School Newsletter 430 3rd October 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,



A huge thank you for all of your generous food and toiletries donations for our **Harvest** church service yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents there. Year 5 pupils read beautifully, the choir sang and we enjoyed some of our favourite songs: *Cauliflowers fluffy, cabbages green...!* Your kind donations are going to local food banks, the money on your cans and goods are supporting SPEAR and TearFund. Holy Trinity Parish will add to this and we will let you know the totals in our next newsletter.

Dig Day last Saturday was a big success. Thank you to the willing families who turned up and got stuck in weeding, pruning and tidying the wild life area. It looks amazing and it is being used on a regular basis.

We are hosting two Reading Information Sessions for all parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. These take place at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th October and at 2.30pm on Friday 17th October. We hope that offering two sessions at different times mean that the majority of families will be represented by at least one parent.

As it is October, we are celebrating **Black History Month**, this year's theme is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride'. Each year group has chosen a different area to focus on (see below) and we are adding to and updating our displays in the foyer. *Please ask your children to share with you what they have learned during the course of the month.

Year Group	
Year 1:	Musicians
Year 2:	Literature
Year 3:	Inventors
Year 4:	Explorers
Year 5:	Scientists
Year 6:	Mathematicians



Have a great autumnal weekend.
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 6th Oct	**7pm**	Governing Board Meeting
Fri 10th Oct	**All Day**	Year 4 Bushy Park Stockyard Trip
	9am	Mastering Number for Year 1 Parents
	Eve	PTA Disco
	6pm	Parent Consultation Booking for Reception, Nursery and Year 1 goes live
Tues 14th Oct	**All Day**	3JR Thames Boat Project
Thurs 16th Oct	**6.30pm**	Rec, Yrs 1 & 2 Reading Information Mtg
Fri 17th Oct	**All Day**	3CB Thames Boat Project
	2.30pm	Rec, Yrs 1 & 2 Reading Information Mtg

Mufti Day—Friday October 24th

On Friday 24th October, all children are able to come into school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a cash donation. This will be divided between two charities which are annually chosen by Year 6. This year they have chosen two charities: **Cancer Research UK and BBC Children in Need.**

Parent Consultation Booking for Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Goes Live 6pm, Fri 10th October

A reminder to Nursery , Reception and Year 6 Parents that Parent Consultation Bookings will be live from 6pm for the meetings taking place on **Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October**. Bookings are made through Scopay accounts and all new parents should now have received activation details for their accounts. **Booking will close at 9am on Monday 20th October.**

Harvest Thank you!



Thank you very much for the wonderful selection of Harvest gifts and cash donations that children brought in for our Harvest Festival Celebrations. We will announce the combined cash total raised with Holy Trinity Church in the next newsletter.

Year Group Assemblies & Crèche



Parents are warmly invited to join us for Year Group Assemblies which take place at 9am on the following dates this term:

Friday 7th November 9am Year 4
Friday 14th November 9am Year 3

Each academic year we invite parents in Years 1-6 to two Year Group Assemblies during the year. Reception will have one assembly in the Summer Term. Children involved in the Year Group Assembly do not wear school uniform on the day of their assembly. Assembly attendance is for **adults only** but the PTA offer a free crèche, run by fellow Archdeacon parents, in the Small Hall for younger siblings who are not yet in school or in a Nursery setting during the time of the Year Group assembly. Please book by emailing **creche@acpta.org.uk.**

Christmas Card Project



A reminder that the deadline to return Christmas card designs for children in Rec—Year 6 is <u>Monday 20th October 9am.</u>

Children should create their **A4** size card at home and return the artwork to the school with the **children's name and class clearly written on the back.** Nursery will design their cards during the school day. We will send off all the artwork to APFS for scanning which will be returned to the school in November. **Parents will then be able to order cards, tags, wrapping paper or mugs online** and all orders will be delivered to the school before December.

Card designs must be on the white card or on coloured paper glued to the white card and can be either landscape or portrait. **No glitter, foil, metallic pens or fluffy pompoms should be used as they do not scan well.** Bold colours and simple flat collage work really well.

Late Attendance

Being late for school can significantly affect a child's learning. The Educational Welfare Officer monitors attendance and punctuality termly and may make visits to the family of those children who have frequent absences or persistent lateness in order to find ways to support and improve their attendance.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days
15 minutes	10.3 school days
20 minutes	13.8 school days
30 minutes	20.7 school days

Year 5 & 6 School Journeys—February and June 2026

Year 5 will be visiting Sayers Croft near Guildford for their residential trip in February 2026 and Year 6 will be visiting PGL Liddington in June 2026. Next stage payments are now payable via Scopay accounts and we are very grateful for the many payments already received. Further stage payments are due in November. Thank you!



