



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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**Friday 17th May**

Dear Parents,

We are so proud of our Year 6s this week and how they have approached their SATs. They have demonstrated resilience, patience and above all else a really positive attitude. A huge thank you to all of our staff over the years who have played an important part in getting our Year 6s ready and prepared for these assessments.

Although an important milestone for our Year 6s, we also know that the outcomes of these tests are not everything, and the opportunities and experiences they take away from this year and previous years at our school are just as important.

We are all very excited about Arts Week next week. See below with an update and an invitation in to school for parents from Mrs Williams - our Arts Leader.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## **Staffing Update**

Mrs Sandells-Smith will be leaving her role as Teaching Assistant at the end of this half term. Mrs Sandells-Smith has made a huge contribution working one to one with children in school and we will all really miss her. We wish her every success for the future.

Well done to Miss Still who has passed her Teaching Assistant Level 3 qualification this term.

## **Proposed changes to timings of the school day for September 2024**

All parents received a letter yesterday about proposed changes to timings of the school day from September 2024. If you would like to make a comment on the proposed changes you can [here](#)

## **Arts Week**

We are excited to have Arts Week next week where the children will have the chance to explore and experiment with Cyanotype the first form of photography. Each child will get to create their own unique images using this very special technique using the sunlight. Using a range of natural resources and mixed media the children will create their own special blue print photos. To celebrate and reflect on this work all parents are invited into school on Friday 24th May 8.30-9.00am to informally admire the children's Art and books. We hope you can attend. Lizzie Williams Art Lead.



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## KS1 Curriculum Update

KS1 have really enjoyed making the most of outdoor spaces this term through our Science and Geography learning. We have started to learn about different types of settlements and the purpose of maps, which we will further develop across the term and through our trip to Hill End. In Science, we have been learning about habitats and enjoyed exploring the school grounds for minibeasts, thinking carefully about our observing and recording skills. The children have loved designing and making finger puppets in DT this term and we have been really impressed with their sewing skills and attention to detail. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Marsden who leaves us at half term. She is a PGCE student who has been mainly teaching in Peacocks class; the children have loved her enthusiasm and the fun lessons she has planned!



## Year 1 Multiskills Event

We had the pleasure of taking Year 1 to the Warriner school last Friday to take part in a multi-skills event. The children spent a great morning in the sunshine, participating in a carousel of 15 different skills and activities, involving a mixture of ball skills, athletics and balance. The children took part in mixed groups from other local primary schools which was a lovely opportunity to socialise and meet new people. Year 1 represented our school really well and many of the children learnt a new skill or overcame something they thought would be challenging.

## School Council Cake Sale

This year the school council have been looking into ways to improve our school environment. We have decided, as a group, that we would like to create a sensory garden/quiet area in our playground. Next Wednesday (22nd May) we are running a cake sale to start raising money for this. Any offers of cakes would be gratefully received! Cakes will need to be in school by Wednesday am in labelled containers. No nuts please. Children can bring in a maximum of £1. Any left-over cakes will be sold after school. Many thanks for your support. The School Council.



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## High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

The children have really enjoyed their time outdoors, soaking up the sunshine. This week has been packed with activities from den building and Lego construction to various crafts. We've also incorporated some mindfulness sessions to help everyone find a moment of calm. A special shout-out goes to our High Flyer of the Week, Michael, who has been super helpful and exceptionally kind.

Looking ahead, our holiday clubs in July and August are now open for booking. If you would like your children to enjoy a fun-filled summer, don't miss out! We'll have plenty of water play and themed days.

We offer breakfast and after-school service for children to play Monday – Friday, within school.

You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

## Diary dates

Thursday 23rd May	Disco - for timings, see email
Friday 24th May	Parent Book Look (Art Week) 8.30am—9.00am
Thursday June 6th	Yr 5 PACAAR Outdoor Day
Friday June 7th	Yr 5&6 Cadbury World Trip
10th - 14th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Check
10th - 14th June	Y1 Phonics check
17th June - 21st June	KS1 assessments
Wednesday 26th June	EYFS Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 27th June	Yr 1-6 Sports Day 9.00-12.00
Friday 9th July	Whole school transition day

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Lizzie for great work in our Maths sessions. She is recognising different numbers and being able to count them in order.

### Penguins

Sefora for her help and care with supporting her sister settle into Nursery over this last week.

Oscar for his amazing knowledge and creativity over the last few weeks with our theme of animal homes and minibests.

### Flamingos

Harry for continually showing a growth mindset towards all of his learning and being a kind friend to his peers.

Ivy for finding her independence within the classroom, finding new ways to challenge herself and always giving tasks her best effort.

### Peacocks

Flynn for compassion towards his friends and being a great helper in sewing.

Emilia for hard work and attention to detail in sewing.

### Woodpeckers

Solly for working hard and having a go during maths lessons.

Olena for working hard to remember her phonics sounds.

### Hummingbirds

Riley for an excellent scientific knowledge and understanding. You have given some brilliant explanations to support your answers.

Sam for developing perseverance when overcoming challenges in your learning, well done!

### Toucans

Zach for his enthusiasm and engagement in lessons; sharing his ideas and asking questions to further understanding!

Ellie G for excellent learning behaviour; always being ready for learning and doing her best in lessons!

### Parrots

Rhys H for working hard in science, making brilliant predictions for our experiments and using good scientific vocabulary.

Ethen E for his work in science showing curiosity and drawing conclusions based on our experiments.

### Hérons

Riley for focus and resilience in maths when calculating angles

Sophie for her positive attitude towards her learning and enthusiasm with her chocolate designing.

### Kingfishers

To all of year 5 for their hard work, respect and determination this week, well done.

Flossy for you fantastic contributions in English this week.

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