



SAINT CHRISTINA'S BULLETIN

Friday 3rd July 2026



Where Kindness Meets Ambition



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Dear Parents,

This week, the KS2 production has been at the heart of school life, and we are so proud of the children and the performances they gave. There is always a visible point in a school production when children stop trying to remember what comes next and begin to 'own' what they are doing. That shift is one of the great pleasures of watching children perform, and it has been wonderful to see this week.

Our thanks go to Mrs Bryant, Mr Duncan, and all colleagues and parent volunteers who have helped bring the production together. Rehearsals, costumes, music, sets and the practical organisation of the week have all taken considerable time and energy, and I am grateful to everyone who helped make the performances possible.

A school production is also a good reminder of what we mean by a broad and balanced education. Saint Christina's is an academic school, and we are ambitious for every child. Across the school, we see that ambition in the children's progress, in the standard of their work, in the way they think, question and explain, and in the excellent outcomes achieved by our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage. In our current Year 6 cohort, 40% of the children who sat the 11+ were awarded academic scholarships. The wider life of the school strengthens this academic formation because it gives children further opportunities to find confidence and to show what they are capable of in a different setting.

Next week, I will write to you with a fuller end-of-year letter. We will also share a separate letter from Mrs Ellisdon, our academic Assistant Head, celebrating the children's many academic and co-curricular achievements across the year.

Finally, our Summer Fair takes place tomorrow. Please support it if you are able to. It is always a happy moment in the school calendar, and I am grateful to the parents and colleagues who have helped prepare for it. I do hope to see many of you there.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

Best,

Damien Walshe
Headteacher



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Tooled Up

Last week, you should have received a letter from Mr Walshe introducing our exciting new partnership with Tooled Up Education.

As part of this partnership, every parent, carer and member of staff has free access to a wealth of expert, evidence-based resources covering all aspects of parenting and family life. Whether you are looking for advice on children's wellbeing, friendships, behaviour, screen time, learning or family life, Tooled Up provides practical guidance you can access whenever you need it. You will also have access to TULA, Tooled Up's AI-powered parenting assistant, offering instant, trusted support.



If you haven't already, we would encourage you to activate your free account using our school PIN: **SCS2206**. We would also love as many families as possible to join the online parent launch webinar on **Wednesday 9th September from 6.30–7.30pm**, hosted by Tooled Up founder, Dr Kathy Weston. During the session, Dr Weston will share practical strategies to support children's wellbeing, resilience and success, demonstrate the platform and TULA, and answer questions during a live Q&A.

We hope many of you will take advantage of this fantastic new resource and join us for the launch event.
Date: Wednesday 9th September

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Register here: <https://members.tooledupeducation.com/events/saint-christinas-school-and-tooled-up-education-parent-launch-webinar>

Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastor!)

Caritas Fundraiser at the Summer Fair

We are really looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Summer Fair tomorrow!

Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated toys, books and games. We have been amazed by your generosity and have lots of fantastic items ready to sell. We will also have plenty of delicious cakes, so please come and visit our stall!

This year, we are raising money for two very special causes: St John's Hospice, and Caritas Venezuela, who are helping communities affected by the recent emergency.

Thank you for supporting us. We can't wait to see you tomorrow!

The Caritas Ambassadors





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A Year of Sustainability at Saint Christina's

We have made great progress towards the goals in our Climate Action Plan this year, with children across the school taking part in a wide range of sustainability projects. Our Eco Committee has worked hard to lead initiatives, share ideas and encourage everyone to make more sustainable choices.

One of our biggest achievements has been the introduction of our new vermicomposter and tumbling composter, alongside food waste bins for children's fruit and snack waste, helping us reduce waste and create nutrient-rich compost for our gardens. Ahead of World Book Day, our costume swap was a great success, giving pre-loved costumes a new lease of life while reducing waste.

