

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting week here at Christopher Reeves. On Tuesday Juniper and Oak class thoroughly enjoyed their Anglo Saxon Topic Day. There are lots of photos below of everything they got up to, living the day as an Anglo Saxon!

On Thursday we welcomed Bedford Borough's Chief Education Officer to tour the school and talk to some of the children. He was very impressed by everything going on in classes and particularly enjoyed speaking to Year 6 about their writing and the secondary schools they will be moving on to at the end of the summer term. Behaviour around the school was exemplary. Well done everyone. You made a great impression.

This afternoon we had a visit from Rocksteady Music. The children took part in an exciting workshop, playing some of the band instruments and gaining an understanding of what Rocksteady music lessons look like. This is something new that we will be introducing to Christopher Reeves Primary School following the Easter holidays. If you would like your child to take part in these lessons, please make sure you register your interest by following the information on the letter the children will bring home.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This half term, the value we will be learning about is Courage. Courage directly links with our school Bible verse and is about having the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty. We will explore this value through thinking about stepping out of our comfort zone, overcoming fear and understanding that doing the right thing is not always the easy thing.

"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, behaviour or safeguarding, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Maguire (Willow Class)
Behaviour – Mrs Clark (Juniper Class)
Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Clark

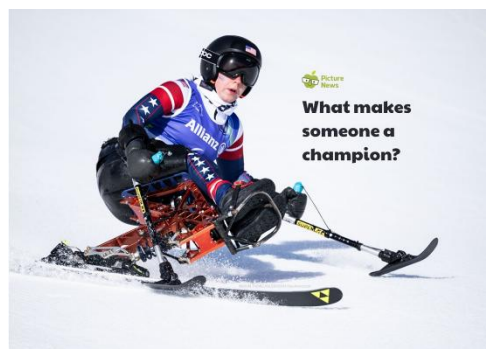


Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about next week is...

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympics Games in Italy?

Question: What makes someone a champion?



This week at Christopher Reeves...

Oak Class held a truly exciting and engaging afternoon of science for the whole school last Friday; they demonstrated a range of messy, fun experiments and then led each class in other science activities. Oak were able to wow their audience, not only with the experiments, but also with their growing presentation skills. We all had a fabulous afternoon and I am incredibly proud of their hard work and maturity when preparing, and running, the afternoon. Well done, Oak!



On Tuesday, Juniper and Oak classes enjoyed an Anglo Saxon and Viking topic day. The first job was to collect firewood and make the campfire. Then we made a simple flatbread dough, rolled it into shape and cooked it on the campfire. Meanwhile, vegetable soup was being prepared. We sewed our own little bags, complete with a draw-string. We made braids using coloured wool. Later on we used clay to make beads and runes and some people also made jewellery.



Attendance

We are always trying to improve our attendance in school as we know that when children are in school regularly, they can get the most out of their learning. This week our school attendance was **97.86%**.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. The NHS also publish advice for parents and carers which can be found [HERE](#). Please refer to this if you are ever unsure or call the school office.

End of Term Easter Service

Our end of term service will be taking place in the church at 9.15am on Friday 27th March. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this wonderful celebration of Easter.



Dates for your Diary

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



Celebrations

This week our Attendance Award goes to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 with 100% attendance.

The children in the Golden Book this week are...
Acorns lass – Theo McMenamain and Minnie Wilcox
Willow Class – Thea Scott and Archer Kirkpatrick
Juniper Class – Aurelia Chance and Lilly-Mae Housman
Oak Class – Alice Smith

Well done to all of these children.



Online Safety – Newsletter from Alan McKenzie

In this newsletter Alan takes a look at a new report called 'Boys in the Digital Wild', he takes a deep dive into the social media app Discord, and updated WhatsApp news for under 13's.

You can find the newsletter here by following this link:

https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Parents-Online-Safety-Newsletter-March-2026_compressed.pdf

Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

If you had a superpower what would it be and why?





£2 per child

Cracking Crafty Thursdays



Create Spring and Easter inspired crafts on Thursday 2nd April and 9th April.

11am- 3pm, £2 per child. Drop in, no booking



Free Easter Egg Hunt

Explore the museum with our FREE 'Egg Hunt' trail.

Drop-in Tuesday- Saturday , 11am -4pm over the school holidays (Closed Good Friday)

John Bunyan Museum, Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, MK40 3EU



EASTER JUNIOR PADEL CAMP

Our Junior Holiday Camps offer a dynamic and engaging environment where children can develop their padel skills while making new friends and having fun. Through a combination of drills, games, and match play, participants will enhance their technique, strategy, and overall enjoyment of the game.

Ages & Dates

10.00-12.00 5-9 years old
12.00-14.00 10+ years old
Monday 30th March
Wednesday 1st April
£20 per child per day

Cost Per Day

10.00-12.00 5-9 years old
12.00-14.00 10+ years old
Wednesday 8th April
Friday 10th April
£20 per child per day

PADEL COACHING WITH GETCOACHINGUK

Getcoachinguk is proud to provide coaching services to Podington Padel

Website: getcoachinguk.com
Email: info@getcoachinguk.com
WhatsApp: 07912945626



Scan here to find out more!

FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Move & Make Together

SEND Creative Movement Sessions for Families

Thursday 2nd April 2026
at The Child Development Centre, Hill Rise, Kempston, MK42 7EB

Join us for a workshop of creativity, crafting, dance, play and fun for the whole family!

Session 1 (ages 5-7 years)
9.45am - 11.15am

Session 2 (ages 7-11 years)
12.15pm - 1.45pm

Session 3 (ages 12+ years)
2.15pm - 3.45pm

Free Family Fun!



To book a place, please email sendevents@bedford.gov.uk or scan the QR code. Places are limited so book now! Please let us know how many people from your family will be attending.

SCAN ME

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

