



# Saint Christina's

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

## Bulletin

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week in school. There has, as ever, been so much going on. It was a real pleasure to see our 3–6-year-olds enjoying such a wonderful sports day event out on Primrose Hill this morning – thank you so much for turning out to support your child and making the event what it is. For those of us who were not directly involved in the Junior Sports Day, we were treated to a series of beautiful performances by our musicians in a special music assembly. I would really like to use this opportunity to thank Mrs. Bryant and Mr. Raveney for all the work they do to create such wonderful events, enabling the children in our school to flourish.

As I speak, we are all enjoying the Key Stage 2 Talent Show. The things that your children can do are so very awe-inspiring. We have been treated to solo and group singing, instrumental performances, magic tricks, origami, Irish dancing... so much, in some cases, so unexpected. What a wonderful way to spend the afternoon.

Over the past week or two, I have spent some time with our Year 5 cohort thinking about leadership. This has involved a study of different sorts of leaders, along with a reflection stemming from this, on the sort of leader we want to be. Are we hat wearers who have 'made it' and can somehow look down on others, or are we folk who roll up our sleeves and lead by example? I'm pleased to say the latter is the model that we are heading for, and I have been delighted to receive a set of thoughtful and emotionally intelligent applications from the children this week for the sort of leadership role that they feel they would be a good fit for, or that they would really enjoy.

I am sorry that you are unable to experience the pleasure of reading through a whole set of 'job applications' that are so authentic and reflective. To complete the process, we have enjoyed a fun team activity this morning where the children have worked in small groups to build the tallest self-

standing tower that could also hold (at the top) an uncooked hen's egg. Apart from being a lot of fun, it was a real privilege to see how each child interacted with their peers and how they came to their final design. Mr and Mrs Egg were not quite as enthusiastic about the project, being as they were placed on the top of a tower made only from newspaper and Sellotape – other materials available included a bottle of hand lotion, a playing card, a glue stick, a stapler, a chewed ruler, and a pencil! I was amazed to see a minor tussle over the hand lotion, which was put in as a red herring, but it was all part of the exercise. A lot of fun has been had, and the children have been very impressive throughout the process. I am looking forward to working with next year's school leaders, albeit for only one term.



I do hope that you all have a relaxing weekend, and thank you once again, for bringing your family to be a part of our community. It is so lovely to have you all, and such a pleasure and privilege to be part of your child's life journey.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Gloag  
Headteacher

## Year 2 Mass



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 gathered for a special Thank You Mass to mark the approaching end of the school year.

We reflected on our year and took the opportunity to thank our friends, teachers and God for our community this year.

The children spoke confidently and sang beautifully throughout, and I am proud of each and every one of them.

**Mr Burke – Year 2 Teacher**

## KS1 Story Club

It has been a wonderful and fun filled year in story club. We have enjoyed listening to lots and lots of stories, writing and acting our own stories, designing and creating mini books, playing games and enjoying our time in the library. Read about some of our highlights and book recommendations below!



My favourite thing is guess the character.

I say that *Gorilla* is my favourite book.

Sadra in Year 2

***I loved story club and making our own books.***

***I enjoyed playing who am I .***

***I loved story club because it is fun.***

***I think you should read Matilda.***

**Sophia in Year 1**

My favourite thing in story club is having fun.

I think you should read *Gallop*.

Leo Year 1

In story club I enjoy making puppets  
and playing and mostly making books !!!

Annecy Y2

***My favorite thing about story club this Year is thinking of a  
character and giving clues and trying to think of the  
character and ask the person if it is the right character and if  
it is right it's your go and reading so many books.***

***Annabelle in Year 2***

*I loved when we wrote our 5 sentence story.*

*I think you should read The Great Fire of London!*

*Emily in Year 2*

My favourite thing in  
story club is all the  
activities. I recommend  
little Gems book.

Eloise Year 1

## Eid Celebrations

Last Friday, Year 1 began celebrating Eid early by learning about different traditions and decorating some delicious biscuits. We enjoyed designing our own Henna patterns and sharing them with our friends.







**Higgins – Year 1 Teacher**

## **Year 4 British Museum Trip**



Year 4 visited the British Museum on Monday to learn more about Ancient Egypt. The boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed seeing the famous Rosetta Stone, an incredibly important artefact which was integral in deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics. They also had an opportunity to see some coffins belonging to pharaohs and important people from Ancient Egyptian times. We also visited the very popular mummies exhibition. The children saw real life mummified remains and learnt about the artefacts that have been discovered by archaeologists over the years. It was a wonderful day out!