To celebrate Earth Day, every class took part in activities linked to this year's theme, Our Power, Our Planet. Children carried out energy audits around the school, built bug hotels, explored renewable energy and debated whether artificial intelligence is a friend or foe in the fight against climate change.

Planting has also been a key focus across the school. Our green wall has continued to flourish, the Year 1 outdoor area has been enhanced with new flowers and plants, and in Early Years the children have enjoyed growing tomatoes, strawberries, radishes and sweet peas while learning where food comes from and how to care for the natural world in our outdoor classrooms.

Thank you to our Eco Committee, children, colleagues and families for supporting our Eco projects this year. We look forward to continuing our sustainability journey next year.

Ms Randle - Head of Eco and Sustainability





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Afternoon Tea with Years 1 and 6

Our Year 1 children had a wonderful afternoon buddying up with Year 6 for a fantastic cooking lesson. It was lovely to see the older children confidently leading the session, explaining what an afternoon tea is, the foods it traditionally includes, and the importance of food hygiene and kitchen safety. After everyone had washed their hands, the children worked together to prepare a delicious afternoon tea, making sandwiches, decorating cupcakes with icing pens, filling biscuits and creating refreshing fruit kebabs. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn from one another, develop their cooking skills and enjoy working and eating together. The smiles, teamwork and enthusiasm during the lesson, made it a very nice end of the school year experience for everyone involved.

Ms Bretones and Ms Khalique
- Head of Art and DT and Year 1 Class Teacher





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Street Art with Year 2

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about street art this term. They were especially fascinated by the work of Banksy and Jean-Michel Basquiat, showing great curiosity about Basquiat's life, artistic style and achievements. Last week, the children created self-portraits inspired by his bold and expressive style, and this week they designed his iconic crowns. Everyone felt like a king or queen, celebrating positivity, confidence and self-belief through their artwork.

We were particularly inspired by one of Basquiat's famous quotes: "It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you are not." This powerful message encouraged us to reflect on the importance of believing in ourselves, embracing new challenges and developing a positive mindset. It reminded us that confidence and self-esteem can help us achieve amazing things, both in art and in everyday life. We are so proud of the creativity, resilience and enthusiasm Year 2 have shown throughout this project.

Ms Bretones - Head of Art and DT



Year 6 and the Maya Civilisation

Year 6 have been learning about the Maya in their Spanish lessons, and what better way to celebrate the end of the topic than by creating their own Maya masks in Art? The children explored the different purposes of Maya masks and chose to design either a funeral mask, a celebratory mask or a war mask. They were also given the freedom to select their preferred artistic media, resulting in a wonderful range of unique and creative outcomes. Here is a small sample of their fantastic masks, I am very proud of their hard work and imagination!

Ms Bretones - Head of Art and DT



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Huge congratulations and well done to the children in Year 5 on submitting their tech Scratch creations for Cooler Projects this year! There were 15,000 young people from 40 countries who submitted their digital projects, and the judging panel loved seeing all of your incredible work.

One of the judges' comments was "Exploring your project was an absolute joy! You should be proud of what you've built here. Keep on coding!"

Year 5 created their projects last month and have received their certificates with the judges' comments this week. Their projects were themed on helping the environment, solving problems in their communities or creating simple fun interactive games.



Check out your child's project in their [online showcase gallery](https://online.coolerprojects.org/events/cp-2026/gallery)
<https://online.coolerprojects.org/events/cp-2026/gallery>

CODING HELPS US TO BE THINKERS!

We are so proud of you all!

Thank you.

Ms Overing - Head of Computing



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Science

Not all superheroes wear capes! In the Year 2 Science lesson this week, Miss Georgia came to tell us the shocking news that she had seen litter all over the playground. The Year 2 children, being the kind and responsible citizens that they are, jumped into action with the litter pickers to put their learning into practice and ensured that our playground was once again the beautiful, clean environment that we know and love. We had a good conversation about why we would use litter pickers and not our hands to pick litter up.

