



SAINT CHRISTINA'S BULLETIN

Friday 26th June 2026



Where Kindness Meets Ambition



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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another busy week, it seems only right, in the most British way possible, to talk about the weather.

The heat has shaped school life and much of the national and European conversation over the past few days. Having lived for a number of years in New York, where temperatures were often higher than those we have experienced this week, I still think there is something peculiar about London heat in that it almost always manages to feel hotter than the weather app suggests.

Thank you to children, parents, and colleagues for the way everyone responded this week. We all had to look at the day in front of us and make some adjustments, change plans here and there, and adapt in order to move through the week sensibly.

That ability to adapt is an important skill for children to develop because as adults we all know that life rarely follows a perfectly predictable path. New situations will emerge, circumstances will change, opportunities will appear unexpectedly, and challenges will routinely arrive without warning or invitation. Children who learn how to assess a situation and adjust when needed are developing a skill that will serve them well in the future. The heat this week gave children a practical example of how to do this.

We have another perspective on school life from Ari in Year 5, who was our Headteacher for the Day. His reflections are included below, and I encourage you to read them. I am pleased to report that he took the role seriously, asked good questions, and approached the day with exactly the right mix of curiosity and enthusiasm.

Thank you, as always, for your support, and I hope you enjoy a slightly cooler weekend when it comes.

Best,

Damien Walshe
Headteacher





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Hi my name is Ari and I'm Headteacher today!

What I first did was welcome everybody and I shook everybody's hand and it made them smile.

The second thing I did was lead assembly and I handed out certificates including spots. (There were a lot!)

I then went to Mr Hirst's office to talk about clubs and I recommended some clubs which were magnetic darts and basketball.

I then went and did playground duty for KS1 and KS2 and I was really happy that the children were enjoying their break.

I then went for a learning walk around the school with Mr Walshe where he showed me where everything is and I can now guide the children around the school!

Next, I did a Health & Safety tour with Ms Georgia. We were looking for any danger hazards. We saw some water on the stairs which someone could slip on so we cleaned it up. We made sure the children's bags were tidy so no one would trip over.

Then I had lunch with my friend on a private VIP table. The next job was to help Mr Raveney with the Year 2 PE lesson. The children were well behaved and enjoyed the lesson.

I went to Year 1 to spray the children to cool them off! They were so excited that they were jumping up and down!

The next task was to visit the Reception children to talk to about what it is like to be a Headteacher for the Day.

At the end of day I enjoyed Mass and especially enjoyed shaking hands with all the children when they were leaving school.

My experience as Headteacher for the Day was 10 out of 10!!!





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Tropicana Summer Fair is almost here!

It's shaping up to be a wonderfully tropical day, with a bouncy castle, archery, balloon man and coloured sand activities to keep everyone entertained. And when you need a break, enjoy delicious treats from the pizza van and ice cream stall.

Please note that this is a cash-free event – card payments only. There will be no ticket sales on the day, so be sure to get your tickets in advance. And don't forget to speak to your Class Rep if you can volunteer to help make the day a success.

We can't wait to see you at the Fair!



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PREP SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIR
Tropicana
SATURDAY 4TH JULY
12-4PM

CHILDREN £12.50	ADULTS £7.50	FAMILY OF 4 £35	NEW STARTERS ARE FREE	UNDER 3s ARE FREE
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ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

- BALLOON ARTIST
- ARCHERY
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- BAR & FOOD
- NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

TICKETS ON SALE VIA
www.pta-events.co.uk/saint-christinas



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Pastoral Update

Many of you may have seen the Government's recent proposals aimed at strengthening online protections for children and young people. The plans have generated considerable discussion and follow on from Mr Walshe's article in a recent bulletin about Digital Formation. Whilst national policy and legislation will continue to evolve, it is encouraging to see a growing recognition of the challenges children face when navigating an increasingly digital world.

As Mr Walshe outlined, our work at Saint Christina's is centred on the idea of Digital Formation rather than simply a digital strategy. We believe this is about far more than devices, apps and screen time. From September, our approach will focus on three key strands: digital literacy, helping children understand technology, media, information and AI; digital wellbeing, supporting children in managing attention, behaviour, relationships and online pressures; and digital discernment, helping children make wise choices, seek truth and uphold human dignity. Our aim is not to turn children away from technology, but to help them understand it, question it and use it thoughtfully.