**Ms O’Leary – Year 4 Teacher**

## Year Six Outing to the Zoo



On Thursday, we went to the Zoo for a day's outing. We visited many of the different animals and also attended a workshop on Food Webs. We realised that they were far more complex than the examples that we had learnt in school! And thanks to the great teaching in science, all of Year Six found the workshop to be easy and enjoyable. Here is a selection of thoughts that we had on our experience today:

Gina: I found the lion cubs really cute!

Tilly-Rose: I liked the tiger because it was very majestic and I also liked the penguins.

Anna: I most enjoyed seeing all the different types of monkeys = and the reptile house was great.

Lara: I also really enjoyed the reptile house and the wallabies.

Sofia: I enjoyed the tigers.

Sarah: I most enjoyed the zebras and the penguins.

Marta: I really enjoyed seeing the tigers and the butterflies – at one point a butterfly landed on Mr Raveney's shoulder.

Amara: I liked seeing the warthogs – they were really funny! The fluffy pigs reminded us of many different things...

Other members of the class found the okapis (nicknamed Zorses!) fascinating – not to mention the many other sights of interest.

Many thanks go to Mrs Overing and Mr Raveney for organising the expedition!

**Fr Rudolf - Year Six teacher**

## Mathematics Competitions at Saint Christina's:

This week, some of the class attempted the Junior Mathematics Kangaroo competition. Although we did not qualify for this competition officially, three of us braved it anyway and enjoyed solving a wide range of mathematics problems. Our top score was equivalent to 84%, and we shall soon know if that score qualified for a merit award.

'It was a lot easier than I had thought – at the end the problems got harder. But it was great fun to do,' was the general reaction.

Two of the problems from the competition were as follows:

1. Sophie and Armaan are playing a game. The winner of each game gets 3 points, and the loser gets 1 point. Armaan wins 6 games, and Sophie has a total of 18 points. How many games do they play?
2. Four points lie on a straight line. The distances between pairs of points are, in increasing order, 2, 3,  $k$ , 11, 12, and 14. What is the value of  $k$ ?

Once the boundaries for awards are published, we shall let you know how we have done!

NB: Children in Years Two, Three, and Four have been participating in the First Mathematics Challenge this week. Once all the results have come in, you will read about them in next week's bulletin.

**Fr Rudolf - Teacher in charge of Mathematics**

## PE Update

It has been another busy week with lots of House events going on. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their inter-house cricket afternoon, which Mr Artur kindly ran. It was a brilliant afternoon of cricket, and a full write-up will follow next week.

Today it was the turn of the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day. It was a very enjoyable event and so lovely to see so many families in attendance. Thank you to the Year 6 pupils who did a fantastic job in running the event.

Last week, the Key Stage 2 Sports Day took place, and it was a fantastic afternoon of exciting events and races for the children. I was impressed by their efforts and performances, with several close races and a large number of new records set, which can be seen below. Well, done to Saint Francis, who were the overall winners. The full results can be seen below. Thank you so much to all of the parents who were able to attend and help us to pack away the equipment after the event. Your support is hugely appreciated, and I hope you enjoyed the event.

## Sports Day Results

### Year 3

	Shot Put	Rounder's ball throw	Long Jump	80m Sprint
1	Ava	Ari	Aurora	Ava
2	Ari	Oliver	Ari	Isabella



3	Arya	Tomoki	Ava	Oliver
4	Oliver	Misha	Diana	Aurora
5	Misha	Arya	Oliver	Diana

#### Year 4

	Shot Put	Rounder's ball throw	Long Jump	80m Sprint
1	Beatrix	Arlo	Alice M	Alice M
2	Alice M	Alice M	Harry	Philippe
3	Arlo	Harry	Beatrix	Beatrix
4	Raphael	Sakura	Arlo	Harry
5	Harry	Beatrix	Raphael	Sakura

#### Year 5

	Shot Put	Rounder's ball throw	Long Jump	80m Sprint
1	Alexander	Alexander	Alice B	Alice B
2	Alice B	Alice B	Kyosuke	Alex
3	Alex	Sebastian	Alex	Sebastian
4	Momoka	Alex	Edda	Gulio
5	Kyosuke	Nurriden	Milana	Edda

#### Year 6

	Shot Put	Rounder's ball throw	Long Jump	80m Sprint
1	Amara	Anna	Anna	Anna
2	Sarah	Sarah	Alice M	Sarah
3	Alice M	Eloise	Lara	Allegra
4	Gina	Amara	Sarah	Alice M
5	Sofia	Alice M	Amara	Amara

#### Overall Totals

Class	St Francis	St Joan of Arc	St Cecilia
Year 3	158	203	276
Year 4	535	218	217
Year 5	326	157	193
	1019	578	686

