School Newsletter 432 7th November 2025

Archdeacon Cambridge's

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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,

I hope you all had a good half-term break. This half of the term tends to be very busy and whizzes by quite quickly on the run up to Christmas with all the delightful Nativities and shows. Please do make a note of events and activities including – Charity Mufti days, Inset day, Christmas cards deadline etc. so you don't miss out!

Year 4 presented an action packed Assembly this morning. We were treated to a whistle stop tour of: Literacy – Oliver & the Seawigs diary entries, Science – States of matter: molecules and kinetic energy and then the Water Cycle. We learnt about Matthew Henson (from Black History Month) who co-discovered the North Pole and then it ended with a very fast paced Times Tables Song with the Super Mover! Great singing, acting and dancing – well done Year 4. **Year 6** visited Down House (Charles Darwin's house) this week and had a great time. The Y6 staff were very impressed at how polite and inquisitive our children were. Well done Year 6!

Our **Reading Information Evening for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** is next Thursday evening (approx. 1 hour). Even the most fluent readers in year 6 still benefit from parental support. Please sign up, so we have an idea of numbers; please note this session is for parents only so you will need to make alternative arrangements for your children.

Congratulations are in order for our **Girls Football Teams** – please see Mr Bell's report overleaf. We also have two pupils from Year 6 (Roby & Disha) representing our school at the Borough wide **Pupil Parliament** today at York House. Well done for being such great AC ambassadors!

Finally my thanks to all of you who have signed up to give up your time and help oversee the Rugby Parking. It is much appreciated and every penny does make the difference to the children.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Miss Lambe
Headteacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Sat 8th Nov	**All Day**	PTA Rugby Parking
Mon 10th—Fri 14th		**Anti-Bullying Week**
Tues 11th	**9.00am**	ADHD Embrace Coffee Morning
Thurs 13th Nov		**World Kindness Day**
	All Day	Girls Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament
	6.30pm	Years 3-6 Reading Information Evening
Fri 14th Nov	**All Day**	School Council Mufti Day in aid of Notice Boards
	All Day	Years 4 & 5 Virtual Reality Workshops
	9am	Year 3 Assembly
	3pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
	6pm	**Parent Consultation Booking for Yr1-Y5 goes live**
Sat 15th Nov	**All Day**	PTA Rugby Parking
Mon 17th Nov	**7pm**	Governing Board Meeting
Weds 19th Nov	**9am**	Archdeacon Richard visiting School
Fri 21st Nov		**INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
Sat 22nd Nov		PTA Rugby Parking

Anti-Bullying Week
10th—14th November

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'Power for Good'. Through assemblies and lessons during the week, children will discuss how we can use 'Power for Good' to prevent bullying.

Inset Day—Friday 21st November—School Closure

Parents are reminded that Friday 21st November is a School Inset Day for staff training. **School is closed to children on this day.**

Parent Teacher Consultations Y1-Y5

Tuesday 25th Nov—4.30pm—6.30pm
Thursday 27th Nov—4.00pm-7.00pm

School Council Fundraising Mufti Day—Friday 14th November—£2 DONATION

Friday 14th November 2025 will be a School Council Mufti Day to support our fundraising efforts for pupil noticeboards in both the infant and junior playgrounds. Our theme is 'Messages'. Please feel free to get creative and wear a top that has a message on it. It may be that you have a top that says 'Be Strong' 'Save the Planet' or even 'Be Kind'! If you don't have a top that has a message, get out your pens or fabric paint and add an important message to an old top that you wish to share. Next week is also Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day so you may wish to link your message to either of these important themes. Enjoy! From the School Council Team & Mrs. Jones

Charity Mufti Day—Friday 24th October—In aid of BBC Children in Need and Cancer Research UK

Traditionally Year 6 choose the charities we support on our October Mufti Day and this year our Year 6 chose BBC Children in Need and Cancer Research UK. Thank you for your kind donations which have raised **£405.52** and will be divided equally between the two charities.

