School Newsletter 443 1st May 2026

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Dear Parents,

The summer term really is my favourite time of year. The weather improves, children are fully established in their year groups and beginning to think ahead to next academic year, and the May bank holiday offers a mini-break before the intense report-writing period. What initially seemed like a gentle start to the Summer Term, has actually been full of many enjoyable experiences for our children and staff.

In sports, we have had two very successful Cricket Tournaments, with our Year 4 Girls' and Year 5 & 6 Boys' teams returning to school, clutching winners' trophies .Mrs Wilder successfully completed the London Marathon with a very respectable time (faster than Daddy Pig's effort), despite a very painful foot injury.

This morning we were treated to Year 4's assembly, which took us on a journey through the digestive system and then back in time through the history of Hampton Court Palace. The children's creativity and love of learning shone through. Years 5 and 6 were thrilled to welcome author, Cath Howe, into school today. Children took part in a workshop and were able to meet the author and have their copies of her latest book signed.



Cath Howe Year 5 & 6 Workshop

By the time we send out the next newsletter, we will have celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday on 8th May. We hope to share some exciting news on this next week. We will also have completed this year's Year 6 SATs week. Our Year 6 children are ready and raring to go (or just keen to get it all over with) and staff aim to make the experience a positive experience for all. The biscuits at the end of each morning really do help!

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday.
Ms van den Broek, Deputy Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 4th May		**BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)**
Fri 8th May	**9am**	Year 3 Assembly
	9am	Praying Parents—The Vicarage
Sat 9th May	**11am**	Junior Choir singing at Richmond May Fair
Mon 11th—Fri 15th May		**Mental Health Awareness Week**
Mon 11th—Thurs 14th May		**SATS Week—Year 6**
Mon 11th May	**All Day**	Year 2 Visit to Florence Nightingale Museum
Fri 15th May	**All Day**	'Wear it Green Day' for Mental Health Awareness Week
	All Day	Virtual Reality Workshops Years 3 & 6

Class Attendance Results

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

3CB	97.5%
6J & 1F	97.2%
4T	97.1%

Nursery Offers 2026/27

Nursery Place Offers have been sent out this week to those who applied on time. Please ensure that you return the online form by **Wednesday 13th May** indicating whether or not you will be taking up the place for your child.

Mental Health Awareness Week, (11th—17th May) Ms Kraus writes:

Since 2001, the Mental Health Foundation has been leading Mental Health Awareness Week - bringing the UK together to focus on getting good mental health. This year, the week takes place from 11th to 17th May 2026 and the theme is 'Action'. They have chosen 'Action' as this year's theme because, while awareness is vital, real change comes when we take action too. Together we've come a long way on mental health, but we can't risk going backwards. There's still much we can do to prevent people becoming ill in the first place.

We are also taking part in 'Wear It Green Day' on **Friday 15th May** during Mental Health Awareness Week - let's turn the world green to raise awareness and take action for good mental health! There is no monetary collection for this Mufti Day; children can wear green clothes or a add a green accessory (eg ribbon) to their choice of outfit.

School Nurse



Appointments can be made to see our School Nurse, Tash on the school premises by calling 07984 566496 . Further information and advice about the School Nursing Service can be found at www.nhs.uk/school-nursing.

Earthsong Drumming Report, Miss Dang writes:

We were delighted to welcome EarthSong to Archdeacon two weeks ago. Children from Nursery, Reception and Years 1-2 embarked on a percussive journey around the world. They learned about a range of drums, how they were made, and their cultural significance. The sessions were lively and engaging - they really made us all dance! The children especially loved having a go themselves, taking on the challenge of copying different rhythmic patterns. It was a fun and memorable experience for all!

London Marathon Update, Mrs Wilder writes:

On Sunday I was incredibly grateful to be able to run the London Marathon, even if it did mean running with an injury (which I ironically got whilst teaching a PE lesson!).
I just wanted to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all the families who very kindly made a donation to my Cancer Research page and for all of your kind words and support. I am so pleased that, with your help, I raised over £950 for Cancer Research.



It was a great experience and one that I'll never forget. I may not have been able to run all the time during the marathon, but I am so pleased that I managed to take part and complete the course in 5 hours 40 mins. So, if you have seen me hobbling around this week, you now know why! Thank you for your support.

The Archdeacon Way Award April Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our April Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn by Ms Nag in school today:

- Trixy (1F)
- William (1W)
- Jack (5B)

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. It is now a year since we started our Archdeacon Way awards and this is a good time to remind everyone of our Archdeacon Way guide.

We listen to people.
We work hard.
We are honest.
We look after property.
We are kind and helpful.
We are gentle.
We show respect.
We are Archdeacon!

Foreign Coin Donation to Cancer Research

Over many years we have kept a collection of foreign coins (eg Euros) that we have received in school charity collections. This week, we took the collection to the foreign or obsolete coin collection for Cancer Research at Sainsburys St Clares. We estimate our donation was worth between £20 and £30. Thank you!

