



# SAINT CHRISTINA'S BULLETIN

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*Where Kindness Meets Ambition*



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## Summer 6Cs Photo Challenge

It has been wonderful to see the children embracing our 6Cs this year and developing so many important life skills. Over the summer holidays, I would like to challenge both children and parents to keep these skills growing by taking part in our Summer 6Cs Photo Challenge!

During the holidays, see if you can capture your child demonstrating each of our six learning skills: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Curiosity, Creativity and Commitment.

Some ideas might include:

- **Communication** – speaking a different language while on holiday, giving directions or sharing a story.
- **Collaboration** – working together to build a sandcastle, cook a meal or complete a family challenge.
- **Critical Thinking** – solving a puzzle, planning a route on a map or figuring out how to build something.
- **Curiosity** – exploring a museum, visiting a historical site, discovering wildlife or asking lots of questions about a new place.
- **Creativity** – creating artwork, building with natural materials, writing a story or inventing a game.
- **Commitment** – climbing a mountain, learning a new skill, practising an instrument or persevering with a challenging activity.

Please email your photos to Mr Raveney over the summer or bring printed copies with you when we return in September. We will use your fantastic photographs to create exciting new 6Cs displays around the school, celebrating how our learning continues beyond the classroom.

I can't wait to see your imagination, creativity and teamwork in action. Have a wonderful summer, and happy snapping!

### Competition Details:

House points will be awarded for every photo entry submitted, with bonus house points for any child who manages to demonstrate all six of our 6Cs during the summer holidays. Will you be one of our 6Cs Champions? We look forward to celebrating your achievements when we return in September!

**Mr Raveney - Director of Sport**



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## Caritas Ambassadors

As we come to the end of another fantastic year, I wanted to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of our Caritas Ambassadors. They have shown such enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to helping others, truly living out our school values.

This year, they have led and supported so many wonderful initiatives. Together, our school community raised £1,215 through our Macmillan Coffee Morning, £540 for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, £597 on Friendship Friday for Kidscape, £503 by singing Christmas carols at St John's Wood Station in support of St John's Hospice, and £353 at the Summer Fair for St John's Hospice and Caritas Venezuela. The children also organised and delivered a record number of Boxes of Love for patients at St John's Hospice and were proud to support two of our ambassadors as they completed their *Walk for Home* challenge for Shelter, which raised an incredible £2,109.

Thank you to every member of our school community for your generosity throughout the year. Whether you donated, sponsored, baked, sang along, or came to support one of our events, you have helped our children make a real difference to the lives of others. I am incredibly proud of our Caritas Ambassadors and everything they have achieved this year, and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together next year.

**Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastor)**





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## Science with Year 6

Year 6 had their final SCS Science lesson this week and, as a good prep school should do, we ended on a lesson to prepare them for senior school Science by doing a dissection. We dissected a heart, lungs and liver and we pumped the oesophagus with a ball pump to see how they inflate when we breathe. Year 6 also learned that when something tugs their heart strings, it is actually a thing in their heart! Hopefully they leave the school with a heart full of happy memories and a solid foundation of learning.

Miss Chand & Mr Raveney - Head of Science & Director of Sport





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## Pen Pal Update

We were very happy to receive the final round of pen pal letters just in time before the end of the school year. The children in Years 5 and 6 were incredibly excited to read the replies from their pen pals.

This project has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to practise their written Spanish. At times it was challenging, but they embraced the challenge and did an exceptional job. It has been fantastic to see their confidence and language skills grow throughout the year.

As we come to the end of the school year, I would also like to wish all our Year 6 children every success as they begin the next chapter of their education and lives. It has been a pleasure teaching them Spanish, Art, and Design & Technology. We have shared so many fun moments, lots of laughter, and wonderful memories. I will miss them all and wish them the very best for the future.

**Ms Bretones - Head of Spanish**





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## **Goodbye, Nursery!**

We can't believe we have reached the end of Nursery already. It has been a fantastic year, and we are so proud of how much the children have grown. They have settled into their first year of 'big school', become more confident and independent, made wonderful friendships, and become such an important part of the Saint Christina's community.

There has been so much laughter, fun and learning along the way, and it has been a joy to watch them this year. Thank you to all of our Nursery families for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely summer, and we look forward to another wonderful year together in Reception.

**Ms Randle - Head of EYFS and Nursery Class Teacher**

## **Celebrating the End of Reception**

This week, Reception enjoyed a very special final week together as we celebrated the end of a wonderful year. As part of our continued transition to Year 1, the children met their new teacher and enjoyed a Teddy Bear Picnic with the current Year 1 children, where they had the chance to ask their questions and learn more about life in Year 1. On our final day, we celebrated with a class party, where the children enjoyed a special brunch picnic followed by some well deserved Golden Time with their friends. To finish their Reception journey, the children took part in our Early Years Graduation ceremony. Wearing the graduation caps they had made themselves, they proudly walked across the stage to receive their certificates, celebrating the end of their Early Years journey and everything they have achieved this year. We are incredibly proud of the children and feel so lucky to have been part of their Reception journey. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin Year 1 in September.