Poppy Collections



Year 5 & 6 children have been selling poppies in aid of the British Legion Poppy Remembrance Appeal at the front of the school at pick up times this week and Monday next week. Many thanks to them and to parents for their kind donations.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for the first half of term:

1F & 4B— 98.5%
1W & 4T—98.3%
2PS—98%

Christmas Card Order Deadline



A reminder that the final date for online ordering of the Christmas Cards designed by children at home is **Monday 17th November.** All artwork has been sent home this week. We will receive the orders in school before the end of November.

School Nurse Drop In
9am, Wednesday 26th November

Our new school nurse, Phil Davey, will be holding a Drop In session for parents at 9am on Wednesday 26th November. There is no need to sign up in advance; please come to the School Office at 9am.

Reading & Phonics Evening—Thursday 13th November, 6.30pm—7.30pm

A reminder that our Reading Information Evening for Years 3-6 takes place next week. Please ensure you have returned the following form if you will be attending: KS2 Reading Evening - Thursday 13th November 2025 – Fill in form

Sayers Croft and Liddington Residential Trip Payments

A reminder to parents in Years 5 & 6 that the final payment for Sayers Croft and 3rd stage payment for Liddington are now due on Scopay accounts. Many thanks for Payments already received.



Girls Football Team Match Report, Mr Bell writes:



Archdeacon Girls' football team kicked off the new season just before half term with a barnstorming display against Twickenham Primary Academy. The players showed very promising team work and were especially hard-working and determined in defence. After four quarters, the final score was a thumping 11-0 win away from home. There were some stand-out performance from girls playing in their first ever football game. This week, the full girls' football squad played against Trafalgar School, on the neutral turf of Waldegrave. Expectation and confidence was high among the group—and they delivered. Playing two games side by side, the first game score line was 5-1 and the second was 5-0. In both games, the players showed excellent passing and build up play in attack and more determined defending to limit Trafalgar to only one goal. These games have been excellent warm up for the girls' first tournament next week. Congratulations to those girls that made the team. For those who are missing out this time, I am sure you will be the most passionate supporters!

School Uniform Warmth

The weather is gradually turning colder and we have started having heating on in school. However, as we also keep some doors open and fresh air flowing through classrooms, some children may feel the cold. All children should now be wearing winter uniform and have covered legs either with tights, long socks or trousers. We also recommend wearing more layers under uniform eg vests or thermals so that children can keep warm but remove a cardigan or jumper if necessary. All children should also have a warm and waterproof coat in school for playtimes outside.

Christmas Performances

As already notified to parents in the school calendar, Christmas performances are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 8th December:



Tuesday 9th December 9.15am
Nursery & Reception Nativity
(Nursery Parents to watch)

Tuesday 9th December 11am
Year 3 & 4 Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Church
(Year 3 Parents to watch)

Tuesday 9th December 1.45pm
Year 3 & 4 Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Church
(Year 4 Parents to watch)

Wednesday 10th December 9.00am
Nursery & Reception Nativity
(Reception Parents to watch)

Thursday 11th December 9.00am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity (Year 1 Parents to watch)

Friday 12th December 9.00am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity (Year 2 Parents to watch)

Two tickets per child for the relevant performance will be issued to parents in due course.

Years 5 and 6

Thursday 11th December	**6.30pm**
(Year 6 Parents Priority)	
Friday 12th December	**1.45pm**
(Year 5 Parents Priority)	

Online forms will shortly be sent to parents in Years 5 & 6 to request up to 2 tickets for the performances.

The Archdeacon Way Award September Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our October Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn by Ms van den Broek in Pupil Voice Assembly on Thursday:

- Josie D (1W)
- Kenzah DFB (2PS)
- Ava R (6D)

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.

Governor Maintenance Fund and Termly Contribution

Thank you to parents who have contributed to the Maintenance Fund (£54 per year) and the School Termly Contribution. (£10 per term). In increasingly difficult financial times, we are very grateful for all funds received. The Maintenance Fund for building improvement costs,is paid directly into the Governors' Maintenance Fund account. The Termly Contribution which is used for consumable items is paid via Scopay accounts.

