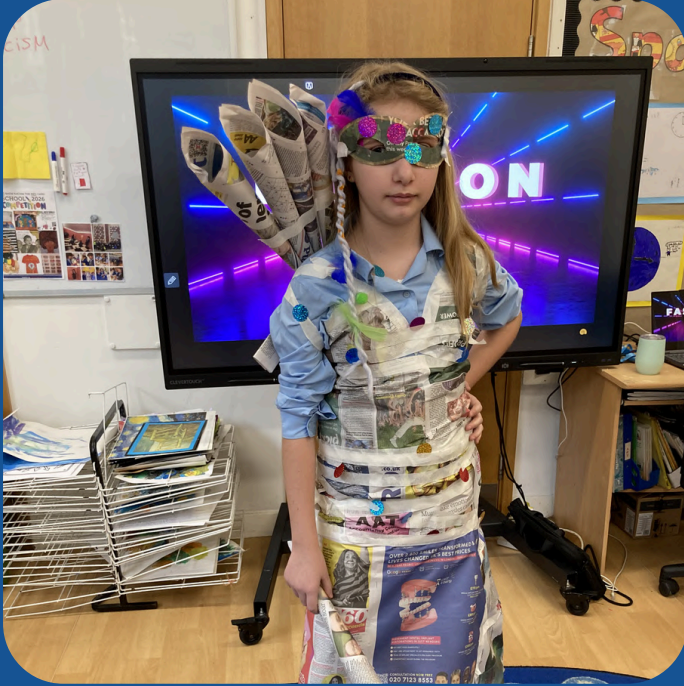




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Friday 13th February 2026



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Dear Parents,

This Tuesday we paused the usual timetable for our 6C Day, running alongside Children's Mental Health Week, to give children a chance to experience skills-based challenge outside of the usual classroom routines. Across the school there was a noticeable buzz as our 6C's came through in practical tasks, discussion, reflection, and teamwork. My personal highlight was the collaboration challenge, where I was handed a coloured tube and trusted to make music alongside a group of KS2 children, which was great fun.

I asked Mr Raveney if he would be willing to write his reflections on the day which appear below. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find photographs and examples of the activities which capture the energy of a day that, thanks to Mr Raveney and the team, came together in the best possible way.

Wishing you all a restorative half term break when it comes. Over to the brilliant Mr Raveney.

Best,

Damien Walshe
Headteacher

Dear Parents,

6C Day – Celebrating Our School Values in Action

On Tuesday, our KS2 children enjoyed a truly memorable 6C Day, spending the day off timetable to celebrate and explore our 6C's: Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Curiosity, Collaboration and Commitment. The focus of the day was to give children meaningful, hands-on experiences that brought each of the 6C's to life in exciting and engaging ways.

The day began with a whole key stage introduction, where the children were reminded why the 6C's are such an important part of our school community and how they help us grow not only as learners, but as individuals. Throughout the day, the children worked collaboratively with children from different year groups, which created a wonderful sense of community across KS2. It was fantastic to see the older children supporting younger ones, new friendships forming and everyone embracing the opportunity to work with different peers.

In **Communication**, children explored communication through prayer, reflecting on the different ways we express ourselves. This session encouraged thoughtful discussion and quiet reflection. A special thank you to Sister Noella for leading this workshop; your support and generosity in giving your time were hugely appreciated and helped make the session so meaningful.



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The **Creativity** workshop saw children designing and modelling outfits in a lively Newspaper Fashion Show. Working in teams, children planned, constructed and showcased their imaginative creations. The confidence and originality on display were wonderful to see, and there was plenty of laughter and applause as each group took to the catwalk.

During **Critical Thinking**, children tackled a range of Crystal Maze-style puzzles and challenges of varying difficulty. These tasks required logic, resilience and teamwork. Children had to think carefully, adapt their strategies and persevere, demonstrating fantastic problem-solving skills throughout.

