School Newsletter 445 5th June 2026

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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 an enjoyable half term break. We have lots of exciting things happening this half term so please see the diary online calendar for details.

I have just waved our Year 6 pupils and seven staff off this morning on their school residential journey. They arrived safely at Stonehenge before lunch and then they are heading to a PGL camp in Liddington for the weekend. I am driving down to join them on Sunday morning for a few hours and I am looking forward to seeing them. They were quite excited this morning and despite the weather forecast (lots of rain and showers), they will have a fabulous weekend away with their friends. My huge thanks to the seven staff who are giving up their weekends to take them. We look forward to their return on Monday afternoon.

Sadly due to the heavy rain earlier this week – the annual Borough Sports Athletics Competition at St Mary's University on Wednesday was cancelled. Our Athletics team have trained hard all year – which is a great shame!

Just before half term our Junior choir represented AC at the Richmond Singing Festival at The Rose Theatre, which was very successful. My thanks to all the parents who supported us and to Ms Dallosso and Ms van den Broek for their time and efforts every week and for ensuring we have such a successful choir. Our Year 5&6 Boys and Girls teams played in the Borough Cricket Tournaments where and we excelled ourselves. Our Year 4 Boys and Girls have played a football match vs TPA this afternoon at Heatham House. Many congratulations to all our teams and my thanks to the parents that ferried them to and from these games.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our **School Summer Fair** next **Saturday 13th June**. Please note it is Mufti Day next Friday 12th June when children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation to the Bottle Tombola and other stalls – thank you in advance for your kind and generous donations. Please do come along and support the PTA and have a fun afternoon out.

Best wishes,
Miss Lambe
Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Fri 5th—Mon 8th June		**Year 6 School Journey to Liddington**
Weds 10th June	**9am**	Trinity Service at Holy Trinity Church
	All Day	Year 6 Shakespeare Workshops
Thurs 11th June	**PM**	Year 6 Shakespeare Performance at RACC
Fri 12th June	**All Day**	PTA Mufti Day for Fair Donations
	9am	Year 5 Assembly
	2.15pm	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Information Meeting for Parents in Large Hall
Sat 13th June	**All Day**	PTA Summer Fair
Mon 15th—Fri19th June		Year 6 Art Project
Tues 16th June	**AM**	1F Art Workshop at Orleans House
Weds 17th June	**AM**	2BS Visit to Twickenham Apiary
	AM	1W Art Workshop at Orleans House
Thurs 18th June	**AM**	2PS Visit To Twickenham Apiary
	AM	Reception, Years 4 & 5 London Literary Festival at Twickenham Stadium
Fri 19th June	**9am**	Year 1 Assembly
	2.30pm	Year 6 Art Exhibition for Parents in Small Hall

The Archdeacon Way Award May Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn today in assembly:

- Max (2BS)
- Katie (2BS)
- Rosie (2BS)

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

Health, Fitness & Sports Week & Sports Day—Monday 22nd — Friday 26th June



Staff and children are very much looking forward to our forthcoming Health, Fitness and Sports Week which takes place week beginning Monday 22nd June. Once again we are focussing on health and fitness as well as sport. We are looking forward to welcoming back Boundless Dance who will provide workshops for all year groups during the week; we will also be holding skipping workshops and England Sports Group are providing a trial Pickelball Session after school. All children are able to wear the PE kit every day during Sports Week. It will be possible to wear a plain t-shirt and shorts (ideally blue or white in colour) as an alternative but **football shirts/kit or t-shirts with logos or graphics will not be accepted.** Please ensure that children have filled water bottles in school, suncream is applied at home and **that all clothes including sun hats are labelled.**

<u>Swimming Galas</u>

Swimming Galas for children in Years 3-6 will also take place during the week. Children will be advised by their class teacher which day they should bring in their swimming kit.

<u>Sports Day—Friday 26th June</u>

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Twickenham Green on Friday 26th June at 9.15am for Reception, Years 1 & 2 and 10.45am for Years 3-6. Children will be competing in their houses wearing school provided house coloured t-shirts and house points will be collected. Further details about the week and Sports Day will be sent out to parents in due course.

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



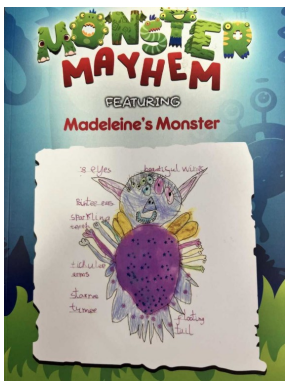
The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest children's reading initiative for 4-11 year olds and delivered by libraries. On Thursday, we welcomed Emily(from the Richmond Library) to talk to children about the creative theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge which is ***Read to the Beat***. This challenge will celebrage the joy of music and the power it has to move , inspire and connect us—all thorugh the magic of reading. Emily also told us that last year 152 children signed up to the Reading Challenge and 98 children completed it. She has set Archdeacon the goal for over 100 children to complete the challenge this year!

From **Saturday 4th July** children in the Borough can sign up for the challenge at their local Richmond upon Thames library and receive their sticker collector booklet.