Such a coincidence that Year 2 were just concluding their STEM project on litter and then they had the good fortune to pick some litter! The children were very impressed with seeing how many hands make light work and how, with our combined effort, we can make a huge difference very quickly.

Our thanks to Miss Georgia for alerting us to the situation and for giving us the opportunity to put our learning in a real-life scenario.

Miss Chand - Head of Science



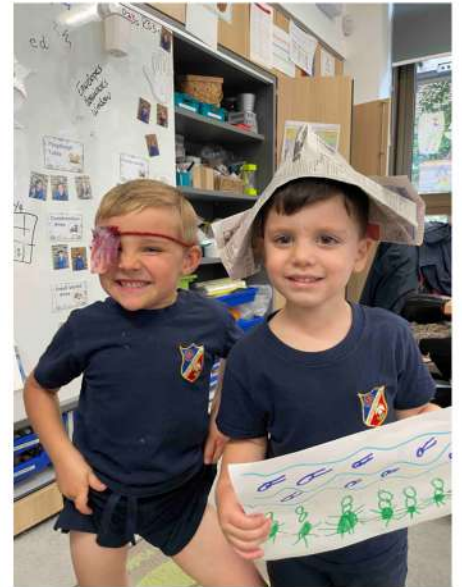


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Pirates Take Over Nursery

This week, the children in Nursery were inspired to make pirate hats after seeing Reception's creations over the last few weeks. We have also been enjoying lots of pirate stories, including *The Pirates Are Coming!*, which has quickly become a class favourite. The children carefully followed the step-by-step instructions to fold their newspaper hats, showing great independence along the way. Once their hats were complete, many chose to make extra pirate accessories, and before long, pirates had taken over the nursery!

Ms Randle - Head of EYFS and Nursery Class Teacher



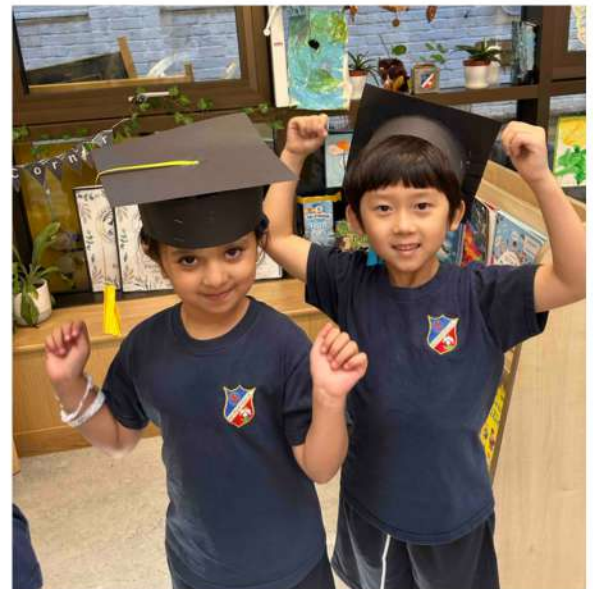


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Getting Ready for Year 1

This week, Reception has been busy preparing for our Early Years Graduation ceremony, which will take place on the last day of school next week. The children carefully made their own graduation caps using black card and coloured paper, including the traditional tassels, and are looking forward to wearing them during this special celebration. Nursery will be joining us to watch the children cross the stage as they celebrate the end of their Early Years journey and get ready to begin Key Stage 1 in September. As we prepare for this exciting milestone, we have also been learning more about Year 1, talking about what will stay the same, what will be different and what the children can look forward to. The children have also prepared thoughtful questions to ask the Year 1 children when we meet them at our special Reception and Year 1 picnic on Monday. The children have had an incredible year of learning, growing and making wonderful memories, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