In **Curiosity**, children explored "AI and the Future," linking their learning to Safer Internet Day. This workshop sparked thoughtful conversations about how artificial intelligence is shaping our world, as well as the responsibilities that come with using technology safely and wisely. The children asked insightful questions and showed genuine interest in the topic.

The **Collaboration** session brought the school alive with music, as the children worked together to create a musical performance using boomwhackers. This required excellent timing and concentration, as each child had to play their note at exactly the right moment. Listening carefully and working as a team were essential to ensure the performance flowed smoothly. The final pieces were impressive, clearly demonstrating the power of collaboration.

Finally, **Commitment** was put to the test in a thrilling Science Crime Scene Investigation. Children examined the scene carefully, tested for fingerprints, analysed clues and narrowed down the suspects to decide who had stolen the skeleton's head and arm! The activity required patience, focus and determination, with children showing great perseverance as they worked methodically to solve the mystery.

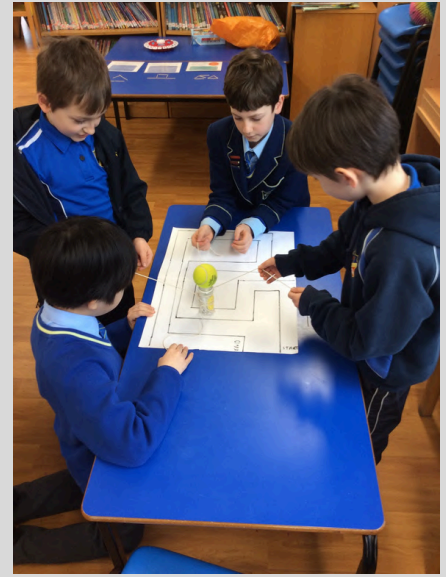
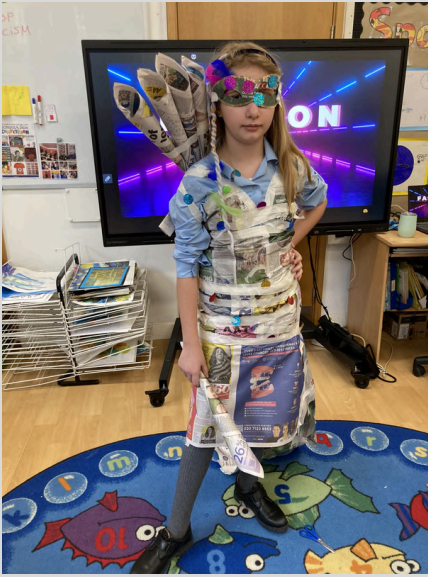
The feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive. Many spoke about how much they enjoyed working with different year groups and trying something new. I am sure many of them have already come home to tell you all about the different sessions! Below are just a few photos capturing the excitement and engagement from the day.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their time, effort and creativity in planning and delivering such inspiring workshops. It truly was an incredible celebration of our 6C's, with our pupils showcasing these skills in action from start to finish.





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Children's Mental Health Week

This week at Saint Christina's, we marked Children's Mental Health Week, reflecting on this year's theme, This Is My Place. The focus of the week was belonging, helping children to understand that feeling safe, valued, included and accepted plays a vital role in their mental health and wellbeing.

We held two assemblies across the week for KS1 and KS2, where children explored what belonging means in our school community. They reflected on where they feel most comfortable and confident, whether that is at home, in the classroom, on the playground, in clubs, in church, or with friends, and discussed how we can ensure everyone feels that Saint Christina's is a place where they truly belong.



In class, children continued these conversations through discussion and activities, thinking about the small but powerful actions that help others feel included: listening carefully, inviting someone to join a game, celebrating each other's strengths, and showing kindness in words and actions.

For families who would like to explore the theme further at home, there are excellent resources and guidance available at:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/#family>

Some of the top tips shared for supporting children's sense of belonging include:

- Checking in regularly and helping children feel safe and important
- Taking time to listen without judgement
- Creating welcoming routines and family rituals
- Encouraging open conversations about feelings
- Celebrating children's unique personalities, interests and heritage

It has been a positive week in school, giving children time to reflect on what helps them feel safe and included.

Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastoral)



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Parenting in the Digital Age

On Tuesday evening, parents were invited to attend an online workshop, Parenting in the Digital Age, delivered by The Parent Team.

The session followed on from our recent communication about the school's digital strategy and provided families with the opportunity to engage further with current thinking around screen use and emerging technologies. It explored how to set clear and appropriate boundaries at home, how to have open and constructive conversations about children's online activity, and how to encourage healthy habits around switching off.

Some of the practical tips shared included agreeing simple family rules around devices, keeping screens out of bedrooms overnight, staying curious rather than critical when children talk about their online world, and focusing on connection before correction when challenges arise.

We are grateful to The Parent Team for sharing their expertise and look forward to working with them again in the future.

If you attended and would like to share any feedback, please feel free to email me at dburke@saintchristinas.org.uk.



Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastoral)



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Art in Year 1

To link this project with our art lessons, the children have taken part in an amazing (and wonderfully messy!) collaborative artwork. Together, they created an enormous background for a school display, with every single child adding their own personal touch. Using blue tones, glitter, silver, greens, fabric and a wide variety of materials, they worked creatively to represent the movement and colours of the sea.

After completing the background, each child designed their own sea turtle using black card and oil pastels, which will be displayed on top of the ocean scene. We cannot wait to see the final result on the school walls. Well done, Year 1, a fantastic team effort!

Ms Brentones - Art Teacher and Ms Khalique - Year 1 Class Teacher



D&T in Year 6

Year 6 have finally found some time, after several very busy weeks filled with art competitions and workshops, to begin creating their Anderson shelters.

Although the projects are still in the making, wow ! this year's creations are out of this world! The level of detail, patience and dedication the children are showing is truly outstanding. They are going above and beyond in every aspect of their shelters.

This small photo collage captures part of the creative process, and we cannot wait to display the finished shelters. Well done, Year 6 for an absolutely fantastic effort!

Ms Brentones - Art & DT Teacher



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A Very Busy Week in Nursery

It has been another busy and productive week in Nursery. We have been making jewellery after focusing on repeating patterns in maths, which was very popular. With Valentine's Day coming up, we have also been exploring colour mixing at the easel, using red and white to create different shades of pink.

There has been a continued interest in weaving, which has evolved into making magic wands, with lots of play around this throughout the week. Outside, we have enjoyed the milder weather and the mud kitchen café has been very popular, with coffee and tea prepared and served. Inside, the role play area transformed into a hotel as well as a makeshift office, with plenty of important police work taking place. The playdough table has been a hive of activity, with pasta, pastries and lots of tasty creations being made.

Ms Randle - Head of EYFS





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Reception's Potato Cooking Journey

This half term, Reception have been exploring vegetables, with a special focus on potatoes. We began by learning about the difference between fruits and vegetables and thinking about the many ways we can cook them. After reading *Oliver's Vegetables*, we made roasted carrot fries in the air fryer and talked about how cooking can change the taste and texture of food.

As part of our learning about Canada, we then made potato fries topped with gravy and cheese, which sparked even more interest in cooking with potatoes. The following week, the children carefully peeled and chopped potatoes before turning them into mashed potatoes. This past week, they added flour to the mashed potatoes to make gnocchi, rolling the dough into long strips and cutting it into small pieces. The children loved tasting each of their creations and talking about their favourites. They have really enjoyed being involved in every step of the process and are growing in confidence in the kitchen.

Ms Williams - Reception Class Teacher





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Year 1 STEM Stations

To end the half term, Year 1 took part in a range of exciting STEM stations. The children explored magnets, investigating which objects were magnetic and which were not. They used Beebots to practise directional skills, programming them to travel across the continents and oceans.

The children also built yummy towers using dried spaghetti and marshmallows, developing their problem-solving and teamwork skills. Using Scratch Junior, they had a go at simple programming, and they used their maths knowledge to crack codes.