To take part, a child needs to be a member of the library and have their own library card. For each of six library books they read, or challenge they complete, they can collect a sticker for their colourful collector booklet.

Children can update their progress through the challenge at any library in the borough. Everyone who completes the challeng is rewarded in the library with a medal and certificate. The challenge ends on 6th September.

Monster Mayhem Drawing Winner



Congratulations to Madeleine (1F) who is an overall winner of a recent Monster Mayhem Drawing Competition through Young Writers that many of our Year 1 children entered. All our entries feature in a book and Madeleine's drawing is on the front cover. There were five finalists out of 15,000 entrants and Madeline has also won a number of prizes including a art materials and a Story Den.

Bringing a Raincoat Everyday in School bag

Please ensure that children have a light waterproof coat with them in school and especially if they will be going out of school on a trip. Children will still play outside in light rain.

Thank you to our Friday Gardening Gang

Our wonderful Parent Friday Gardening Gang came into school during Half Term to water and look after our Wildlife Area during the very hot weather. Many thanks to them all for looking after this special space at the school.

Situations Vacant—School Meals Supervisor

Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School is recruiting for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant / Play Leader. Lunch time staff work from 11.45am-1.45pm for up to 5 days a week during term time.

The job involves working as part of a supportive team in the dining hall and the playgrounds and the successful applicant will take up the post this term. It requires a good level of physical fitness, good interpersonal skills, a sense of humour and an enjoyment of outdoor activities.

The deadline for applications will be **Monday 15th June**. For further information please contact Lesley Hamerton, School Business Manager, for further information on 020 8894 4777.

Complimentary Tickets for Sundown Country Music Festival—Old Deer Park—23rd August 2026

The Sundown Country Music Festival are offering parents two complimentary tickets to the event on Saturday 23rd August at Old Deer Park, Richmond. Please visit their website at:

https://richmond.sundowncountryfestival.com/

To claim your complimentary tickets, please enter the password schoolsrich26 on the ticket website above by clicking the orange 'UNLOCK' padlock icon.

As part of this offer, each person can claim up to two complimentary tickets. Any additional tickets can then be purchased at 40% off by visiting the ticket page,

SUNDOWN COUNTRY FESTIVAL

RMT Singing Festival—Wednesday 20th May, Ms Dallosso writes



On Wednesday 20th May 2026, just before the half term holiday, the Junior Choir took part in the annual Richmond Music Trust Primary Singing Festival, at the Rose Theatre, Kingston. This is a really popular event organised as four concerts over two days, and it's an opportunity for primary school choirs across the borough to gather together to perform. They sing four different group songs in three-part harmony across the auditorium, and perform their own solo songs on the stage to an audience of parents and friends. This year's theme was "Remember When?", and we were treated to a wide range of songs chosen and performed by the schools in our concert.

Our children rose to the occasion and behaved impeccably (sitting on the actual stage throughout meant we were very visible so this was imperative), as well as singing beautifully on our own and in the group songs. Our own song choice was a medley we put together of three memorable songs of different genres and different time periods: a classical song (The Path to the Moon); a pop song (Talking to the Moon); and a jazz song (Fly Me to the Moon). We even squeezed in the melody of another jazz song (Autumn Leaves) as a harmony part sung by our Year 4 members! The children sounded amazing with the onstage band, who had worked really hard to create appropriate orchestrations for each genre. Overall it was a wonderful experience for everyone, and I'm sure the children will always remember performing on this local professional theatre stage. My thanks as ever to all the Archdeacon families who supported our choir children by encouraging them to practise the songs at home, and by attending the concert. And many thanks to the PTA for supporting us by providing coach travel to and from the venue.

All our choir children have been working very hard and I am really impressed with their commitment and dedication, as well as the lovely sound they are making. Take a look at the school website at https://www.archdeaconcambridges.richmond.sch.uk/performing-arts/ and scroll down to Choir Performances where you should soon be able to hear a recording of our "Moon Medley"!

Great Science Share, Mrs Taylor writes:







Before half term, six Year Five children – the 'Eggtastic Eggheads,' took part in the Great Science Share at St Mary's University. They carried out an investigation at school, following on from our whole school Science Week about why egg shells are so strong, yet also fragile. Our team set up an eye-catching display and presented their work interactively to children and adults from other schools, the university and other organisations. Exciting science activities were provided, led by St Mary's University students and also by staff from The National Physical Laboratory. They were also able to see the projects that children from other schools had carried out. Our team got a special mention at the end, praising their presentation skills and how much both adults and children had learnt from their exhibit.