🎶 Calling All Young Archdeacon Cambridge's Performers! 🎶

Does your child sing or play an instrument? We'd love for them to take part in our Family Concert at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 16th November at 4.30pm!

Thank you to all of those who have already signed up! I will be in touch shortly to confirm song choices and any accompaniment info.

This is a relaxed and informal event where primary school children can share their musical talents and celebrate their progress in front of a supportive audience. Whether it's a solo, duet, beginner or more experienced performer — everyone is welcome.

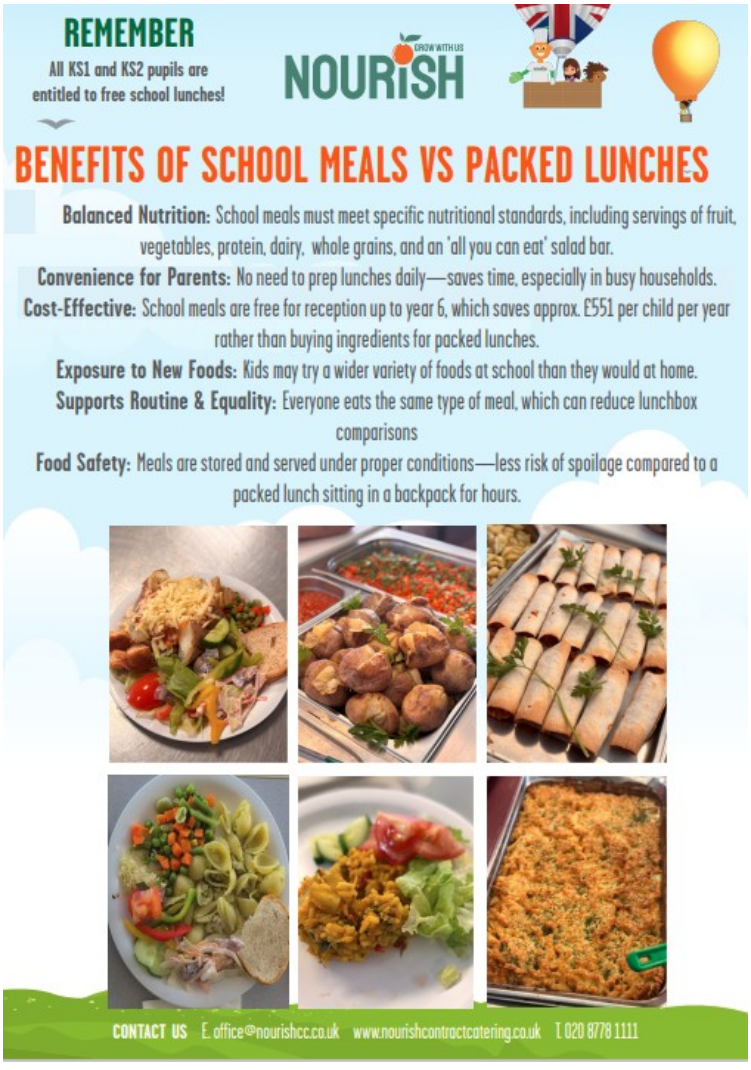
✨ All families and members of the school community are warmly invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served by the PTA after the concert, so come along for an enjoyable afternoon of music and community spirit.

If your child would like to perform, please complete this form by **Sunday 9th November**— we'd love them to be part of the event!

Any questions, please email katiebatchelor@me.com

Thank you.
Katie Batchelor





Thursday 20th November 2025
9.30am to 2.15pm
Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

About the Seminar
'Understanding Autism' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children who have received a diagnosis of autism or are on the pathway for an assessment of autism.

The seminar will help families to:
> develop an understanding of autism
> discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis
> identify how autism can affect families
> explore practical ideas for developing communication strategies

Seminar cost?
Families can book a place on the 'Understanding Autism' seminar for £5 (cash please) each, which includes a full resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines.
Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

How to book a place
Please complete the registration form by following this link:

https://forms.gle/nWZdyQ7wLF7dFicb8

or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.
Name: **Jane Pidduck**
Email: **jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk**
Telephone: **020 8399 5344**

As places are limited please only book a place if you are able to attend and let me know ASAP if you know that you can no longer attend, so that I can give that place to someone else.