It was a fun and engaging way to finish the half term, with lots of active, hands on learning!

Ms Higgins and Ms Khalique - Year 1 Class Teachers





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Year 2

Year 2 have been having great fun with their English work based on The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers. This week, the children created wanted posters for Barnabus, the brave little creature who escaped from his laboratory.

The children began by exploring the structural features of wanted posters, before working together as a class to write descriptions of Barnabus using all the wonderful adjectives they learned in the previous lesson. The children described his "enormous, grey body," his "long, winding trunk," and his "beady, black eyes."

Using their creativity and impressive writing skills, the children designed their own wanted posters, carefully thinking about layout, bold titles, and punctuation.

Well done, Year 2, your wanted posters were amazing!

Mr Burke - Year 2 Class Teacher

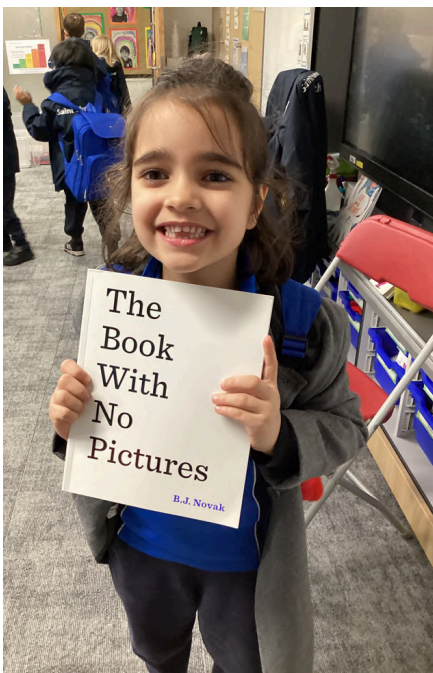
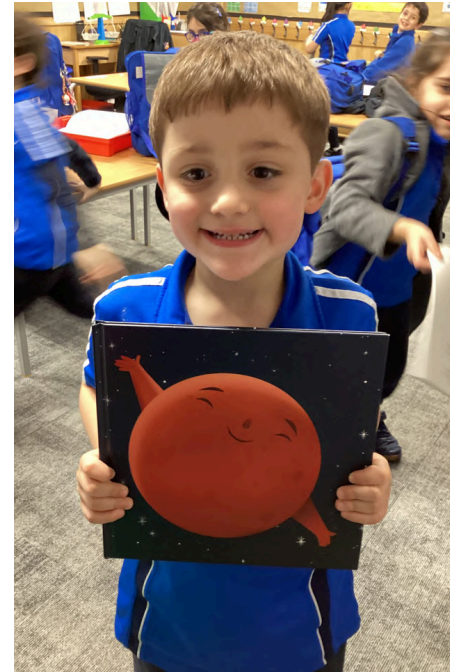




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KS1 Story Club

Mars! Earthlings Welcome!: *I like this story because it is so ridiculous when it says Mars' moons are the potato crushers. The funniest page is when they are partying. I want to visit Mars!* - Child in Year 1 MK



The Book With No Pictures: *I like this story because it says, "Glug glub, my face is a bug. I eat ants for breakfast straight off the rug," and has a page full of nonsense language. It is a very funny and fun book!*

