

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another super week here at Christopher Reeves. For many of the children it has been assessment week where the children have taken part in assessment activities so that we can gauge the progress the children have made in their learning throughout the school year. The children have worked really hard and it has been wonderful to see them tackle the assessments with a positive mindset and do their best. On 10<sup>th</sup> July, you will receive your child's end of year school report which will detail the progress they have made and highlight their achievements.

On Wednesday we had our transition morning where the children spent the morning with the class teacher they will have next academic year. There was a real buzz around school with lots of great activities taking place. Following the morning, the teaching staff are really excited about the coming academic year. Well done everyone!

Next week is another busy week. Please take a look below to see what is happening and check out the school calendar on our website. We hope you have a fantastic weekend.

## Christopher Reeves Vision and Values

This half term, our value is Aspiration. The children will be thinking about what they aspire to be and the journey they need to take to achieve their aspirations. They will also think about what it takes to achieve their goals and how focused they will need to be.

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* **Philippians 4:13**



**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 Laywood-Hill (Willow Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Clark (Juniper Class)

Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Clark



### Celebrations

This week our Attendance Awards go to Year 4 and Year 5 with 100% attendance.

The children in the Golden Book this week are.....

Acorns Class – Hudson Newson and Oscar Sweeney

Willow Class – Millie Aram and Jojo Buckman

Juniper Class – Elsie Dore and Teddy Dickson

Oak Class – Emily Bullock

Well done to all of these children



## Online Safety – Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures

As you're all probably aware by now, the UK government announced a social media ban for under 16's, to come into force from Spring 2027. Whilst many are applauding this, many more are not. Part of the problem is that there are very few hard facts: what does this actually mean in practice, which platforms, what does it mean for families and much more.

Internet Matters have put a big article together exploring these questions and more which I think many parents will find useful.

Link: [Social Media Ban and Online Safety Measures](#)

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## Dates for your Diary

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



## Picture News

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

**Squishy dumpling toys have become popular in recent months but concerns over the safety of some of the products have led for checks to take place.**

**Question:** What makes something popular?



360Play SEND sessions provide a dedicated space where little ones and their families can explore our attractions at their own space in a safe and supportive environment. These sessions are held monthly on the first Friday of each month between 6:30-8:30pm at 360 Play Rushden Lakes. Their next SEND session will be Friday 3rd July. These are priced at £10.95 per child with all adults free of charge. Pre-bookings welcome on their website [360play.co.uk](http://360play.co.uk) or you can pay on the door at reception at the start of the session.

## Voice 21 Conversation Starter...

What is the hardest thing to do and why?



## Christopher Reeves...

Last week Year 6 led a summer fair for all of the children in school as part of their Fiver Challenge. They did an amazing job and everyone seemed to have a great time.



## Coming up next week...

**Tuesday**– Sports Day Morning (9.00am) All parents welcome to join us on the field

**Wednesday** – Year 6 leave for the Yorkshire Dales (meet 6.45am at school)

The weather is forecast to continue to be sunny and hot next week, so please ensure your child has plenty of water, a sun hat and sun cream (applied before school as well as in their bags) to protect them.



# Free Parent Information Sessions/Workshops

- ✔ **Managing stress & overwhelm**
- ✔ **Understanding children's behaviour**
- ✔ **Building calmer family routines**
- ✔ **Support from experienced facilitators**



SCAN TO REGISTER  
IN 30 SECONDS



👤 Early Help workshops are FREE (fees may apply to others)

📍 Online / Local sessions available

“Right support Right action Right time”



## Social Care Event Understanding Support, Short Breaks and Services

Tuesday 7th July  
10am – 12pm  
Child Development Centre, Kempston, MK42 7EB

Join us to hear directly from Senior Leaders within the Social Care Team, ask questions and share your experiences and feedback

What to expect

- Information about Social Care services and support
  - Understanding Short Breaks
  - Insight into eligibility and thresholds
  - Opportunities to ask questions
- Share your lived experience and feedback



Event booking

[www.bbpcf.co.uk](http://www.bbpcf.co.uk)

Your voice matters. Help us shape services for children and young people with SEND and disabilities across Bedford Borough.



ODELL-WYMINGTON-PODINGTON-HARROLD-CARLTON-TURVEY-STEVEYNTON-CHELLINGTON

## The Eight Spires Way - Saturday 4th July 2026

Join us on an inspiring walk! Everyone welcome, dogs too!

This 24 mile circular walk of eight legs links the seven villages and eight churches of the Chellington Team Ministry. Starting and finishing in Odell, The Way runs almost exclusively along footpaths and bridleways and is both beautiful and surprising.

Our little patch of England really is a hidden gem; oak woodlands and fields of corn, river meadows and the meandering Ouse, unexpected views, wildlife and even the odd pub for all to enjoy.



So whether it's for one leg, for the full Monty, or simply for a cup of tea, please save the date and join the throng for what promises to be a wonderful day of endeavour, of community and lots of cake.



For full details scan QR code

- Leg 1 departs at 07:00 from All Saints' Odell to St Lawrence Wymington, 5.2m
- Leg 2 departs at 09:05 from St Lawrence to St Mary's Podington, 1.7m
- Leg 3 departs at 10:00 from St Mary's Podington to St Peter's Harrold, 4.7m
- Leg 4 departs at 11:55 from St Peter's Harrold to St Mary's Carlton, 1.5m
- Leg 5 departs at 13:00 from St Mary's Carlton to All Saints Turvey, 1.9m
- Leg 6 departs at 14:00 from All Saint's Turvey to St Mary's Stevington, 3.8m
- Leg 7 departs at 15:40 from St Mary's to St Nicholas' Chellington, 3.7m
- Leg 8 departs at 17:15 from St Nicholas' to All Saints Odell, 1.6m

## Saturday 4th July FREE Children's mini eight spires way, treasure hunt & family picnic

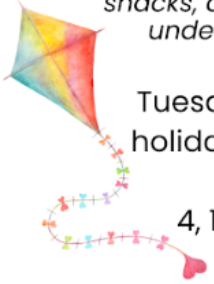


- 1 Park in Harrold
- 2 Start at St Peter's church 11.30am
- 3 End at St Mary's, Carlton
- 4 Distance 1.5miles
- 5 Bring a picnic lunch, suitable for pushchairs, bikes, dogs



# Family Drop In

*Free fun afternoons packed with creative crafts, exciting games, tasty snacks, and endless play for children under 12 and their grown-ups!*



Tuesdays over the summer holidays from 2.30 - 4.30pm  
28 July  
4, 11, 18, and 25 August



St Mary's Church Hall, Church Lane, Bedford MK41 0AP  
(for Sat Nav use MK41 0AN)  
for more info contact [families@stmarysgoldington.uk](mailto:families@stmarysgoldington.uk)

We can't wait to create and play with you and your family!