament</li></ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science Workshop – VR Human Body</li><li>• Year 6 Mass</li><li>• PL Disco Bingo Night</li></ul>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last week of clubs</li></ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3 &amp; 4 Inter house football</li><li>• Year 5A &amp; 4A Netball Fixture</li></ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 5 &amp; 6 Cross Country</li></ul>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 1 Mass</li></ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL Uniform Sale (Arts Hall)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Play</li> </ul>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR EASTER</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b></li> </ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Stay and Play</li> </ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass – 2:45pm</li> </ul>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 Swimming – <b>CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OF EARLY TO LEAVE BY 8:30</b></li> <li>• Parent Teacher meetings Year 1 – Year 6 (Whole week)</li> </ul>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Mass – 2:45pm</li> </ul>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 Mass – 2:45pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Residential Meet</li> </ul>

**ABOVE TIMES/DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Please note: Policies can be found on the School Website – please click link below:**

<https://www.saintchristinas.org.uk/our-school/policies/>