To support this work, and to help parents navigate many of the issues being discussed nationally, we will be introducing Tooled Up Education from September. Tooled Up provides parents with access to a wide range of evidence-based resources, webinars, podcasts and practical guidance from leading researchers and experts, covering topics such as social media, online behaviour, attention, wellbeing, parenting and artificial intelligence. Parents will also have access to TULA AI, Tooled Up's parenting companion, alongside the opportunity to submit questions directly to the Tooled Up research team.

We hope this resource will strengthen the partnership between home and school as we work together to help children develop healthy digital habits and make wise choices online.

We are also pleased to confirm that we will be holding a Tooled Up parent launch event on 9th September 2026 from 6.30pm–7.30pm. Please do save the date. Further details will be shared at the start of the new academic year.

Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastoral)



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Father's Day and Animal Fun

Last week in Art, we made some special Father's Day artwork. We carefully stuck down bubble letters spelling "Dad" and painted a vibrant, colourful background around them, inspired by how fun and wonderful our dads are. Once the paint had dried, we carefully peeled off the letters to reveal a fantastic design. The finished pieces were a lovely way to celebrate our dads and show them how much they mean to us.

This week in Art, we had fun sculpting animals. We used our hands and tools to carefully shape and create different animals. Once our sculptures had dried, we painted them with bright colours and details, bringing our creations to life. To finish our masterpieces, we carefully mounted our clay animals in frames, creating beautiful pieces of artwork to display. We were very proud of our imaginative animal sculptures!

Ms Bretones - Head of Art and DT



Enrichment News

Over the past two weeks, children in Years 2, 3 and 4 participated in the annual 'First Mathematics Challenge'. This is a competition aimed at children predominantly in Years 3 and 4, although children in Year 2 who enjoy problem-solving may also take part if they want.

This is now the sixth year in which children from Saint Christina's have participated in this national challenge, but it is the first time that someone has scored full marks: not only a child in Year 4, but also one of the children in Year 3 gained perfect scores.

The award boundaries (as in how many marks you need for Gold, Silver and Bronze) are decided in advance by the organisers, and this year we were delighted to have the following numbers of awards altogether:

Gold - 6 awards

Silver - 16 awards

Bronze - 12 awards

Our two children who obtained perfect scores were Matthew and Leyla. Their scores, and the scores of many other children, bode well for their mathematical future.

Congratulations go not only to our perfect scorers, but also to all of the children who participated in this year's competition!

Fr Rudolf - Teacher in charge of Enrichment



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School Council Meets Chef Nigel

The School Council recently met with Chef Nigel to discuss all things food! This was the third time Chef Nigel has met with the children this year, demonstrating his commitment to listening to their ideas and feedback.

Chef Nigel is always keen to hear the children's views and, wherever possible, incorporate their suggestions into the school menu. Already, several of their ideas have become a reality, including the return of spaghetti, the addition of cold pasta to the salad bar and the ever-popular Eton Mess dessert!

The meeting ended with the School Council thanking Chef Nigel for all the delicious meals he and the catering team prepare each day. We are very grateful for his enthusiasm and willingness to work with the children to make lunchtime even better.

Mr Hirst - Deputy Headteacher



STEM Club

Our final STEM Club session of the year was full of creativity, with electric circuits and a general knowledge Science quiz. One child even took the challenge a step further by designing and building an impressive giant Morse code machine – a fantastic example of imaginative thinking and engineering!

A huge well done to everyone who attended STEM Club this year for your curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm. A special thank you goes to our STEM Prefect, who has done a superb job supporting Science throughout the year. Ms Chand and I couldn't have asked for a more enthusiastic, reliable and passionate STEM ambassador. Thank you for all your hard work!

Mr Hirst - Deputy Headteacher





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Science in Year 3

Year 3 have made superb progress with their summer hats, very timely too. They have shown excellent commitment, critical thinking and creativity. Some children have upcycled and repurposed an existing item of clothing or fabric to make the project more sustainable. A running stitch has proven to be a challenge for some children but they have all made fantastic progress and are very close to finishing. At this rate, Ladies Day at Ascot will be their next project!