- Child in Year 1 MK



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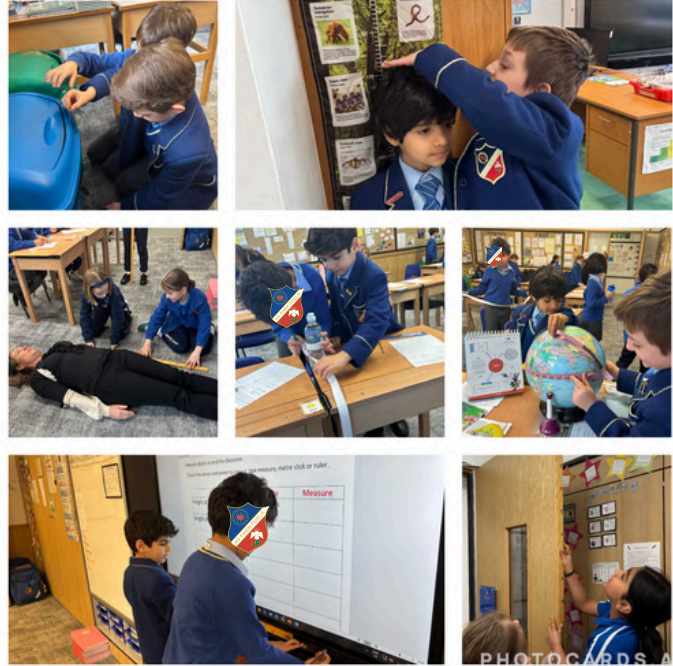
Year 3

This week in Year 3, the children have enjoyed lots of practical work in Maths. They worked collaboratively with partners to choose objects around the classroom to measure. First, they estimated and recorded what they thought the measurements would be in millimetres, centimetres or metres. They then selected the most appropriate measuring instrument, such as a tape measure, metre stick or ruler.

They also learnt some exciting new vocabulary, including circumference, when they used string or a tape measure to measure around the classroom globe.

In addition to their practical measuring activities, the children have been busy comparing lengths and converting between different units of measurement.

Ms Sephton - Year 3 Class Teacher



Year 4

This week Year 4 have missed their teacher very much, but Ms Farquhar will be so proud of all of them as they have continued to work incredibly hard. The class have thought about The Sacrament of Penance and The Anointing of the Sick in Religion lessons.

We all enjoyed the 6Cs day on Tuesday where we did a carousel of different activities to celebrate each of the 6Cs. "Everyone enjoyed the workshops very much" and "there were less hands-on things like Fr Rudolf's critical thinking activities to really hands-on activities such as dressmaking for creativity with Ms Bretones" were typical of the comments the children were making after enjoying the day.

In Spanish we looked at "Give Racism the Red Card" which we all agree is a very important topic to learn about.

We have boldly stepped up to battle in Maths, using Times Table Rock Stars where we participated in a house challenge.

In English we have looked at non-fiction texts and have learned about earthquakes and lemurs.

We have enjoyed looking at some research projects, a wonderful showcase of a range of learning skills.

Year 4 have made their substitute teacher feel very welcome and we have had a wonderful time. We wish you a very happy and safe half term break.

Miss Chand - Head of Science



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Year 5

Last week our Year 5 children beautifully led the school community in Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Their confident reading, thoughtful Prayers of the Faithful, and reverent participation helped everyone to reflect more deeply on this special celebration. The wonderful music performed by the children enriched our worship and created a prayerful and uplifting atmosphere. We were especially proud of the great collaboration shown by the class as they worked together to prepare and lead the liturgy. Through the readings and prayers, Year 5 helped us all to communicate with God in a meaningful and heartfelt way. Well done to everyone involved!

Ms O'Leary - Year 5 Class Teacher





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Year 6

Year 6 have had a calm and happy end to the half term, helped in no small part by a couple of special visits from our furry friend, Nelson. He proved to be a wonderfully calming influence on the class, and the children absolutely adore him. His presence helped create a relaxed and positive learning environment throughout the week.

In English, we finished our guided reading text and completed the accompanying comprehension work, while in maths the children have been working hard on fractions, decimals and percentages, building confidence across these key areas.

To mark Children's Mental Health Week, we explored this week's Vote for Schools topic: Do we feel comfortable talking about our mental health? This led to a thoughtful and in-depth discussion, with the children sharing ideas respectfully and showing great maturity and empathy.

Of course, the 6C's Day was a huge success, and the class thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the wide range of activities on offer. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity on display. The class have also been very supportive of the three House Captains this week as final preparations have taken place for the House Music Competition.

