School Newsletter 433 21st November 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 and Carers,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks! We had a very special visitor this week. Rev. Simon invited Archdeacon Richard Frank into school. We found out what a real Archdeacon does (including being Rev. Simon's boss) and it was lovely to meet him. Our Pupil Council had a photo taken with him and he thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He used to be attached to a school and he told me it was the one part of his job that he really missed – especially the random questions that only children can ask!
Last week Year 3 showcased a wonderful assembly all about their love of reading, their science topic on different types of rocks, rivers and about their visit to Teddington Lock. Well done Year 3 – you were all fabulous.

More **congratulations** to all our Sports teams! Yrs 5 & 6 Basketball players, our Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Football team and our Netball team on Thursday afternoon vs Chase Bridge. Please see the sports report overleaf. Well done to all involved – you really are great ambassadors for our school.
We sent our new *Well Being Ambassadors* (six Year 5 pupils) to a local school to have some training and work with other local schools on pupils' mental health – see Ms Kraus's report.
THANK YOU - you raised just under £700 for the School Council notice boards last Friday. It was also World Kindness Day and I gave seven Kindness certificates out – see the attached photo. Staff nominated one child from each year group who exhibits being kind on a regular basis. I will repeat this again next term, we decided it should become a regular feature.



Archdeacon Richard, Rev Simon and School Council—Weds 19th Nov

Ms van den Broek and I have been very busy for the past few weeks, showing prospective Parents around the school. We get so many compliments about how well behaved and polite our children are; how well engaged they are in their learning and the calm, friendly atmosphere the school has. It really is a pleasure doing school tours and it's wonderful to hear such lovely, positive feedback. We know our children are our best asset and we are very proud of them.

Rugby parking – my thanks again to those of you who have kindly given up your time. We are still short of 4 helpers for this Sunday. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out, please see the PTA section.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at Parent Consultations next week.

Best wishes,
Miss Lambe
Head Teacher



World Kindness Day Ambassadors 2025

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Sun 23rd Nov	All Day	PTA Rugby Parking
Tues 25th Nov	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parent Teacher Consultations Yrs 1-5
Weds 26th Nov	9am	School Nurse Drop In
Thurs 27th Nov	All Day	Yrs 5 & 6 Boys Football Tournament
	4pm—7pm	Parent Teacher Consultations Yrs 1-5
Weds 3rd Dec	AM	Yr 2 Christmas Journey at St Michaels Church, Fulwell
Thurs 5th Dec	5pm	Junior Choir singing at Squires Shopping Event
Fri 6th Dec	All Day	PTA Christmas Activities Day
	2pm	Praying Parents
	Eve	PTA Parents' Wreath Making

Polite Request Not to Park over Vicarage Driveway

As our vicar, Rev Simon, needs constant car access to the Vicarage, we kindly request that parents **do not park** over the driveway when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Thank you!

Christmas Lunch —Wednesday 17th December



On Wednesday 17th December, we will be holding our annual Christmas lunch for children in Reception—Year 6. Children who currently have a school lunch on Wednesdays will receive a traditional Christmas meal including Roast Turkey and all the trimmings on this day. The vegetarian option is Vegan Wellington Parcel. Pudding for all will be Santa's Cookie and Iced Chocolate Cake. We have sent a Parentmail to parents of children who do not have school lunches on Wednesdays as we are able to offer a 'one off' Christmas meal on this day. There will be no charge to parents for this Christmas Lunch. Parents of children still bringing in a packed lunch on this day may like to include Christmas snacks in lunch boxes on this occasion

Christmas Production Tickets



Tickets will be sent out via the children for the Nursery & Reception Nativities, Years 1 & 2 Nativity and the Lessons and Carols for Years 3 & 4 Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 have been sent a Parentmail with a link to request tickets for their performances. Please note that the deadline for Years 5 & 6 parents to request tickets is **Monday 1st December**.

Christmas Jumper & Mufti Day Friday 19th December



On the last day of term, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school. This can include a Christmas Jumper, or clothes in Christmas colours or a Christmassy accessory. **Please note that we are not requesting any monetary donations for this mufti day.**
Parents should also be advised that children should wear normal school uniform on Friday 5th December (PTA Christmas Activities Day).

Globe Players 'Cinderella'

The Globe Players, who have been performing our annual Christmas Pantomime to children for 49 years, will be coming into school to present 'Cinderella' to Reception—Year 6 Children. Payment for this is £2 per child and is payable through the Scopay accounts.

Autumn and Spring Term School Clubs

A reminder to parents that the Friday Clubs, Andy Scates Football Club for Years 1 & 2, Wild at Art for Year 2 and Basketball for Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 will finish on **Friday 28th November** for the Autumn Term. All other clubs will finish during the **week commencing Monday 2nd December**. Our club offering remains unchanged for the Spring Term 2026 and we will send out club and booking information week commencing Monday 1st December.