Miss Chand - Head of Science





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EYFS Explore the 6 Cs Under the Sea

EYFS had a fantastic morning taking part in a carousel of six exciting activities, each designed to develop one of our **6 Cs** through our exciting under-the-sea theme.

The children explored their **creativity** by making colourful sea creatures for a whole-school underwater display, while **critical thinking** was encouraged through magnetic fishing, treasure hunts, shadow matching and a range of other ocean-themed challenges. They developed their **communication** skills by learning how sea creatures communicate before discussing and sharing their own ideas.

Our **curiosity** station challenged the children to investigate mystery sea objects using only their sense of touch, solve sea creature puzzles and decide whether fascinating ocean facts were true or false. At the **collaboration** station, children worked together to build giant sandcastles and create a wonderful underwater mural, sharing ideas and supporting one another throughout.

Finally, at the **commitment** station, the children listened to *The Undersea Cleaning Spree* before exploring how pollution affects marine life and discussing simple ways we can all help protect our oceans.

There was a real buzz of excitement as the children explored, investigated and worked together across the different activities

Ms Randle - Head of EYFS and Nursery Class Teacher





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A Special Trip to the Postal Museum

This week, Reception enjoyed an exciting trip to the Postal Museum, where we explored everything we had been learning about letters and the postal system. We began the day by listening to a giant version of *The Jolly Postman*, where the children became little posties, helping to deliver letters as the story unfolded. The children then explored the interactive postal play area, sorting and delivering letters and parcels around the miniature town, just like real postal workers. The highlight of the day was riding on the famous Mail Rail, the underground railway that carried London's post beneath the streets for over 75 years. The children loved travelling through the old tunnels and discovering how thousands of letters and parcels were once transported across the city. The children had a wonderful day and loved bringing their postal learning to life.

Ms Williams - Reception Class Teacher





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Special Visitor from London GAA!

We were delighted to welcome Cormac from London GAA to Saint Christina's School for a fantastic Gaelic football skills session with Year 1 and Year 2! We had so much fun learning about one of Ireland's most popular sports while developing new skills, including hand passing, soloing and kick passing. Everyone showed brilliant enthusiasm, listened carefully and improved throughout the session. Cormac even spotted lots of promising talent! It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Irish sporting culture, stay active and try something completely new. We can't wait to play again!

Ms Higgins and Mr Raveney - Year 1 Class Teachers & Director of Sport



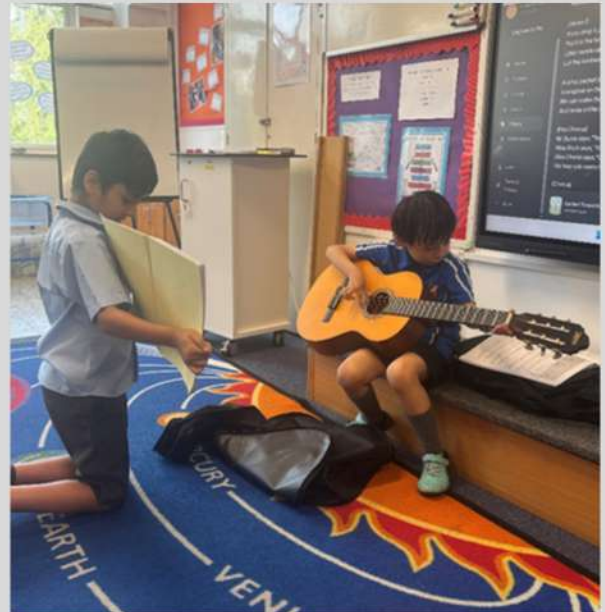


Year 2

This week in PSHE, the children took part in a Votes for Schools lesson exploring the question, "Does banning things work?" They discussed why rules and restrictions are sometimes put in place and considered whether banning something is always the best way to solve a problem. As part of the lesson, the children explored a range of examples and thought carefully about why adults sometimes make decisions on behalf of children.

I was particularly proud of the way the children approached this discussion. They shared their ideas confidently, listened respectfully to one another and showed great maturity when considering different viewpoints. Some children felt that banning things can help to keep people safe and prevent problems, whilst others thought that teaching people how to make sensible choices is just as important. At the end of the lesson, the children cast their votes and contributed to the national Votes for Schools poll.

