



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

"Stand firm and be deeply rooted in love" Ephesians 3:17

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Friday 17th November

Dear Parents,

In collective worship this week we reflected on responsibility with the parable of the two sons. We discussed how saying we are going to do something is important, and how we can keep to our words to build trust in ourselves and others. Key Stage 1 have had an excellent workshop this week, linked to their history curriculum, which they have written about below. Thank you to parents for supporting this workshop so we can continue to offer enriching curriculum opportunities for our children.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins Staff Team

Consultation on Draft Admission Policy for September 2025

We are currently consulting on our Admission Policy for September 2025. There are two changes within this policy; a change to our admission criteria to bring us in line with other ODBE schools, and there is a reduction in our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) to 30 from 45. This is due to a reduced population in the catchment area.

The consultation requires a minimum six-week consultation period, in line with the School Admission Code. The consultation period is from Wednesday 8th November to Wednesday 20th December 2023. The admissions policy for September 2025 can be found on our website <https://www.christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk/admissions>

Curriculum & Learning update KS1

KS1 are in full-swing with nativity rehearsals at the moment and are looking forward to performing for parents on the 6th and 7th December. If your child has a speaking part, please encourage them to continue practising their lines at home, particularly if they are a narrator! On Monday, we had a brilliant workshop on 'The Great Fires of London and Banbury' run by the Banbury museum. The children were able to compare their learning on the Great Fire of London to that of Banbury in 1628 and then complete a carousel of practical activities including guessing the mystery object and constructing their own towns with firebreaks. We were very impressed by how much knowledge they had retained from this term's topic. The children have also enjoyed expressing their creativity this week to create artwork based on the Creation Story for a whole-school RE display.



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Cross Country KS1

Last Friday morning, Key Stage One took part in the annual cross-country event at Sibford School. Despite the cold weather, the children all tried their absolute best and came away from the event feeling pleased with their efforts. Overall, the girls came second place, and the boys came fourth place – this is a fantastic achievement, and they should all be proud of themselves for representing the school so well.



Cross Country KS2

36 children from KS2 took part in the Warriner Partnership Cross Country Competition at Sibford School. The children showed great resilience as the weather was not kind to us. Rose W, Mollie M and Finlay J all finished in the top ten and will go through to the next round. Our Year 5/6 girls team finished first overall. The Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 boys team finished in 3rd place and our Year 3/4 girls finished in 6th place.

Christmas Dinner Wednesday 14th December

You will have received a flyer advertising our Christmas Dinner provided by Fresh Start Catering. If you would like to book a Christmas Dinner, please book using Meal Manager in the normal way. If your child does not normally have a school meal, they can have a Christmas meal as a one off. Please email Helen Henderson in the School office reception and she can provide you with a log on to School Meal Manager to book a meal. Orders must be placed before midday on Thursday 7th of December.

Swimming Hats

Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office at a new cost of £1.50

Date card-change of time

Next Thursday 23rd November parents are invited in at 3:15 (not 2:15 as previously advertised) to look at their children's books. The books will be available in your child's classroom. Our focus this term, as a school, has been developing children's writing and we have a new English curriculum we have developed to provide starting points for our writing. I know the children will be really keen to show you their writing, please do come if you are able to.

Change of collection arrangements

Please could I ask all parents, if there is a change in collection arrangements, that you tell your child's class teacher in the morning at drop off. Alternatively, you can ring or email the school office and inform them of a change in arrangement. Mrs Watmore and Mrs Henderson will then pass the message on to your child's class teacher. Our Safeguarding protocols mean that we are unable to send children home with adults unless we have had a confirmation in a change of pick up arrangements. If someone we do not know is collecting your child, the school office staff may ask for a password to be used by the person collecting.

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Pupil Profiles SEND register

Pupil Profiles of children on our SEND register will be emailed out to parents next week.

High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

As the days continue to be surprisingly pleasant, our children have been making the most of it with an array of exciting outdoor activities. Beyond the football field, lots of children have enjoyed den-building. This activity is not just about physical play; they are lessons in cooperation, problem-solving, and resilience.

This week's High Flyer is, Ava for being super helpful, mature and helping others to 'have a go'

This is a busy term, and it gets busy..... parents book our after-school sessions for various reasons – some for just some much-needed playtime, so our sessions are filling up for until the end of term. For those who need us for work commitments, we strongly recommend booking as far in advance as possible.

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

Diary dates

Thursday 23rd November	3:15pm parents invited in to school to look at their children's books.
Monday 27th November	Big Christmas Sing (selected children)
Friday 1st December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 5th December	EYFS Nativity (9.45am & 1.30pm)
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Performance 1.30pm
Thursday 7th December	KS1 Performance 1.30pm
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner in school

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Teddy for great turning taking and memory skills whilst taking part in a group activity this week.

Penguins

Eden for her enthusiasm in her independent learning this week- she created some lovely rangoli patterns and enjoyed learning about the story of Noah's Ark.

Sefora for always being so helpful and trying her best in all she does.

Flamingos

Atticus for being inspired by The Creation Story and applying this to his artwork.

Eliza for trying her best to learn the songs and actions for our Nativity performance.

Peacocks

All of Peacocks for super determination and resilience during assessment week.

Emilia for brilliant enthusiasm and singing in our nativity rehearsals

Woodpeckers

Olena for having the courage to come and ask for help in lesson tasks.

Jackson for being an independent learner and for being super focused in lesson time.

Hummingbirds

Clemmie for excellent perseverance and determination with sewing your talent coin.

George for excellent perseverance and determination with sewing your talent coin.

Toucans

Victoria for channeling her focus into her work and sharing great suggestions to the class

Matilda for demonstrating a "have a go" attitude and persevering through challenges

Parrots

Beau H for excellent sewing this week for our R.E. display. Demonstrating creativity and skill.

Harry T for super history work when writing a fact file about the Stone Age.

Hérons

Reuban B trying really hard with his poetry in literacy this week.

Oscar some lovely description in his writing about the magical shop

Kingfishers

Aiden for trying really hard in swimming and overcoming his fear of water

Grace showing great skills in swimming and a lovely front crawl.

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