School Council Noticeboard Fundraising

Many thanks for your donations towards the School Council Playground Noticeboards following the Mufti Day last week. We are delighted that we have raised £694 and this will be combined with the Summer Term cake sale fundraiser of £115. We hope to install the noticeboards in the New Year.

Online Safety Habits

As we approach Christmas, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents of the importance of good online, safety habits especially during the holidays. This is particularly important if you are planning to purchase new devices for family use. Information can be found on our school website at Online Safety | Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England Primary School (secure-primarysite.net) where you will find key online safety advice for parents, instructions on how to set up safety settings on a range of devices and suggestions for parental control software for use on mobile devices.

Governor Maintenance Gift Aid Forms

If you have moved address within the past 3 years and have not returned a new Gift Aid form for Governor Maintenance, please collect a form from the School Office. Many thanks!

School Council Christmas Charity Fundraising

School Council Mrs. Jones write:

For our Christmas Performance Charity Fundraising this year, the School Council have chosen Homelink Day Respite Centre, Whitton. Homelink provide day care and support to older people whilst also giving an essential break to those who look after older people.

We will be collecting cash donations after our performances and are very grateful for all donations to this vital local charity.

Christmas Performances Crèche Booking

A reminder that younger siblings and babies cannot attend the Christmas Performances. The PTA and parents kindly hold a crèche for every performance (except evening Years 5 & 6 Performance on Thursday 11th December). Parents are able to book their younger sibling or baby into the crèche which is held in the Small Hall or Holy Trinity Crèche by emailing crèche@actpa.org.uk.

Please also see if you can offer to help out at another crèche when booking a place. Children and Staff are very grateful to parents for making alternative arrangements or booking crèche places for younger siblings or babies. Many thanks.

Santa's Helpers



We are working with local community groups to support families in need with arranging Christmas presents this year. If you would like gifts for your children, please email the following address before Friday 5th December: santashelpers@archdeaconcambridges.richmond.sch.uk Please let us know your child(ren's) ages and classes. Requests will only be seen by the School Senior Leadership Team and will be handled with confidentially. We will let you know when your gifts can be collected from the school.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance so far this term:
1F & 4B— 98.4%
1W—98.3%
4T—98.2%

Parent Governor Vacancy

School Governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's' education. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the Governing Board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school.
We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Board. Full information has been sent home to all parents yesterday on Parentmail. **The deadline for nominations for the role of Parent Governor will be Thursday 4th December 2025 at 12noon.** If there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will be held.

Archdeacon Well Being Ambassadors, Ms Kraus writes:





A group of our Year 5 children recently took part in **Wellbeing Ambassador training** with the School Nursing Service team, and they were absolutely fantastic! Everyone was fully engaged, eager to share ideas, and confident in putting up their hands to contribute. They will now be joining forces with the ambassadors who trained last year, creating a strong team dedicated to promoting how we support pupils in looking after their wellbeing and knowing what to do if they are worried about their mental health.
We are very proud of them and excited to see the positive changes they will help make in our school.

Sports Reports

Basketball, Mrs Renahan writes:



Our Year 5 and 6 basketball players were outstanding at the Knights Basketball Tournament at Twickenham School this week. Not only did they play with real skill and determination, but they also showed exceptional positivity throughout the event, even when play didn't go their way. Shoulders never dropped, heads stayed high, and they consistently encouraged one another. It was good to see true teamwork in action.

Our opening game against Twickenham Primary Academy proved to be our toughest challenge as we faced the reigning champions in our group. The pace was fast, the energy high, and our players fought hard for an early win. They missed out by just a single point, with a nail-biting final score of 16–15. The team bounced back brilliantly, securing a confident 16–8 victory over Marshgate. In the next group, we were narrowly beaten 12–10 by Nelson and 10–6 by Stanley, placing us sixth overall out of nine schools in the Borough.

Larry and Daniel were exemplary captains, offering constructive feedback and making fair, thoughtful decisions when selecting player combinations for each quarter. A special mention goes to Juno, who stepped in as our second female player to support Annie, even though basketball isn't her main sport. Larry, Daniel, Haris, Annie & Juno were all presented with well-deserved Rising Star awards from the Knights coaches, recognising their positive contributions to the tournament.