Termly Contribution

Thank you to the many parents who have paid £10 (or £30 annual for Nursery) to the Autumn Term contribution. This voluntary contribution covers the cost of the materials for practical subjects such as cookery and craft, and some consumable stationery items, e.g. workbooks and homework diaries. Your financial support for the school is very much appreciated.

Governors' Maintenance Fund

The Governor's Maintenance Fund letter has been sent home in hard copy to Nursery and Reception and via Parentmail to Years 1-6 on 19th September. Thank you to the many parents who have already contributed for this year. Whilst payment to this fund is voluntary, **all** children at Archdeacon Cambridge's School benefit from the maintenance of the school site that this fund facilitates. We are therefore very grateful for your continued support. Payment is transferred directly to the Governor's Maintenance Account with bank details contained in the letter. If you have moved address recently, you may also need to fill in a new Gift Aid form. Thank you.

Reporting Absences

A reminder to parents that when reporting your child unwell on our absence answer phone in the morning or by email, we do need specific symptoms. It is not enough to just report your child unwell as we need to track symptoms through classes. A reminder also that when collecting your child for a medical appointment, we will need to see proof of the appointment.
Leave of Absence forms are available on the school website or from the School Office and should always be filled in prior to a planned absence. Many thanks.

Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes with the highest attendance so far this term:

2PS	98.6%
4B	98.4%
1S & 3CB	98.3%

If a child has 95% attendance, this still equates to nearly two weeks absence in a year.

If a child has 90% attendance, this equates to almost four weeks absence in a year.

If a child has 85% attendance, this equates to nearly six weeks absence in a year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality so far this term.

The Archdeacon Way Award September Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our September Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners have been drawn by Ms van den Broek in Pupil Voice today:

- Jasper (2BS)
- Maia (2BS)
- Clara (3JR)

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.

Flu Vaccination—Monday 3rd November

A reminder that the online link form for the Flu Vaccination for Reception—Year 6 which was sent by Parentmail on 24th September, must be returned by **Wednesday 29th October (in Half Term). If the NHS have not received the form by this date, your child will not be able to have the vaccination. You will not be able to access this form after Wednesday 29th October.**

Please also return the link form if you do not wish your child to have the annual flu vaccination.

School Photograph Order Deadline

Individual or sibling photograph proofs and class photos from the school photograph session in last week in September have been sent home via children. All individual photographs and class photographs are ordered directly through Tempest and the deadline to order photographs online is **Thursday 16th October**.

Wildlife Area Dig Day—Saturday 18th October

We are hoping to hold a final Wildlife Area Dig Day for the year on Saturday 18th October led by the Gardening Gang. Come along for an hour or more between 9.30am and 1pm and help prepare the area for the Winter Months.



Reception, Years 1 & 2 Phonics and Reading Meetings – Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October

Parents in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are invited to Phonics and Reading Information Meetings on **either Thursday 16th October at 6.30pm or Friday 17th October at 2.30pm. This will be the only Phonics and Reading Session for Reception, Years 1 & 2 Parents this academic year. Please make other arrangements for younger siblings as we will be unable to accommodate them at the meeting.**

This meeting will explore the research that informs our approach to teaching reading, provide an overview of the phonics program we implement, and offer practical strategies for supporting your child on their journey to becoming a confident and fluent reader. Staff from all three year groups will be at the meetings and will be available for any questions you have about Phonics and Reading. Please complete the following questionnaire if you will be attending one of these sessions:October Reading & Phonics Meetings for Rec, Years 1 & 2

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these sessions.

Donations of Adult Shirts for Art in KS2

We have had a few adult shirts donated for use in art to cover up uniform and we would be very grateful for lots more! Please send all donations to the School Office. Thank you!



Looking for an Electric Sewing Machine Donation



We would be very grateful for a donation of an electric sewing machine which we can use in school with children. Year 5 will shortly be making cushions and our previous machine is no longer in good working order. Please contact the School Office if you know of anyone who has a machine that they would like to donate. Many thanks!

No Buggies Left on School Site

We kindly ask that parents do not leave baby buggies or strollers on the School Site during the day. These should not be left in bike or scooter parks or in the flowerbeds as they take up space or damage plants. Thank you!

Forgotten Items

Please note that we will only be able to take forgotten items (eg coats, junior snacks, packed lunches, water bottles, homework etc) to classrooms when it is break time or lunch time so that we do not disturb class teaching. Break time starts at 10.30am.