My thoughts are with all of the Year 6's on Friday as they receive their 11+ results. They have all worked exceptionally hard to get to this point and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Mrs Ellisdon - Year 6 Class Teacher



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Sport Update

On Monday, the Year 3 and 4 netball teams took on Ivy House in two highly enjoyable matches. Many of the children were playing their first competitive netball game, and it was fantastic to see how well they performed. Their understanding of the rules and overall gameplay is really improving. In the first match, the Year 4 team put in a great performance, with some excellent shooting from Serina and an all-round great team performance resulting in a 6-2 victory. The Year 3 team also impressed with a fantastic team performance. Everyone worked together superbly, passing and moving the ball well and playing as a true team, resulting in another well-deserved victory with a 5-0 win. Well, done to Greta for some excellent passing and moving and to Sophia for some great shooting.

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 teams took on Ivy House in netball, securing two more excellent victories. Both matches were highly competitive, but superior passing and accurate shooting from our players helped seal the wins with the Year 5 team winning 9-2 and the Year 6 team with 7-0 victory.



On Wednesday, we were fortunate to welcome Amy from London Mavericks Netball Coaching Club, who put some of our Year 5 and 6 children through their paces during an hour-long netball training session. The children spent time developing their passing and shooting techniques and learned a range of new practices to help further improve their match play. Amy was very impressed by the children's high level of performance and the effort they showed throughout the afternoon.





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Last week, KS2 classes took part in the Inter-House Cross Country event, with Year 3 and 4 children running 1.5km and Year 5 and 6 completing a challenging 2km course. Despite the wet and muddy conditions, the children gave it their all and should be extremely proud of their efforts. It was lovely to see such great determination and encouragement shown towards their peers. Well done to the overall winners from each year group, who can be seen below. A huge congratulations also goes to those children who significantly improved their times from the practice race. Congratulations to Saint Joan of Arc who were crowned overall winners once all points were added together.

	Y3 Boys	Y3 Girls	Y4 Boys	Y4 Girls	Y5 Boys	Y5 Girls	Y6 Boys	Y6 Girls
Winner	Adrian	Eimear	Conor	Anncey	Caleb	Farah	Harry	Pia
Second	Raphael	Greta	Angelo	Serina	Tomoki	Dena Rose	Arlo	Juliana
Third	Milan S	Eloise	Advait	Emily	Misha	Sofi	Raphael	Akari
Most improved	Milan M	Eimear	-	-	Hunter	Sofi	Raphael	Juliana





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Year/House	St Francis	St Cecilia	St John of Arc
Year 3	111	199	111
Year 4	96	38	153
Year 5	120	72	168
Year 6	140	121	61
	St Francis	St Cecilia	St John of Arc
Totals	467	430	492
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This week, all of the children have also enjoyed taking part in the annual Pancake Challenge obstacle course in preparation for Lent, which begins next week. Every child took on the challenge, completed the course, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Saint Cecilia, who recorded the shortest overall time when all results were added together. A special well done to all the winners and the children who completed the course without dropping it.



Mr Raveney - Director of Sport



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Music Update

Music Assemblies

We had a lovely music assembly on Wednesday, welcoming our brass players and a number of other instrumentalists particularly from Year 4. This concludes our three-week run of music assemblies – it is really fantastic that we have so many children learning an instrument. Well done to everyone who performed, we are very proud of you!

6C's Day - Collaboration

The music department was a loud and joyful place on Tuesday this week for our 6Cs day. Music is one of the subjects where collaboration takes place all the time, and KS2 children really enjoyed the challenge of using boomwhackers to play along to some of their favourite songs. They were also given the task of organising themselves in pitch order, which involved real teamwork as they worked out how to tell which were higher. For the playalongs we were joined by other staff who also enjoyed themselves! You will see the concentration on the children's faces in these pictures, but they also had lots of fun and everyone was smiling at the end!