Football, Mr Bell writes:

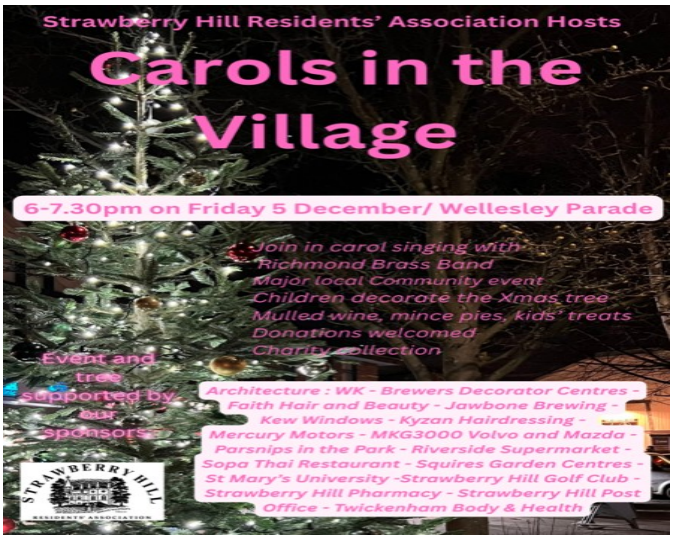


Following the excellent victory over TPA the previous week, in the beautiful November sunshine at Teddington Lock, a squad of 10 players entered the Borough Girls Football competition with confidence. In the first group stages, the girls took 3 victories from 4 matches only losing narrowly to a very talented side. Some excellent performances from Molly down the right wing and strong defensive play from Connie and Phedra limited the goals against us. Finishing second in the pool meant the girls qualified for the cup competition. In the next pool of 5 teams, the girls dominated possession in most games. However, we struggled to create chances and narrowly lost out 1-0 twice and drew 0-0 twice. The player of the day was Eloise for her determined tackling and a keen eye for a goal.

Netball, Mr Bell writes:

In contrast to the beautiful November sunshine of last week, the Netball Team played a league fixture at a very chilly Chase Bridge. Following great training and under instructions from Miss Clark, the team moved the ball nicely. Early on, scoring chances were few and far between. Despite some stingy defence from the likes of Libby and Larry, after 3 quarters the team were 3 goals to 0. Desperate not to go down without a fight - the team clawed their way back to 4-3 loss at the final whistle in thanks, by the most part, to Ollie's infallible shooting! Ollie was voted player of the day deservedly, not just for his shooting, but his all-round gameplay in each position. Well done all!





NEWS FROM THE PTA

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!
A huge thank you to everyone who has supported rugby parking over the past few weeks, and to Jen for expertly co-ordinating it all! It's been a fantastic fundraiser and the money raised is much appreciated by the school.



Please do help with the final rugby parking of the year if you are at all able and do start signing up to attend and help at our wonderful upcoming Christmas events!

Rugby Parking, 23rd November
Sunday 23rd November is the last Rugby parking of this year. For it to go ahead we need 4 more volunteers, so please do consider whether you are able to sign up to help.

Head to the calendar section on Classlist to volunteer. You're welcome to bring your children and snacks are promised!!

Christmas Activity Day, 5th December
It's not long now until we welcome Santa to our PTA pop up Christmas grotto.



This magical day takes place in school hours. Your children will visit our beautiful grotto and receive class gifts from Father Christmas himself. They'll then visit our Family Present Stall to choose a free gift for a loved one.

But our Christmas Elves need your help! To fill the present stall, we need your donations. We're looking for unused presents for adults and children, perhaps unwanted smellies, new toys or books. Place your donations in the box in the School Office by 1st December.

We're also looking for volunteers to help set up and take down the grotto. It's a lovely opportunity to create Christmas magic. Sign up now via the calendar section on Classlist.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, 5th December 7.30pm
Get creative whilst socialising with other parents.

Explore lovely foliage and decorations, as we're shown how to create a beautiful Christmas wreath to take home. Then have fun experimenting, whilst enjoying our well stocked pop-up bar. Tickets are available on Classlist via the calendar. They're selling quickly, so grab yours before they all go!



Christmas Movie Night, 16th December
Popcorn, crafts and Christmassy films, what a way to end the term!

Don't miss out, book you place now via the calendar on Classlist. And as you book, do sign up to support this magical event. You also get to choose the films. Add your vote now to the What's app announcements poll. Closing 28th November.

Creche for school Christmas Performances
We're all excited to watch our little performers shine in their Nativities and Christmas performances. Younger siblings are not allowed at these performances, so do email creche@acpta.org.uk if you'd like to book into our friendly and fun creche.
If you're able to volunteer an hour to support the creche during the performances it'll be much appreciated. Toys, fun and laughter provided.

Save the Date
- Christmas PTA drinks for the whole school (adults only) - Friday 28th November, 8pm at The Alexander Pope
- Christmas Wreath Making - Friday 5th December, 7:30pm
- Children's Christmas Activity Day in school - Friday 5th December
- Christmas Movie Night - Tuesday 16th December

Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful weekend.
Your PTA Team x