Holy Trinity News



Next Youth Group: For parents of children in Year 7 and above, our next Youth Group meets on Sunday 12th October, 4:30 - 6:00pm

Next Noisy Church: Our next Noisy Church is on Sunday 19th October, 4:00 to 4:45pm

Harvest Gifts: Sincere thanks for your donations to the Harvest collection. The food items will be taken to the local foodbank, which operates out of St Michael's Fulwell. The money raised will be split between the local charity SPEAR, and the international charity Tearfund.

The Church of England announces its 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. The current Bishop of London, Dame Sarah Mullally, has been announced Archbishop Designate. ++Sarah is the first woman to hold this office in the Church of England's history. We share our congratulations and good wishes.

Financial or Additional Support for Families
We have links and agency contact information available on our website for families who may require additional or financial support during challenging times. Please use this link to the page on our website https://archdeacon.secure-primarysite.net/support-for-parents/

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Autumn may be settling in but it's time to dance the night away at the first disco of the year.

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM, it was great to see lots of new faces. Hettie was formally voted in as Chair, we shared last year's accounts and started to plan this year's exciting events.



Autumn School Disco - 10th October

Year 4 reps have been busy preparing a fun filled disco.
Join them for great tunes, snacks, glow face painting, pizza and of course a well stocked bar.

Get your tickets now at https://www.pta-events.co.uk/acpta/
When you book, please do also sign up to help. These events can't happen without your support.



Rugby Parking

Rugby parking starts again in November. **This is one of the most important fundraising streams for the PTA, raising essential funds for the school. But we need your help!**

There are matches on **1st, 8th, 15th & 23rd November.**

Please sign up to volunteer via the classlists event page.
No experience needed.

Also, help us to get the word out on your community pages, whatsapp groups, and rugby clubs. You can direct people to find out more here: https://rugbyparkingtwickenham.weebly.com/

Summer Fair Committee

It may seem early, but we need help to start planning the event of the year. If you have a spare hour between now and the end of term, we'd love your support to approach potential sponsors, engage external stall holders and secure raffle prizes. If you can help please get in touch with Lucy Coleman at 07765 253 503 or on classlist.

Save the date

It's official Christmas is coming, so do save these important dates in your diary:

Bags for School - 6th November
Class Christmas drinks (for adults only) - 28th November
Childrens' Christmas activity day - 5th December

Thank you for all your support,
From The PTA team x

Richmond & Kingston SENDIASS

Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

23 SEPT 10:00 — Alternative Provision: What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

26 SEPT 10:00 — Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support: Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

30 SEPT 10:00 — Responding to a draft/ working document: If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

30 SEPT 12:30 — Appeals to SEND Tribunal: A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

1 OCT 12:30 — Considering an EHC Plan?: Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

No booking required, just click on 'join' to open up our Teams link via our website

www.rksendiass.co.uk/workshops

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Moving up to Secondary?

Discussing:

- What a good transition can look like
- Making the most of the open events
- Looking at effective SEN Support
- Signposting to more guidance
- A recording will be available on our YouTube channel after the workshop

Online Recorded Workshop

Available at www.youtube.com/PolarisSENDIASS

Please note: This session is for those without an EHCP on SEN Support

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Musical Madness

-OCTOBER HALF TERM EVENT-

Our Half Term event is based on many amazing Musicals from around the world

This event includes Acting, Dancing & Singing workshops with a little sharing of work on the final day.

Your child may choose to attend 1 day, 2 days or the full 3 days.

DATES: Mon 27th, Tues 28th & Wed 29th October 2025

TIME: 10am – 2pm (*doors open at 9.50am) or* 9am-4pm*

**Early drop off and late pick up is available between 9am-4pm*

AGES: 4 - 14 years of age

(Split into 3 groups depending on age)

VENUE: Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road, Teddington, TW11 8TP

PRICE: *1Day - £35, 2-Days- £55 or 3Days- £70*

TO SIGN UP: *Please visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk and click on the 'Holiday Events' page.*

EVERY STUDENT EXPERIENCES AN HOUR OF ACTING, DANCING AND SINGING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS WELL AS AN ENSEMBLE PIECE. ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL WEST END PERFORMERS WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN TO CREATE FUN, DYNAMIC AND ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE PIECES. MORE DETAILS ONLINE.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS NEW TO THE ARTS OR HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN THEM UP FOR A FUN AND ENJOYABLE TIME WITH BOUNDLESS. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

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THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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RICHMOND UPON THAMES,
TW10 7HN

9.00AM - 12NOON

SCHOOL YEARS 3-10

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