KS1 Playground Equipment

A reminder to Years 1 & 2 parents and childminders that children and siblings should not play on the playground equipment and tower in the Infant Playground at end of day collection. Please kindly respect staff who may need to remind children and parents of this rule. Please also ensure that all younger children are supervised by parents or childminders at pick up.

News from the PTA

It was lovely to meet Nursery and Reception parents at our Coffee Morning last week and thank you for your clothing donations for our Bag2School collection which weighed in at over 200kg!

Wine Tasting Evening—Friday 8th May

Tickets are still available on Class List for our Wine Tasting Evening on Friday 8th May. Come along for a great social evening out organised by our Reception Year Group parents and pick up some interesting tips about different wines!

Summer Fair—Saturday 13th June

The big PTA event of the Summer is our Summer Fair on Saturday 13th June. We are starting to put together preparations in place and need your help!

White Milk Bottle Lids

Please save your white milk bottle lids and bring them into the School Office for our popular Bottle Tombola!

Books & Plants

Please bring in any book donations (adult and children, fiction and non-fiction) for our book stall. Donations can be left in the Small Hall. If you are green fingered and growing flowers or vegetables we would be very grateful for any excess plants that we can sell at the Plant Stall. Donations can be brought in just before the fair.

Friday 12th June—Bottle Tombola Mufti Day

On Friday 12th June, children can wear their own clothes to school in return for a bottle donation for our Bottle Tombola.

Volunteers Requested!

Please let us know if you are able to volunteer on our Summer Fair Committee. We would be grateful for all offers of help. Year Groups will soon be letting you know which stalls they will be running!

Save the Dates

Sunday 28th June—Sponsored Children's Park Run (2km)
Friday 17th July—Infants, Juniors and Leavers' Discos.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend!

Hampton Wick Cricket Reports, Mr Bell writes:

Boys Tournament—Friday 17th April





On Friday 17th April our KS2 Boys cricket teams took part in a tournament hosted by Royal Hampton Wick in the beautiful setting of Bushy Park. The pressure, expectation and excitement was high following the success of the Year 5/6 team at the winter indoor tournament. The day was split into two with a lower KS2 and upper KS2 tournament for the different ages. Both teams breezed through their group games winning two from two in very one sided affairs. Securing top of the table spots meant each side was through to a semi final. The Year 3/4 team blew their opponents away with excellent hitting from Freddie and some tight bowling by all the players. In the resulting final, the team fell just short losing by only 5 runs. Spirits were still high however. The opposition team manager spoke glowingly about the boys' attitude and talent on display.

In the older competition, Barnes were no match for the bowling prowess of Archdeacon restricting their batting to fewer than 10 runs. The final was the showdown everyone had come to see. A repeat of last year's borough final. The opposition made a respectable total batting first. Leo, Thomas and Daniel bowled very tightly to make things difficult for the batters. In the run chase, Archdeacon were very steady early on with Larry and Finn playing nicely. However the bowling side bounced back with a few wickets and suddenly ADC were under pressure for runs. Leo hit some excellent boundaries to set up a dynamite final pairing. Needing just 6 from the last over, a nerveless Captain's innings from James lead his side to victory once again! Archdeacon's Year 5 & 6 team were crowned champions once again. Will the teams go undefeated this season?



Girls Tournament—Friday 24th April



Friday was the turn of the girls to try and emulate the success of the boys the previous week. Anticipation, in Y4 especially, had been bubbling for quite some weeks. When the time finally came to play, the girls did not disappoint! On a glorious day for cricket, both the Year 4 and Year 6 teams raced off to brilliant starts winning their first two matches with ease. In the Year 6's third match they came up against a very strong Heathfield side. The girls put on the best showing against them as eventual winners. The loss in the pool round meant Archdeacon were playing for third place. Scoring a low total meant their bowling had to be very tight to win. The girls were lively, fast and agile in the field and accurate with their bowling. The opposition required 4 runs from the final over. Juno, who bowled exceptionally well all day, closed the game out in style by taking a wicket. Winning 4 from 5 matches and losing to the winners is a very successful day.

Earlier in the day, having qualified top of their pool, the Year 4 team cruised through to the final against Heathfield. The girls bowled and fielded expertly restricting the opposition to a very achievable total. However, some overly positive and slightly panicky running was hampering the batting progress. This left the final pair with 15 runs to win from the final over. Bertie on strike. First ball, 4 runs. Second ball, 4 runs. Third ball, 4 runs! Unbelievably, they did it! A magnificent batting display saw the Year 4 girls crowned as champions! The whole day was a huge success. The girls were magnificent ambassadors for ADC. I had multiple adults approach me across the day to say as much and am very proud of our teams. The future looks bright for cricket!

