School Newsletter 434 5th December 2025

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"Be happy and love learning, confident in our faith. Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Dear Parents,

The staff and children have been very busy practicing for their Nativities and Christmas shows. It is such a joy to hear them singing and we are looking forward to welcoming you next week at the various performances – you are in for a treat.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the PTA team and all the merry helpers – who have made Santa's Grotto more magical than ever! *The Christmas Elf-ridges* store (in the library) has been a bustling busy hub all day. The children have been super excited to choose their gifts and leave with them beautifully wrapped, ready to put under your Christmas tree at home. Our thanks to all of you have kindly bought and donated gifts over the past few weeks and a special mention to the army of parents who helped set the rooms up last night and have done a few shifts today.

A quick reminder to please bring some cash to donate to the collections after your child's Christmas production. All proceeds will go to Homelink, a local charity who provide day care and support to older people which gives a much needed respite to their carers. Our School Pupil Councillors chose this charity and will be collecting after the performances. I know the charity will be delighted as well as extremely grateful for your kind donations.

I have some interesting news to share/ celebrate: A former AC pupil – Teddy Fogel, also son of Helena, our Nursery TA, was on Mastermind this week. His specialist subject was Schubert's Song Cycles and he won his heat securing his place in the semi-final! Teddy left here 10 years ago, went to SRRCC and is now studying Economics at Birmingham University. A very bright young man. Congratulations and good luck to Teddy!

Finally – we received no nominations for the Parent Governor election before Thursdays deadline. We will be re-running the election in January and will look for nominations in the new year. Our current Governors will saying the vote of thanks at every performance next week. If you are interested, it might be an opportunity to talk to one of our Governors and to hear a bit more about their role then.

Best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

A reminder to all parents that the term finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 19th December.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Tues 9th Dec	9.15am	Christmas Nativity for Nursery Parents —Large Hall—Ticket only
	11am	Lessons and Carols for Year 3 Parents—Holy Trinity Church—Ticket only
	1.45pm	Lessons and Carols for Year 4 Parents—Holy Trinity Church– Ticket only
Weds 10th Dec	9.15am	Christmas Nativity for Reception Parents—Large Hall—Ticket only
Thurs 11th Dec	9.00am	Christmas Nativity for Year 1 Parents—Large Hall—Ticket only
	6.30pm	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance—Ticket only
Fri 12th Dec	9.00am	Christmas Nativity for Year 2 Parents—Large Hall—Ticket only
	1.45pm	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance—Ticket only
	3pm	PTA Christmas Jumper Sale & Candy Cane Lottery
Sat 13th Dec	7pm	Junior Choir to sing at RMT Christmas Concert, St Mary's University Chapel
Sun 14th Dec	10am	Junior Choir to sing at Holy Trinity Church Carol Service
Mon 15th—Weds 16th Dec		Year 3 Safer Walking
Mon 15th Dec	All Day	RE Day
Tues 16th Dec	Eve	PTA Christmas Movie Night for Infants and Juniors in The Large Hall
Weds 17th Dec	9.10am	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church
	12pm	Christmas Lunch
Thurs 18th Dec	AM	Yrs 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics Tournament—St Mary's University
	2pm	Swim Team Practise at Pools on Park
Fri 19th Dec	All Day	Mufti and Christmas Jumper Day **(No Monetary Donations)**
	AM	Globe Players 'Beauty & the Beast' Pantomime—Large Hall
	2.30pm	**END OF TERM**



The Archdeacon Way Award November Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our November Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn by Father Christmas in the Grotto this morning:



- Koan (2BS)
- Zac O (3JR)
- George (5S)

Well done to them and to everyone who was awarded An Archdeacon Way Award Ticket for following our values of Thankfulness, Compassion, Endurance and Forgiveness.

School Lunches on Mon 8th & Fri 12th December

Due to rehearsals and the Year 5 & 6 Christmas Production taking place in the Large Hall on Mon 8th and Fri 12th December, there will be some changes to school lunches on these days. Children in Nursery –Year 6 who usually have a hot school meal on Mondays, will be given a school provided packed lunch in school and have already been asked to select their choice of sandwich filling in advance with their teachers. On Friday 12th December, children who usually have a school lunch will be having a pizza and potato wedges lunch in classrooms.

Christmas Lunches—Wednesday 18th December

A reminder that our school Christmas Lunch is taking place on Wednesday 18th December. Children who do not usually have a school lunch have been emailed a link to request a Christmas lunch on this day. There is no cost for children in Reception—Years 6 for this extra lunch. If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home on this day, you may like to include some festive food.



Please note that only children who are signed up on Scopay for the lunches on Wednesdays for the one off Christmas Lunch, will be able to have the school lunch.

Boys Football Tournament, Mr Bell writes:



Last week it was the turn of the boys to compete in the Borough Football Tournament. In the first round of pool matches the boys made an excellent start winning two games, drawing one game and narrowly losing a game to a strong side. There were notable performances from James in attack scoring all three of the team's goals and Thomas with some brave goal keeping and Daniel reading the game well in defence.

The team qualified for the plate competition with another four group games to decide the semi finalists. The boys made a sluggish start in the first game, but sprung into life after half-time rescuing a 2-1 victory following two nicely taken goals from Seb. Two more victories followed with goals from Xander, Freddie and a spectacular long range effort from Alex (with some in the crowd asking whether it was a shot or not). Victory in the final game would have sealed a semi final place. However, it wasn't to be. The team were very disappointed not to make the semi finals. However, they should be proud of the effort and their heart to stick in games when things got difficult. Well done lads!

Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance so far this term:

4B	98.3%
1F	98.2%
2PS & 5B	98%

Suggested Reading List for all Year Groups

Following on from the Reading and Phonics Evening that took place in November, please see below a link for suggested reading books for all age groups:
https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year-groups

Return of Library Books

Please ensure that all Library books are returned as soon as possible. Children have been informed which books they have borrowed and we have many books outstanding from the School Library. There are collection boxes in the School Office and Library. Many thanks!

School shoes

A reminder that children should only wear trainers on the days when they come to school in PE uniform. Leather or equivalent black school shoes should be worn with formal grey uniform. Black trainers should not be worn with grey uniform unless there is a medical reason to do so.

No Photographs or Filming During Performances

A reminder to parents that we will be taking photographs of dress rehearsals and making them available to parents to download. A number of children at Archdeacon do not have parental permission to feature in published photographs. Please do not take photographs, film the performances or have your phones out during the performances; children have been busy rehearsing and would love to see smiling faces and not screens watching them.

British Legion School Poppy Appeal Collection



Thank you for your generous donations to the School Poppy Collection last month which raised £31.65 Thank you also to the Year 5 & 6 School Council who helped with collecting donations at school pick up.

Happiness Book Recommendation from Ms Kraus

Fun activities to build your happiness skills

50 Ways to Feel Happy is an action-packed, illustrated book that helps children build happiness skills and develop helpful habits for their daily lives.

- 50 great activities and projects to do at home and in schools
- Promotes well-being, self confidence, resilience and emotional stability
- Based on the Ten Keys to Happier Living, adapted for 7-11 year olds

https://actionforhappiness.org/50-ways-to-feel-happy

NEWS FROM THE PTA



The school is feeling very festive… the Elves transformed The Hive into a fabulous Santa grotto and the Library into a bustling shopping bazaar (Elfridges) filled with wonderful things for the children to choose from! The children have had the most amazing day. **Thank you so much to all the volunteers who made this day truly magical, your hard work really paid off and very much appreciated by all!**

Last night, the teachers had a merry evening using their creative skills to make their own wreaths, and tonight, for those lucky people who managed to grab a bargain £30 ticket, some parents will be creating their own too! A few tickets are still available on Classlist.

Friday 12th December – Year 6 Stall
Get festive and grab a pre-loved jumper or PJ's for just a £3 donation. Plus, your chance to win a £25 Lego voucher or a pre-loved Lego figure! We do need your donations so please donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers, Christmas PJ's and Lego mini figures. Pease leave the donations in the PTA marked boxes in the small hall by **10th December**.

Christmas Movie Night – Tuesday 16th December
We need volunteers and there are still tickets available on Classlist:

- **Infants:** 5.15–6.15pm
- **Juniors** 6.30-8.30pm

Suggested donation: **£5 per child**. Each child's ticket includes popcorn and a Christmassy craft to make and take home. Extra snacks will be on sale, and the adult bar will be serving drinks and mince pies.

Don't forget:

- Bring a cushion to get cosy
- Bring water in a named bottle

Every child must have a **named adult onsite** responsible for them.

School Lotto
We also still have numbers available for the **School Lotto**. *Please, please sign up!*
It's **£36 per number for the year**, and the numbers are available to purchase on **Classlist**.

Or click here: https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1354830885
A fabulous chance to perhaps win some money while supporting the school!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas drinks last Friday. Thank you to everyone who came. Hoping we can organise another social in the summer!
Have a wonderful weekend

Your PTA Team xxx





JOY

Join us this Christmas

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

4:00PM - NOISY CHURCH: CHRISTINGLE

PARENTS AND CHILDREN EXPLORE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10.30AM - CAROL SERVICE

WITH THE A.D.C SCHOOL CHOIR AND TRINITY SINGERS

6.00PM - MULLED WINE BEFORE ...

6.30PM - CAROL CONCERT

OUR EVER POPULAR CONCERT WITH THE TRINITY SINGERS

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE)

3.30PM - CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

11:00PM - MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY)

9:00AM - HOLY COMMUNION

10:30AM - FAMILY COMMUNION

FOR MORE SERVICE DETAILS VISIT**WWW.HTTCHURCH.ORG/CHRISTMAS**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TWICKENHAM

LONDON CHILDREN'S FLOWER SOCIETY 80 ANNIVERSARY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 264644

DESIGN THE FRONT COVER OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT 2025!

Dear Teacher/Art Co-Ordinator,

We are excited to announce the launch of our '**Front Cover Competition**' where we invite London School children to design the front cover of our next Annual Report 2025.

The report is sent out to schools on our mailing list as well as donor's and supporters of the London Children's Flower Society. The report highlights all the Society's work, financial information and details of our Award-Winning schools from the Spring and Summer Competition's this year.

This year is a particularly special year as we are celebrating our 80th anniversary!

- The competition is open to all London School children.
- A4 sized and any medium (paint, pencils & crayons etc).
- Theme: The joy of gardening and celebrating 80 years.
- We encourage bright, bold and colourful designs.
- Include **child's name, age, and school** with each entry
- Closing date: **9th January 2026**.
- Prize for the winner & design published on our website.

All entries should be **posted to:**

The London Children's Flower Society
61a High Street
Orpington
Kent BR6 0JF

Or **scanned and emailed to:** londonchildrensflowersociety@outlook.com

"Please encourage all your pupils to get creative and help us celebrate 80 years of gardening joy!"

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