In Science, the children have been learning about the importance of looking after our environment and the impact that litter can have on the world around us. They discussed how rubbish can affect animals, plants and local communities, and thought about the small actions we can all take to make a positive difference. As part of their learning, the children worked in groups to write their own songs about caring for the environment. They then performed these songs to their peers, sharing messages about reducing litter and taking pride in keeping our world clean. It was lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with the topic.



Mr Burke and Ms Rock - Year 2 Class Teacher and Class Teaching assistant



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KS1 Story and Reading Club

What a fantastic year we have had in KS1 Story Club! Each week we have looked forward to visiting our beautiful new library, where we have discovered exciting stories, explored different authors and shared some of our favourite books with our friends. We have loved listening to stories, chatting about our favourite characters and making predictions about what might happen next. Story Club has been filled with laughter, imagination and a real love of reading!

We can't wait to welcome more budding book lovers to Story Club next year for even more wonderful stories and exciting adventures. Happy reading!



Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough: *It has animals in it and when see a special person. We learn about David Attenborough. I like him a lot.* - Child in Year 1 OH

The Day the Crayons Came Home: *I like that it shows all the exotic places that they have been to. Some crayons need help with geography!* - Child in Year 1 OH





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Year 3

In Art lessons, Year 3 have been exploring the traditional craft of wool weaving. The children learned about the two key elements of weaving: the warp (the vertical threads that form the framework) and the weft (the horizontal threads woven over and under the warp).

Using colourful wool, the children carefully created their own woven pieces, developing their fine motor skills, concentration, and creativity. They enjoyed experimenting with different colours and patterns and impressed us by the patience and perseverance shown as they mastered the weaving technique.

Ms Sephton - Year 3 Class Teacher





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Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have been busy rehearsing for our summer production, which is already looking fantastic and is sure to be a wonderful show next week! In RE, we revised the theological virtues of Hope, Faith and Love, exploring examples from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians and deepening our understanding through discussion activities. In Maths, we focused on fractions, revising equivalent fractions and how to find fractions of an amount. Our English lessons included revising the present perfect tense, enjoying another Wacky Wednesday packed with grammar, spelling and comprehension activities, and continuing to develop our own playscripts inspired by *The Sword in the Stone*. In Art, we made great progress on our model Viking longships, constructing the 3D hulls ready for the finishing touches next week. We also took part in a thoughtful Vote for Schools discussion in PSHE, debating whether banning things is an effective solution to problems.

Ms Farquhar - Year 4 Class Teacher





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Year 5

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed practising for their end-of-year production, A-La-La-La-Laddin! The children have been enthusiastically learning their song words and dance moves, growing in confidence with every rehearsal. Their energy, teamwork and sense of fun have made every practice a joy, and we look forward to welcoming families to their fantastic performance next week.

Ms O'Leary - Year 5 Class Teacher





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Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a busy rehearsal week for our Summer Production. They have been refining lines, developing their acting and dance routines, incorporating the rest of Key Stage 2 into scenes, and working through the technical elements of the show. We are all looking forward to the two performance evenings next week!

The Year 6 team responsible for organising the House T-shirts for their Legacy project were thrilled when the delivery arrived on Thursday. They spent time distributing the orders to everyone who made a purchase and took great pride in seeing their hard work come to fruition. We hope that everyone is pleased with their new House T-shirt.





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A group of Year 6s have designed, created and branded hand-blown glass swans as part of their Legacy Project. Each swan carries the motto, "Though we spread our wings, this will always be home," reflecting the special place Saint Christina's will always hold as they prepare to move on to their senior schools. The swans will be available to purchase next week, with all proceeds supporting the Year 6 Legacy Project.



Mrs Ellidon - Assistant Head (Academic) & Year 6 Class Teacher



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Sport Update

Last Friday, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day. The event was filled with enthusiasm, determination, teamwork, and plenty of smiles as the children took part in a variety of activities and races. Despite the very hot weather, every child performed brilliantly and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Throughout the term, they have worked hard in their PE lessons, developing their skills, confidence, and techniques of the different events in preparation for the morning. It was lovely to see such excellent teamwork and sportsmanship on display throughout the morning. The children encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes, and represented their houses with great pride. Year 6 children did a fantastic job of running the event and encouraging the younger children to do their best.