News from the PTA

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break.

What a lovely way to end our first week back with an after-school Sweet Sale today! Thank you to the Year 6 Leavers Committee - a sweet treat was very welcome after a busy week!
A huge thank you to the volunteers who supported Rugby parking on Saturday 1st November. This raised an incredible **£1,440,** which is much appreciated by the school!
Rugby parking is one of our biggest fundraisers. We can't run it without your support, so thank you.

Rugby Parking



We desperately need more volunteers for the additional Rugby Parking dates this month. Without your help these can't happen, so please sign up where you can.
No previous experience necessary.
Saturday 8th November - ENG vs FIJI
Saturday 15th November - ENG vs NZ
Sunday 23rd November - ENG vs ARG
Head to the calendar section on Classlist to volunteer. You're welcome to bring your children and snacks are promised - fun for all the family!!
Also, help us to get the word out on community pages, whatsapp groups, and rugby clubs. You can direct people to find out more here: https://rugbyparkingtwickenham.weebly.com/

Bags2School

Please note that our **Bags2School collection date has changed**. The collection will now take place on **Wednesday, 19th November.**
Bring your bags to school by 9:00am. There will be a designated space to leave them.
Thank you for your continued support, every bag helps raise valuable funds for our school!

Christmas Family Present Donations

Our Christmas Elves need your help!
On the 5th December's Christmas Activity Day, the children 'shop' for a free gift for a special family member at our Christmas Present Stall.
To fill the stall, we need your donations. We're looking for unused presents for adults and children, perhaps unwanted smellies, new toys or books. *We especially need men's gifts and gifts for older kids.*
There is a box in the School Office for donations. Please donate by the **1st December**. Thank you for supporting this lovely event.



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Join us for some festive fun with an evening of wreath making from 7:30pm on **5th December**.
Let your creative juices flow whilst socialising with other parents. There'll be a Prosecco Bar and mince pies too!

Tickets will be available on **Classlist**. Keep your eye on the Calendar Section as they'll go live soon!

Help the school with your Christmas shopping

If you're starting Christmas shopping, please do consider helping the school via **Easyfundraising**. Easyfundraising means each time you purchase something, we get a free donation towards the school PTA, at no extra cost to you. It's an easy and simple source of revenue for the school!
Download the Easyfundraising app and sign up. Then when you buy anything online, go via the app rather than directly through the shop website. You can shop with over 8,000 online retailers, including M&S, Amazon, Clarks, Sainsburys, ASDA.

Save the Date

- - Second Hand Uniform Sale - Friday 14th November, 3pm
- - Bags2School - Wednesday 19th November
- - 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 your continued support.
Your PTA Team x

ADHD Embrace Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11th November 2025 9.00am



ADHD Embrace are running a Coffee Morning for Parents – come along and learn about ADHD and the services on offer from ADHD Embrace.

Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School
Tuesday 11th November 2025
9.00 – 10.00am

Sign up here:
https://forms.office.com/e/XfdehDw38for
scan the QR code



ADHD Embrace
Supporting families and professionals

MHST

Parents: MHST Information at a Glance

General MHST information

MHST leaflet explaining who and what we offer
Self-referral for primary aged pupils
Self-referral for secondary school pupils
Leaflets on our universal groups
MHST website
MHST video library

Helping with.... Parent webinars (topics chosen by parents)

Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26

Webinars: Helping Teens with Series 25/26



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MHST Whole School Approach Audit Tool
MHST Parent self-referral e-posters
MHST Secondary self-referral e-posters
MHST ERSA offer
Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26
Webinars: Helping Teens with Series 25/26
Risk management audit tools
MHST referral form (for post consultation)
MHST Group folder: Leaflets about each universal group
School website text for informing about the MHST
MHST website (and video library)

Escalating mental health risk and complex needs

EHS waiting list resource

Navigating CAMHS - how to escalate mental health risk



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