Music Lessons

We have spaces for flute, violin, guitar, trumpet and trombone lessons at the moment. If you are interested in lessons for your child, you can find information and the application form [here](#). If you have any questions please contact me via email - ebryant@saintchristinas.org.uk

Mrs Byrant - Director of Music



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DINY'S SENSORY AND MESSY PLAY (FROM 10 MONTHS -TO 36 MONTHS)



SENSORY AND MESSY PLAY GIVES BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN THE FREEDOM TO EXPLORE THE WORLD THROUGH THEIR SENSES-TOUCH,SIGHT,SOUND,SMELL AND MOVEMENT. THROUGH ACTIVITIES AND EXPLORING DIFFERENT TEXTURES,CHILDREN BUILD CONFIDENCE, CURIOSITY, AND ESSENTIAL EARLY SKILLS.

OUR NEXT SESSIONS WILL HAVE A FUN ANIMAL THEME RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR HANDS ON- SENSORY EXPERIENCE.

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21ST OF FEBRUARY 7TH OF MARCH

SATURDAY

TIME: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

PRICE: £10 PER CHILD CASH ONLY

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE PRESENT WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THE DURATION OF THE SESSION

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NOTICES and REMINDERS

Nut Free School

We have a number of children 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.

Mass – Reminder to Parents and Carers

We kindly remind parents and carers that, in line with our safeguarding policies and school guidelines, photographs and videos must not be taken of children during Mass.

We also ask that this time is respected as a moment for reflection and prayer. We would therefore be grateful if parents and carers could refrain from using mobile phones during Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Online Safety Reminder for Parents & Carers

As children spend more time online playing games, watching content, and chatting with friends, it is important that we work together to help them stay safe in digital spaces.

Parents and carers are encouraged to take an active interest in the games, apps, and websites their child uses, ensure content is age-appropriate, and make use of parental controls and privacy settings. Children should be reminded never to share personal information online and encouraged to speak to a trusted adult if anything they experience online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

Regular conversations at home about online behaviour, kindness, screen time, and safety can make a real difference. From Online Safety Day, a range of free, age-specific resources are available to support families, including guidance on online gaming, social media, cyberbullying, and digital wellbeing, found here: [Internet Matters](#)

For further support, please see the [Padlet Resource](#) and the [Safety by Age Resource](#)



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Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th February
SCHOOL CLOSSES AT USUAL TIME FOR HALF TERM

Monday 23rd February
CHILDREN RETURN

Monday 23rd
February

- **Children Return**

Wednesday 25th
February

- **Year 5 Netball Tournament (Away)**

Thursday 26th
February

- **11+ Information Evening (Year 3 - 5)**

Friday 27th
February

- **Year 4 Mass (2.45pm)**

Monday 2nd March

- **Mr Walshe Attending Society of Heads Conference 3 days)**
- **Book Fair (All Week)**

Wednesday 4th
March

- **Holroyd Howe Nutritionist Visit**
- **Year 6 Netball Fixture (Away)**



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Thursday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day (Details to follow)
Friday 6th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 First Reconciliation Service
Monday 9th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• British Science Week• Year 5/6 Mixed Football (Home)
Tuesday 10th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Walshe & Mrs Ellisdon visiting Merchant Taylors School• Year 5 Science Week Trip
Wednesday 11th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Morning (9.15 - 11.30 am)
Thursday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orchestra Trip
Friday 13th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Mass (2.45pm)
Monday 16th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EYFS Parent Teacher Meetings (Details to Follow)• SCS Hispanic Week (all week)• Last Week of Clubs
Wednesday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning (Details to Follow)• Year 5/6 Girls Football (Away)



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Wednesday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning (Details to Follow)• Year 5/6 Girls Football (Away)
Thursday 19th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Walshe & Mr Hirst Visiting Handmaids School in Portugal (2 day)
Friday 20th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Music Concert Trip• Year 2 Cinema Trip• Year 1 Mass
Monday 23rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Clubs• Neurodiversity Week• Year 6 Netball Fixture (Away)
Wednesday 25th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning (Details to Follow)• Year 4 Zoo Trip (Details to Follow)
Thursday 26rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Cinema Trip• Passion Play

Friday 27th March

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT USUAL TIME FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 21st April

CHILDREN RETURN

ABOVE TIMES/DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

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