Years 5 & 6 Borough Cricket Tournament, Mr Bell writes:



Before half-term ADC's boys and girls cricket teams competed in the Richmond Borough summer tournament held at Barn Elms Sports Centre in Barns. On a gloriously sunny summer day, great things were expected of both sides after very impressive displays throughout the year. This would the final opportunity for the Year 6's to represent their school in their (favoured!) sport. The boys and girls both blasted through their group games with the clinical cricket they had shown all year. The girls were especially clinical in their dismantling of their final group game opponents by scoring a team record 75 runs and restricting their foe to a meagre single figure score. For the girls, this expert hitting would continue into the semi-finals setting their opponents a whopping 73 runs to win. The mighty blows were struck by Eloise, Ellie and Juno in particular. Willow's bowling was the most hard hitting it had been all year and the newly promoted year 5 cricketers Edie, Sian and Eve were magnificent in the field racing around like hares in a meadow. The stage was set for the girls to meet a known enemy, Heathfield, in the final. Having lost to them in the previous tournament, the tension among the group was high. A rousing speech from Libby lifted the girls spirits after ADC set a target of 32 to win. With Libby's passion ringing in the teams ears they bowled and fielded their hearts out losing only to the final ball of the tournament. This team have made such progress this year. It truly has been a pleasure to watch their confidence, skill and togetherness rise. It would be lovely to hear that they continue to play the beautiful English game for many years to come.

The boys also made it through to the final with some impressive team performances. The boys confidence was riding high without a loss on their record all year! On this occasion, unfortunately, the gold medal eluded them. The boys were absolutely gutted not come come away with another trophy for Miss Lambe. However, the feedback I received from the parent volunteers and the organisers of the tournament was worth more than any trophy. The boys, as they have been all year, were praised for their teamwork, talent and emotional intelligence. We are so proud to have them as our cricket representatives.

ROLL UP... ROLL UP...

COME & GET YOUR TICKETS & VOLUNTEER TO MAKE OUR FAIR FABULOUS!

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH

ARCHDEACON CAMBRIDGE'S SCHOOL

11.00AM (QUIET START)
11.30AM - 3PM

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL





THANK YOU!



BBQ & Bar, Glitter Stall, Fairground Rides, Tombola, Raffle Prizes, Silent Disco & much more!

BOOK TICKETS VIA CLASSLIST

Sponsoring our Summer Fair

DEVENPORTS

News from the PTA

We hope you had a lovely Half Term and survived the heat.

Amazingly it's excitingly almost time for our Summer Fair 2026 on Saturday 13th June. Thank you so much to everyone who is working hard behind the scenes in so many different roles to make it happen. It's going to be a great day and we can't wait to see you there!
One plea, if anyone has a gazebo we could borrow please do get in touch!

Get your tickets and tokens now!

Tickets are now available for the Summer Fair. School families and friends can both get these in advance at https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1448601524
For those who haven't been to the fair before, we sell blue tokens, priced at £1 each. These can be used at our stalls, from Hook a Duck to the Bottle Tombola and Jolly Jars. Most stalls are between 1 and 2 tokens a turn.
The PTA will be selling tokens at drop off and pick up every day next week. Buy yours in advance to avoid the queues on the day.

Please volunteer to make the day a huge success!

We need your help to make your Summer Fair a success! Your wonderful class reps will have been in touch about your year group stalls. Please volunteer and support them.

We also though need your help to run the fair. From selling tokens and hanging bunting, to cooking on the BBQ and manning the photobooth, there is a job to suit all interests and talents! The fair doesn't happen without these roles so please do look at the volunteer slot below and see if you could fill them. We really appreciate your support!

Job in advance: https://app.classlist.com/s/EF8V3D
Jobs on the day: https://app.classlist.com/s/B1DOYR

Mufti and donations

We also need your help with donations for the stalls. **Friday 12th June** is a mufti day. In return we ask if you could kindly donate some of the below.
- good quality **books** for the second hand book stall. All formats welcome!
- **bottles** for the tombola- alcoholic and non-alcoholic please, as well as nice child friendly bottles such as juices, lemonades and toiletries such as bubble bath.
- sealed, individually wrapped **snacks.** These need to be single servings, no sharing size packets. Absolutely NO NUTS or seeds. Savoury and sweet welcome. Watch chocolate with the heat!
- temptingly filled clean jars for the **Jolly Jars** stall. These should be roughly jam jar sized and could be filled with stickers, small toys, hair accessories, stationary and sweets. No nuts or seeds and no chocolate please, it melts!
- washed **milk bottle tops** for the tombolas

Please bring your donations to drop off on 12th June. This really helps us storage wise, but we totally understand it doesn't work for everyone. So, there is also a donations box in the school office for any extra kind donations.

And last but not least... The Raffle!

We have a wonderful selection of raffle prizes this year. Thank you to everyone who has donated. Prizes include vouchers from John Lewis, Mint Hair and Beauty, and Memories; an Aquastars swimming crash course and even a Lego World Cup Trophy. There is lots to tempt the whole family. Tickets with instructions will be in bookbags next week, so look out for them. Additional raffle tickets will be available to buy at drop off and pick up every day next week.

PTA Chair Role

Our lovely Chair Hettie will be stepping down at the end of the year. Might you be up for the exciting challenge of heading up our PTA? If you are interested in finding out more, please email events@acpta.org.uk or chat to Hettie.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 12th June	- Mufti Day
Saturday 13th June	- Summer Fair (11:30am-3pm, with 11am quiet start)
Sunday 28th June	- Sponsored Children's Park Run (2km) - further details to be confirmed soon
Friday 17th July	- Infants, Juniors and Year 6 Leavers' Discos



Thank you for your support, as always,
Your PTA x