## New Sports Day Records 2024

Year/Event	Shot Put	Long Jump	Rounders ball throw	80m Sprint
3	- Ari	- -	- Ari	Ava -
4	Beatrix -	Alice M Harry	- -	- -
5	Alice B Alexander	Alice B Kyosuke	Alice B Alexander	Alice B Alex N
6	-	-	-	Anna M





On Monday, Years 5 and 6 played their final cricket fixture of the year against St. Christopher's. There were two excellent matches at Primrose Hill in the sunshine. It was lovely to see so many parents and Sister Eileen coming over to support the children in what was, for many of them, their first cricket match. The Year 6 team were convincingly beaten by a strong opposition. The Year 5 team lost by the narrowest of margins, losing by just a single run. The matches were played in great spirit, and it has been so lovely to see the children developing their cricket skills and making fantastic progress. Well, done to all of the children who took part.

**Mr Raveney - Director of Sport**

## Music

### KS1 Music Assembly – Tuesday 25th June

The Music Department would like to invite KS1 parents to our KS1 Music Assembly on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am. This is an opportunity for pupils having individual lessons in school to perform a short piece to a supportive audience. The assembly should last no longer than 45 minutes.

### Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – update

Rehearsals are going very well for our summer production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. All children in KS2 will now know which songs they are involved in, and have been working with wonderful enthusiasm in rehearsals on dialogue, movement, songs and dances. Excitement is building and it promises to be a spectacular show! We look forward to welcoming you to watch the production on the evenings of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (year 3 and 4 parents) and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (Year 5 and 6 parents), with more details to follow.

Please see the letter you will have received this week, for details of costume items which need to be brought in. All costumes need to be in school in a labelled bag, by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Year 3 parents – please remember to also send in a plain light-coloured T-shirt large enough to go over your child's base costume, labelled with their name inside, no later than Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. An old T-shirt is best - it will be "dirtied" in Art next week so it should not be an item you want back!

### Practice materials

The songs for each class have been uploaded on to their Google Classroom, so please encourage them to continue practising learning the words. Year 6 should now be off script.

### Costumes

All children in years 3-5 will need a base costume of **plain black/dark trousers or leggings** (not jeans and with no logo or pattern), a **plain white short-sleeved shirt, T-shirt or polo shirt** (with no logo or pattern), and **black shoes** (not trainers). Year 5 will also need a **plain black shirt, T-shirt or polo shirt**. Year 6 and other pupils with individual roles will need other or additional items, some of which we have in school, and further details will follow very shortly for all children. No costumes need to be brought in to school yet.

### Volunteers

If you would like to help with making or supplying items of set, props or costumes, please contact Parents Link as we would love to hear from you.

**Mrs Bryant - Director of Music**

## Piano and Cello Lessons

There are a few spaces available for piano and cello lessons to start in September.

To reserve your place or if you have any questions please email: [ruthhyland@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhyland@gmail.com)

Ms Hyland

## Fr Terry's Food Bank

We would like to thank you so much for your support for Fr Terry's food bank this half term. We have collected a wonderful amount of food.

We looking forward to continuing to supporting this collection next half term.

Mr Burke and the Caritas Ambassadors

## Saint Christina's Food Collection



## REMINDERS / HEALTH & SAFETY

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

### MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

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

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

### Late collection of children

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

### Items left in the front office

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

### **Sunday Mass**

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

### **Safety around drop-off**

A polite reminder – if you are dropping your child off for breakfast club or a morning music lesson, **your child must be supervised until the doors open at 8am and under no circumstances left unattended.**

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 Cricket Fixture</li></ul>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS1 Music Assembly</li></ul>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS2 Production for Year 3 &amp; 4 Parents – <b>7:00pm</b></li></ul>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS2 Production for Year 5 &amp; 6 Parents – <b>7:00pm</b></li></ul>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Whole School Friendship Mass – <b>2.45pm</b></li></ul>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class Change over afternoon</li></ul>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS2 Prize-Giving – <b>pm</b></li></ul>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 Leavers' Mass – <b>10.45am</b></li><li>• <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b></li><li>• STAFF INSET</li></ul>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAFF INSET</li></ul>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS – MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY TO TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE)</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAFF INSET</li></ul>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAFF INSET</li><li>• Parents/Teacher Meetings in school 9.30am – Reception Classes 10.00am – Year 1 &amp; 2 Classes 10.30am – Year 3 &amp; 4 Classes 11.00am – Year 5 &amp; 6 Classes</li></ul>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>CHILDREN RETURN</b></li></ul>

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

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