



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 14th February

Dear Parents,

This term has been packed with exciting activities and achievements for our children. They have demonstrated their skills and teamwork in sporting events; Sportshall Athletics and rugby showing great determination. Our outdoor learning day for Year 3 at Youlbury gave children the opportunity to show resilience and problem solving skills. As part of Safer Internet Day, pupils explored the theme "Too Good to Be True," engaging in important discussions about staying safe online.

Last week we were also delighted to welcome parents into school for our Book Look event, which was well attended and celebrated children's hard work and progress. A huge thank you goes to all our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support every child, and of course, to our pupils, who live out our whole school values. I hope you all have a good break and we look forward to seeing you (and some sunshine - fingers crossed!) after half term.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

KS1 Curriculum Update

Key Stage One have had a fantastic Autumn Term; from using Bee-Bots in Computing to exploring their programming skills, to learning about the human body in Science and how we can lead a balanced and healthy diet. We have also been learning about the people who helped shape our lives in History. The children were very inspired by Florence Nightingale and Neil Armstrong. The children have demonstrated this inspiration through their homework tasks with junk modelled Apollo 11 aircrafts and hospitals. In Art, we are coming to the end of our unit of work on sculpture and the children have shown their determination and resilience skills when making Guatemalan Worry Dolls and masks out of twigs. Some feedback from the children includes: "This piece of work has been so interesting, and it shows that Art doesn't always have to be painting and drawing". "I can't wait to take my mask and worry doll home to show my parents! They're going to be so proud of my sculpting skills".

Y3 Youlbury Day

The Year 3's had a great day in Youlbury. They took part in peddle go-karting, crate stacking and the zip wire. The children demonstrated courage and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was lovely to see the children supporting their peers, being brave to try out new things and also having fun.



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Internet Safety Week

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2025, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme is **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**. We have focused on teaching children how to identify and avoid scams and highlighted available support. Scams can take many forms and target anyone, including young people. You may think that your child would be able to spot an online scammer, but the truth is that they are incredibly convincing and hard to spot. If your child has been targeted by a scam online and they have been made to do something that they didn't want to, then they are not to blame, they are not in trouble, and support is available.

Here are some helpful resources:

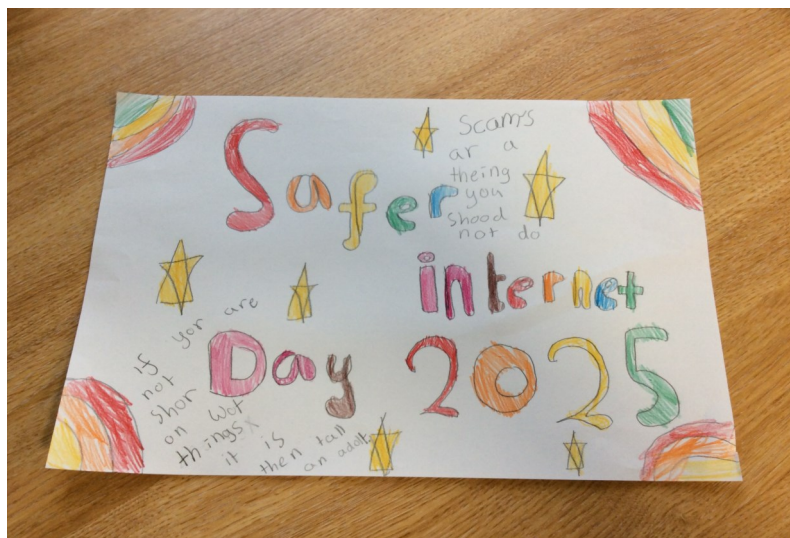
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for parents and carers. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>
- You can share the UK Safer Internet Centre's top tips for children and young people with your child. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-young-people>

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- What signs would you look out for to spot a scam?
- Who would you talk to if you saw a scam online?
- What more can I do to help you feel safe online?



A key part of protecting children and young people from online harms is through preventative education. By talking about this in school and at home, we can all work towards keeping children safe when they are online. Celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for you to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher.



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Banbury Young Musician of the Year

Huge congratulations to Zachary in Year 5 who came first in the Junior Piano Section of the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition. He also achieved first place in the duet section with his brother. This is a fabulous achievement, and we were delighted to hear this great news. We were treated to a wonderful performance as Zachary played his winning pieces to us in school. Congratulations from us all! Mrs. MacLean



My School Fund

Christopher Rawlins Primary School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows us to boost our school's budget with your help.

How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By adding a credit/debit card and linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

How to get involved

Visit myschoolfund.org to register for free, link to Christopher Rawlins Primary School and add your credit/debit card. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own! Sign up today at myschoolfund.org

Adding a credit/debit card

Once you have registered you will be asked to link a card to your My School Fund account. This information is protected using bank level encryption. The site does not ask you to provide any card information that will allow anyone to make a payment on your card - i.e. it does not ask for the card security code (CVC or CVV). More information about data protection and security is available in the FAQs section of the My School Fund website when you are logged in to your account.

"It's honestly a great reward scheme, I had not realised by signing up I would receive Sainsburys vouchers as well as generating income for the school" Year 4 parent.

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High Flyers

We've had an amazing and action packed time at the club, with lots of exciting activities keeping us busy. The children have been getting creative, active, and working together to make the most of every session. This week, we celebrated Valentines Day in style with lots of themed activities. The children had a fantastic time making beautiful Valentine's cards using potato stamps, which was a fun and creative way to design unique patterns. We also tried our hands at origami, and it was wonderful to see so many children getting involved, concentrating, and carefully folding their paper to create some truly impressive pieces. Some of the designs were incredible! A big congratulations to Ariana, this week's High Flyer Certificate winner! Ariana is always polite, helpful, and full of enthusiasm. She approaches every activity with a positive attitude and always gives things a go, making her a fantastic role model. Well done, Ariana. We're so proud of all the children for their creativity, energy, and kindness this week. It's been a joy to see them engaging in different activities, learning new skills, and having so much fun. We hope you have a wonderful holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back and can't wait for more exciting adventures when we return!

Diary dates

February 17th to 21st	Half Term
February 25th Tuesday	Y1 Phonic Check Information Meeting 2:45PM
February 28th Friday	PTFA Cake Sale
March 1st Saturday	Open morning for prospective Nursery parents 09:30AM-11:00AM
March 6th Thursday	World Book Day
March 18th and 19th	Parent Consultations
March 22nd Saturday	PTFA Quiz Night (The Bell)
March 24th-28th	SEN Reviews
March 25th Tuesday	Easter Service Y5/6 St Mary's Church 10:30AM
March 26th Wednesday	R, Y1/2 Palm Sunday Service in school 1:30PM
March 27th Thursday	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop
April 7-21st	Easter Holiday

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