**Ms Williams - Reception Class Teacher**



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## Year 1

What an incredible year it has been in Year 1!

As we reach the end of the school year, we have loved looking back on all of the wonderful memories we have made together. From exciting trips and special visitors to creative learning, performances and celebrations, every day has been filled with fun, curiosity and new experiences.

We have grown in confidence, independence and kindness, worked hard, challenged ourselves and achieved so much. We are incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together this year.

A huge thank you to our wonderful families for your continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy, relaxing summer and can't wait to see all the amazing things the children go on to achieve in Year 2!

**Ms Khalique and Ms Higgins - Year 1 Class Teachers**





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## Year 2



What a wonderful year it has been in Year 2! Looking back, we have shared so many special memories together. From performing in our Christmas Nativity and leading our class Masses, to exploring the Young V&A, taking part in Sports Day and enjoying so many exciting learning experiences in and out of the classroom, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and smiles.

Along the way, they have grown into confident, kind and independent young people. They have challenged themselves, supported one another, shown resilience when things have been tricky and celebrated each other's successes. Watching them grow, both academically and personally, has been an absolute privilege, and I could not be prouder of everything they have achieved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a very special thank you to Miss Rock, who finishes her time at Saint Christina's this week as a fully qualified teacher. It has been a real pleasure to work alongside her this year, and I know just how much the children have loved having her in Year 2. We wish her every happiness and success as she begins the next chapter of her teaching career.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents and carers for your kindness, encouragement and support throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach this wonderful class, and I wish you all a happy, restful summer holiday. Good luck, Year 2 - I know you will all go on to do wonderful things in Year 3!



Mr Burke - Year 2 Class Teacher



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## Year 3

Year 3 have had a year full of exciting learning experiences, memorable events and wonderful progress. In History, the children explored the fascinating periods of the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons, bringing their learning to life during our enjoyable visit to the Verulamium Museum, where they investigated Roman artefacts and discovered what life was like in Roman Britain. In Geography, they developed their understanding of Europe by learning about its countries, capitals and physical features, before investigating the formation and impact of mountains and volcanoes. They also enjoyed carrying out fieldwork in our local area, using geographical skills to observe and record features of the environment. One of the most special highlights of the year was celebrating the children's First Holy Communion, a significant milestone in their faith journey, and we were delighted to share this occasion with them and their families. Throughout the year, the children have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience, kindness and a real love of learning, making excellent progress both academically and personally.

Ms Sephton - Year 3 Class Teacher





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## Year 4

This year, Year 4 has had a truly fantastic journey filled with learning, creativity and achievement. We are incredibly proud that every child has worked hard to develop their handwriting, with everyone earning their pen licence, and that almost all pupils achieved or exceeded their personal targets for the year. Our History lessons took us back in time to explore the fascinating worlds of Ancient Egypt and the Vikings, while in Geography we travelled across the Amazon Rainforest and South America, discovering the richness and diversity of these remarkable places. We have enjoyed reading a wide range of wonderful class texts, including *Journey to the River Sea* and *Secrets of the Sun King*, which inspired thoughtful discussions and fantastic writing. Our creativity has flourished through many exciting Art projects, from detailed Viking portraits to carefully crafted canopic jars and much more. Alongside all of this, we have enjoyed trips, workshops, performances, special events and countless memorable moments together. It has been a fabulous year full of growth, hard work and success, and we are incredibly proud of everything Year 4 has achieved. Well done Year 4!

Ms Farquhar - Year 4 Class Teacher





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## Year 5

What a fantastic year it has been in Year 5! During the Autumn Term, we stepped back in time to explore the Victorians, learning all about Queen Victoria, visiting the Ragged School and discovering the beautiful designs of William Morris. In the Spring Term, we became passionate about sustainability, designing our own sustainable cities and investigating renewable energy. We loved getting creative by building birdhouses in Science, making Victorian hats and designing strong bridges in DT. Music was full of energy with our chair drumming performances, and we were incredibly proud of the many Computing awards we achieved. This year also saw us become published authors through the Young Writers competitions, while our enrichment sessions with Fr Rudolf were a real highlight, especially learning the Greek alphabet. One of our favourite memories was our unforgettable residential to Chatsworth House, the Heights of Abraham and the Peak District. We have thoroughly enjoyed developing our reasoning skills as we prepared for the 11+ exams, and Cosy Club was always a much-loved part of the week, where we created wonderful arts and crafts while refining our Lego building skills. Through PSHE, we have learned the importance of resilience, discovering how to 'bounce back' from challenges and understanding that consistency leads to success. Well done, Year 5 we are so proud of everything you have achieved this year and can't wait to see all that you accomplish in Year 6!