Ms Williams - Reception Class Teacher



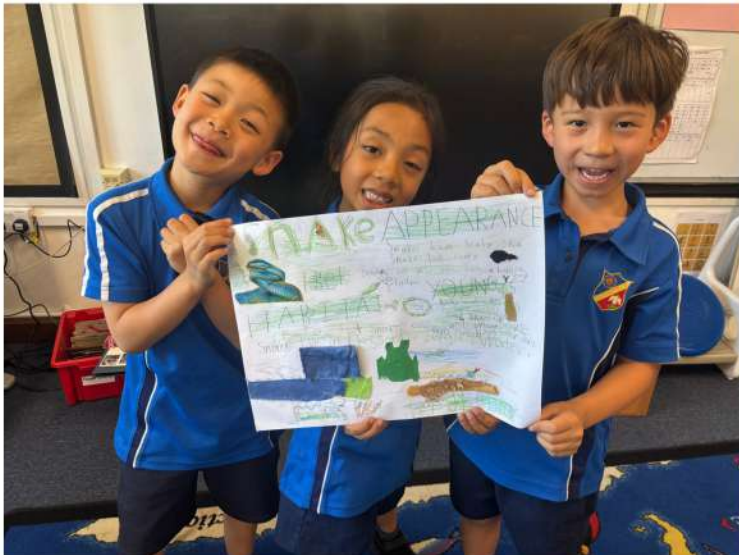


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Science with Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time collaborating to create their animal posters this week. The children worked brilliantly together to choose their favourite animals and present their findings in creative and informative ways. We had some amazing animals featured, including flamingos, penguins, turtles, snakes, and many more! The children included a range of fabulous facts and applied their research skills to make an engaging and informative poster. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and pride in their finished work, which was both colourful and full of interesting information.

Ms Khalique and Ms Higgins - Year 1 Class Teachers





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Year 2

Last Friday, Year 2 were proud to lead our whole-school Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The children read with confidence, sang beautifully and showed great reverence throughout. It was wonderful to see so many families join us, and we were incredibly proud of the way the children represented themselves and our school community.

Earlier this week, we were invited into the convent by Sister Anne to spend some time reflecting on the beauty of the world around us. Together, we thought about how, whatever our faith, we can all be thankful for the wonderful world we live in. The children enjoyed a few moments of peaceful silence before ending the session with a joyful rendition of *Jesus' Love is Bubbling Over*.

Thank you, Sister Anne, for such a lovely opportunity.



Mr Burke - Year 2 Class Teacher



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Year 3

As part of their Geography learning, Year 3 took part in fieldwork on St John's Wood High Street. They carried out surveys with members of the public to investigate people's views on the one-way traffic system, how attractive they think the high street is, and the reasons they visit the area. The children developed valuable enquiry and communication skills while collecting first-hand data, which they will now analyse in class to help them better understand how people use and perceive their local environment.

Ms Sephton - Year 3 Class Teacher





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Year 4

This week was a very exciting one for Year 4 as, after weeks of rehearsal, the children delivered a fantastic performance of A-la-la-la-laddin. Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm shone throughout, and we are incredibly proud of the singing, acting and dedication they showed on stage. In RE, we completed our learning on the theological virtues of Hope, Faith and Love by exploring examples from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians. In Maths, we revised simplifying fractions and solving division calculations and word problems, while in English we revisited extended noun phrases, completed a comprehension on The Lady in the Lake, and finished writing our own playscripts. In Art, we continued creating our Viking longships, painting and decorating the hulls, sails and shields ready for final assembly. In PSHE, we took part in a thoughtful Votes for Schools discussion about whether more should be done to raise awareness of the risks of gambling. Well done, Year 4, on another fantastic week!

Ms Farquhar - Year 4 Class Teacher





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Year 5

A huge well done to Year 5 for their fantastic performances in this year's production, A-la-la-laddin! The children demonstrated outstanding creativity, commitment and collaboration, bringing the characters, songs and dances to life with confidence and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another on and off the stage, making the production a memorable experience for everyone involved.

There was even time for a little excitement backstage, as we were lucky enough to catch some of the England football match between scenes! We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, resilience and teamwork throughout the rehearsals and performances.