I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the event. Your fantastic support and encouragement helped make the morning so special for the children. Congratulations to Blue House, Saint Cecilia, who were crowned the overall winners of this year's EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Well done to all of our children for their outstanding effort and participation. Full class standings can be found below.



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Sports Day Results

	Saint Francis	Saint Joan of Arc	Saint Cecilia
Nursery	50	70	103
Reception	93	104	140
Year 1 OH	143	104	113
Year 1 MK	135	97	112
Year 2	154	117	151
Total	436	376	483
Position	2nd	3rd	1st





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EYFS 6C Morning

On Monday our EYFS children recently took part in a fantastic 6C morning, enjoying a carousel of six exciting activities linked to our school's 6Cs: Creativity, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Curiosity, Communication, and Commitment. The morning provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop these important learning capabilities through a range of engaging, sea-themed activities. Staff worked hard to plan exciting experiences, and it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination shown by all the children throughout the event.

Each station focused on one of the 6Cs:

Creativity – Children used paper plates and a variety of craft materials to create their own colourful sea creatures. They showed great imagination and creativity while designing their underwater animals.

Commitment – At this station, the children explored the importance of keeping our beaches and oceans clean. They discussed the problems that rubbish can cause for sea life and learned how they can help to protect our environment.

Communication – Children discovered how different sea creatures communicate with one another. Through discussion and interactive activities, they developed their speaking and listening skills while learning about life beneath the waves.

Collaboration – Working together, the children used playground chalk to create a giant underwater aquarium and also took part in sandcastle-building challenges. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, sharing ideas and supporting one another throughout the activities.

Critical Thinking – The children enjoyed using their problem-solving skills to identify objects hidden inside mystery feely boxes containing items that might be found under the sea. They also completed sea creature puzzles, encouraging them to think carefully and work through challenges.

Curiosity – This station encouraged the children to explore and investigate. They examined sea creature shadows, took part in a treasure hunt, and enjoyed a fishing activity, asking questions and making discoveries along the way.



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The children worked incredibly hard at every station and demonstrated all six capabilities throughout the morning. It was wonderful to see them learning through play, exploration, and teamwork while having so much fun. I was very impressed with the enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive attitudes shown throughout the morning making the event a great success.



Mr Raveney - Director of Sport



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Music Exams

Congratulations to Sofi in Year 5, who passed grade 3 violin recently – well done!

School Production - "A-la-la-la-laddin"

Details about the KS2 production next week – please note corrected times:

Wednesday 1st July, starting at **6.30 pm** - for Year 3 and 4 parents

Thursday 2nd July, starting at **6.30 pm** - for Year 5 and 6 parents

All children in KS2 need to be present on both evenings. Children will need to be dropped off at **6.00 pm**, with refreshments served from this time, and we expect the show to last an hour and a half, including the interval. Collection therefore will be at **8.00 pm**.

A letter has been sent out with final details so please check you have received this.

Music Lessons

If you are interested in lessons for your child for the next academic year, you can find information and the application form [here](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at ebryant@saintchristinas.org.uk.

Mrs Bryant - Director of Music



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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.

Clubs

Please note that there will be no extra-curricular clubs from the week commencing **Monday 29th June 2026**, with the exception of Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care, which will continue to run as usual.

If you would like your child to attend Wraparound Care, please email your child's class teacher and office@saintchristinas.org.uk.

Uniform

From next week, the weather is predicted to return to seasonally normal conditions. This means that all the children should return to wearing the normal summer uniform.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing:

- Full summer uniform
- Appropriate school shoes



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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery Forest School• KS2 Production - Year 3 & 4 Parents
Thursday 2 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional late drop off (by 10.00 am)• Reception Stay and Play (9.00 am)• KS2 Production - Year 5 & 6 Parents
Friday 3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional late drop off (by 10.00 am)• Buddies Mass (2.45 pm)
Saturday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer Fair (12.00 pm - 4.00 pm)
Monday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class Change Over & New Starters from Reception to Year 6 visiting• Year 6 Leavers Party (5.00 pm)
Tuesday 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS2 Prize Giving (1.45 pm)
Wednesday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Leavers' Mass (11.00 am)



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Wednesday 8th July

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

EYFS: 12.00 pm

YEARS 1-3: 12.10 pm

YEARS 4-6: 12.15 pm

Thursday 3rd September

CHILDREN RETURN

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/>