Ms O'Leary - Year 5 Class Teacher





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## Year 6

What a wonderful final few days it has been for Year 6! The class were so happy to have one last visit from our furry mascot, Nelson. A trip to the park, plenty of cuddles and lots of happy memories made it a very special day!

On Monday evening, the children celebrated together at their Year 6 Leavers' Party, enjoying some time filled with fun, laughter and games as they marked the end of their time at Saint Christina's.

At Prize Giving, we had the opportunity to wish the class every success for the future in their new schools. Their rendition of A Million Dreams was a memorable moment and a great reflection of all they have achieved during their time at the school and as they look to the future.

Our final event was the Leavers' Mass, where the children participated beautifully, reflecting on the wonderful memories they have made, giving thanks for their time at Saint Christina's, and asking God to guide and protect them as they begin the next stage of their journey.

I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know they will continue to be very successful in all that they do.

Taking this years motto from Year 6, "though you spread your wings, this will always be home". Make sure you come back and visit when you can!

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



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## Sport Update

It has been a great year of sport, with children making excellent progress and achieving some fantastic performances. We have had over 50 fixtures against other schools throughout the year across a range of sports including football, cricket and netball. The Year 5 and 6 girls' teams have performed brilliantly this year, winning two football tournaments and a cricket tournament, which is a fantastic achievement.



It has been lovely to see the younger children taking part in PE lessons with so much enthusiasm, and I am excited to see them continue to develop their skills and confidence over the coming years. Next year we will continue to offer a variety of fixtures for Years 4, 5 and 6, alongside a range of sporting clubs. The children have really enjoyed their tennis sessions over the last few weeks, and it has been great to see them umpiring their own games and improving their techniques. This mini marathon was a huge success and something I very much hope we will be able to participate in once again next year.





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House competitions have continued to be very competitive and enjoyable. Well done to St Francis, who, when combining EYFS and KS1 Sports Day points, were the overall Sports Day champions. The full House point results can be seen below.

House Events	Winners
Year 3 and 4 Football	St Joan of Arc
Year 5 and 6 Football	St Francis
Year 3 and 4 Netball	St Cecillia
Year 5 and 6 Netball	St Francis
Pancake Challenge	St Cecillia
EYFS and KS1 Sports Day	St Cecillia
KS2 Cross Country	St Joan of Arc
KS2 Sports Day	St Francis

A big thank you to Alice and Harry, who have been fantastic Sports Captains this year. They have come up with lots of ideas and organised competitions during lunchtimes and break times, which have been really well received by the children. I would like to thank all parents for their continued support at our sporting events and fixtures. We really appreciate it and hope to continue offering a wide variety of clubs next year, as well as some opportunities for parents to come into school and take part in social sporting activities.

**Mr Raveney - Director of Sport**



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## House Competitions

A huge well done to St Cecilia, who were crowned our overall House Champions this year. This award includes all points from House events throughout the year, as well as pupils' individual House points. It has been fantastic to see all children taking part with enthusiasm across a wide range of competitions and activities, and showing great teamwork, effort and sportsmanship throughout the year. Every House has contributed to making the competitions exciting, competitive and enjoyable for all.

To celebrate their success, the winning House enjoyed a fun morning of games in the playground, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. It was a lovely way to recognise their achievement and celebrate together as a team.



Congratulations once again to St Cecilia, and well done to all Houses for their continued effort and positive attitude throughout the year. The House system continues to be a great way of encouraging participation, teamwork and school spirit across the school.



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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.



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**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.

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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## 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.

### Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

Over the summer, our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy was reviewed to ensure it remains up to date and continues to reflect both statutory guidance and the ethos of Saint Christina's School. You can read the policy here: <https://www.saintchristinas.org.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/RSE-Policy.pdf>

We very much welcome your feedback. Please do take a few moments to read the policy and, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, email me directly at [dburke@saintchristians.org.uk](mailto:dburke@saintchristians.org.uk). Your views are always valued and will help to inform future reviews of the policy.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take class photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, will be sent home with pupils shortly.

Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have the chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird **Deadline 15/07/2026**

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact Pret-a-Portrait directly on **0800 021 7626** or [customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net](mailto:customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net)



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## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Inset</li></ul>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet your teachers 9:30 - Reception 10.00 - Year 1 and 2 10.30 - Year 3 11.00 - Year 4 11.30 - Year 5 12.00 - Year 6</li></ul>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children Return</li></ul>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff Mass</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/>