Wildlife Area Dig Day Update,

We had a fantastic dig day in the Wildlife Area this weekend with many parents and children turning out to help. With such a great crowd and the wonderful, sunny weather we achieved a lot! We have built a 'Hedgehog Street' with holes in the chain fence for hedgehogs pass through and two brick hedgehog houses. The bee cylinders have insect hotels have been upgraded and we have installed new signs and notice boards throughout the Wildlife Area. We were also able to tidy up the green areas around the school ready for the Summer. Everyone enjoyed Mrs Hamerton's wonderful cakes and refreshments!











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

28 APR 10:00
Responding to a draft EHCP

If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

6 MAY 12:30
Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act

13 MAY 13:00
Responding to a draft EHCP

If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

13 MAY 17:30
Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

18 MAY 12:00
Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

19 MAY 10:00
Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP

www.rksendiass.co.uk/workshops

DUST OFF YOUR INSTRUMENT FOR OUR...

FAMILY ORCHESTRA DAY



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026

10-11.30AM, ST RICHARD REYNOLDS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS: £8 DONATION (CONCESSIONS FREE)

REGISTER BY 15.5.26

- BRING YOUR ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT AND JOIN SRRCC ORCHESTRA MEMBERS TO PLAY SOME MUSICAL CLASSICS!
- ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME, FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT
- NO PREPARATION REQUIRED - WE'LL BE PLAYING ACCESSIBLE CLASSICS
- SHEET MUSIC LINKS AND FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU AFTER REGISTRATION
- ALL NON-SRRCC UNDER-18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT

DRUM DAY 2026

Sunday 3 May

10.00 – 16.00

Waldegrave School

This is a wonderful opportunity for drummers to play together. We will focus on key elements such as rhythm, timing, dynamics, fill creation, famous drumbeats, drum fills and a host of other drumming delights.

Open to Y4 students upwards

Beginner - Grade 4



£35 per participant

REGISTER NOW

RICHMOND MUSIC TRUST

STRINGS, WOODWIND & BRASS DAY 2026

Sunday 17 May

10.00 – 16.00

Waldegrave School

Join us for a day of music making as we work together in instrumental groups before coming together in the afternoon to form a full orchestra! This day will cover a range of valuable ensemble skills and promises to be great fun.

Open to Y4 students upwards

STRINGS: Beginner level (confident with open strings) - Grade 5+

WOODWIND/BRASS: Beginner/Wider Opportunities - Grade 5

£35 per participant

REGISTER NOW

RICHMOND MUSIC TRUST

BOUNDLESS DANCE | BOUNDLESS DRAMA | BOUNDLESS RHYTHMS | BOUNDLESS THEATRE

Musical Madness

-K-POP THEMED MAY HALF TERM EVENT-

Our Half Term event is based on the ever popular K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

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

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

DATES: Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th May 2026

TIME: 10am – 2pm* *(doors open at 9.50am)*

**Early drop off from 9am, and late pick up is available at 3pm or 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- £75*

TO SIGN UP: *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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Get in the game!

Junior Cricket at Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club

Calling all young cricketers in Kingston, Richmond and Hounslow!

Hampton Wick Royal is a friendly and welcoming club that offers junior cricket for all abilities, from beginners to more experienced players.

We have a strong focus on developing skills, teamwork, and most importantly, having fun!

What we offer:

- ✓ Fun and engaging coaching: A supportive environment for learning and improving.
- ✓ No need to worry about gear: We provide everything.
- ✓ All age groups: From 5-8 (All Stars) through 8-11 (Dynamos) and up to 18.
- ✓ Competitive and social: We play in Surrey and Middlesex leagues and tournaments, as well as organised friendly matches and social events too.
- ✓ Experienced and DBS checked coaches: Your child's safety is our priority:
- ✓ Parental involvement: We love it when parents get involved – come and support or even coach!

For more information or to ask questions, contact Dr Dom Spray: juniorcricket@hwrcc.co.uk

Get in the game! Junior Girls Cricket at Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club

Calling all young girl cricketers in Kingston, Richmond and Hounslow! Hampton Wick Royal is a friendly and welcoming club that offers junior cricket for all abilities, from beginners to more experienced players. We have a strong focus on developing skills, teamwork, and most importantly, having fun!



What we offer:

Fully subsidised, fun and engaging coaching: Qualified coaches provide a supportive environment for learning and improving. Masterclasses from current and past professionals.

Various age groups: We cater for different age groups, from Cricket Tots (ages 3-5), All Stars (ages 5-8) to Dynamos (ages 8-11) and older age groups with competitive matches.

Competitive opportunities: We participate in local Surrey and Middlesex leagues for u9s –u14s.

All equipment provided: No need to worry about gear – we provide everything you need to get started.

Experienced and DBS checked coaches: Your child's safety is our priority.

Free Intra Club competition on April 9th 9am-1pm

Summer Training: Starting Sunday 12th April 8:30am-10:30am

For more information or to ask questions, contact James Watson by clicking on QR code; emailing j.watson@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk or phone 07801572809

Hampton Wick Girls U11's
WhatsApp group