Ms O'Leary - Year 5 Class Teacher





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Year 6

What a week it has been for Year 6! After putting the final touches to their rehearsals, the children took to the stage for two fantastic performances of A-la-la-la-la-laddin. They poured their heart and soul into the acting, every song and dance, and it was a joy to watch them perform with such confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork.

A group of Year 6s have had handmade glass swans created as part of their Legacy Project. They have branded each swan with a Saint Christina's sticker and the parting motto: 'Though we spread our wings, this will always be home.' If you would like to purchase a swan from Year 6, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis for £5 each. Year 6 will be visiting classrooms on Monday and Tuesday, giving everyone the opportunity to buy a swan while stocks last (please bring cash only).



The children have enjoyed their final week at Saint Christina's, reflecting on the memories they have made and celebrating the friendships they have built along the way. They also loved spending one final time with their Nursery buddies, sharing stories, laughter and special moments before beginning the next chapter of their journey.



Mrs Ellisdon - Assistant Head (Academic) and Year 6 Class Teacher



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Music Update

Music Exams

Congratulations to the following children who passed piano exams recently:

Reyaan in Year 4 - Grade 1 (pass)

Ayla in Year 3 - Initial grade (distinction)

Eloise in Year 3 - Initial grade (merit)

Fabio in Year 6 - Grade 3 (pass)

Azuha in Year 2 - Initial grade (merit)

Well done to them all, and to Ms Hyland their teacher too!

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

Well done to everyone in KS2 for a fantastic summer production! We are so proud of what you achieved. Thank you to all the parents who supported, in ways big and small – we could not have done it without you.

The video will be shared as soon as possible.

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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Latin Club:

We first started Latin Club at Saint Christina's just over 20 years ago, and it has been running for just over twenty years (since April 2006).

In Latin Club I aim to introduce children to the basics of how Latin works, along with simple aspects of Latin Grammar, myths and legends, stories and word derivations. Occasionally we also perform sketches based on a myth or a Latin story we have been learning. Last week, for example, three children acted out what a visit to a doctor would have been like in Roman Britain, performed entirely in Latin!

One of the products of Latin Club is to have children realise that Latin is far more accessible than they had ever thought, and another is to prepare them for the Latin that many of them will encounter when they go to secondary school. I cannot claim that it was as a direct result of attending Latin Club at Saint Christina's, but quite a few ex members of Latin Club have gone on to study Latin at University!

So if you would like your child to sign up for Latin Club in September, do please do so once the letter comes round...

Weekly Mathematics Challenges

Many of the children here at Saint Christina's are aware of the weekly Maths Challenges that appear on the noticeboard on the staircase, and as a result attempt weekly challenges to try out their problem solving capabilities.

At the end of each term, I then add up how many challenges have been answered correctly by everyone and send the house point totals to Mr Raveney.

Here are this term's house point totals that the houses gained from the weekly challenges:

St Cecilia: 205

St Joan of Arc: 198

St Francis: 243

The highest scorers in each Key Stage included the following pupils:

Key Stage One: Celia, Sophie, Chloé, Sophia, Violet, Jack

Lower Key Stage Two: Matthew, Raphael, Herb, Nazuna

Upper Key Stage Two: Diana, Philippe

Congratulations to these problem solvers and to everyone who had a go at any of the challenges throughout the term!

Fr Rudolf - Teacher in charge of Enrichment



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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.

School Reports Go Digital

This summer, school reports will be sent digitally. Rather than receiving a printed copy, reports will be emailed to parents at the end of the final day of the Summer Term.

Moving to digital reports will help reduce our paper usage and support our commitment to becoming a more environmentally sustainable school, while ensuring reports continue to be shared securely and efficiently.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of your child's report, please email your child's class teacher.



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class Change Over & New Starters from Reception to Year 6 visiting (1.45 pm)• 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)

Wednesday 8th July

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR THE 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/>