

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break over the festive period and managed to spend time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to be back at school with the children this week and seeing how well they have settled back to the new school term. Behaviour has been exemplary and all classes have started the year well with their new topics. You can find the topic overviews on the class pages of the school website and they were emailed out to you yesterday.

Today we held our Christingle service in school. Your child will bring home a Christingle box with them following the service. If able, please donate some loose coins to the Children's Society. The boxes should be returned to school by Monday 26th January. Have a wonderful weekend.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This half term, the value we will be learning about is Responsibility. Responsibility is the third of our school core values and is all about accepting what is required and carrying out the task to the best of your ability. Responsibility is about carrying out duties with integrity. We will explore these throughout the half term.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." **Joshua 1:9**



Respect



Responsibility



Resilience

Who can I contact?

If you have any queries about your child and their education, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be available at the classroom door each day at the start and end of school.

If you need to speak with a member of staff about SEND or behaviour, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Maguire

(Willow Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Clark

(Juniper Class)

Picture News



Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world.

Question: Can famous people help others make good choices?

Dates for your Diary

All dates for the school year can be found on the school website. Please click [HERE](#) to access them.



Christingle Celebration

Thank you for sending an orange in for your child today to create a Christingle. The service was truly magical.

Today the children will have come home with a Christingle box. These are to collect donations in for the Children's Society to support those children that are in need. If you have any spare change that you could donate, it would be much appreciated. The boxes will be collected by Reverend Peter at the end of January. Please return your box to school by **Monday 26th January**. Thank you for your support.



Pitch Your Passion

As part of our continued commitment to improving pupils' oracy skills at Christopher Reeves, this week we launched our 'Pitch Your Passion' project. You will have received a letter about this at the beginning of the week and we hope you will support us in encouraging the children to take part in this project as part of their creative curriculum homework. The children will need their speeches prepared ready for the start of the week beginning 19th January when they will present their ideas to their class. We are looking forward to hearing all about something they are passionate about. As always, if you need any further information, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance or Miss Fairey, our English Lead.



A few pictures from this week...

In English, Oak class have been 'digging' for archaeological finds to help them work out what our text is for their writing unit. We focussed on oracy skills as they took it in turns to find a picture, describe it to their group and discuss what the picture might tell them about the text. We are reading the myth of Beowulf.



Donations

Our Breakfast and After School Club are always looking for donations of toys and games that the children can play with at the clubs. If any of you are having a sort out at home and have anything that you think might still have some life in it, please consider donating it to school. Mrs Mustoe in the school office would be thankful for any donations that are made. Many thanks.



We need your help...

The spring term is a good time to reflect on our practise and gain feedback from everyone involved with the school. We value your feedback as a tool for improvement and hope that your views can be used constructively to improve outcomes for your children at Christopher Reeves Primary School. Over the next couple of months there will be a number of surveys that will be sent home for your consideration. Please take some time to give us your views and make any suggestions for improvement.

Results of these surveys will be shared with you in due course.

Thank you in advance for your time.



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Community VOICE

SAFER STREETS CHILD EXPLOITATION KNIFE CRIME

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Do you know a young person who might be at risk?
Are you a parent, carer, or concerned citizen?
Want to help make a real difference in your community?

HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY!

From Jan-Mar 2026, join our pilot project and share your ideas about improving our community & to keep Bedford safe! Have your say and help us bridge the gap between young people, the community and local services.

Scan the QR code or email us to get involved!

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

Scan Me!



Join Us!
5.30pm - 7.30pm

*times and locations may vary

WE WILL MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

outreach@everyonesgang.co.uk

15th Jan 26
2nd Jan 26*
29th Jan 26*
7th Feb 26
18th Feb 26*
26th Feb 26*
5th Mar 26*
18th Mar 26