School Newsletter 426 19th 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,

It has been a busy couple of weeks. Year 6 returned from their residential PGL trip and they had a wonderful time, they have also been to see Shakespeare - A Comedy of Errors at The Orange Tree Theatre and they have just had a fabulous week of Art and being very creative working with Kathy Blor from St Mary's University – culminating in a small exhibition for their parents this afternoon.

We were treated to the most adorable Year 1 assembly this morning, all about *Proud to be Me*! Lots of lovely singing and telling us how hard they have been working, learning about the 7 Continents and preparing themselves for big Year 2. It was very cute. Last week we saw Year 5's superb assembly, all about Ancient Egypt and the treasures found at archaeological digs, Tutankhamun's tomb and giving us the gory details of Mummification! It was packed with interesting facts, ancient rituals and fun songs. Well done Year 1 and Year 5 – you are all SUPERSTARS!

Last weekend was very busy with our Summer Fair. Thank you for all of your kind donations for the bottle tombola, jolly jars of sweets, cakes, treats and book stalls. My thanks to Jacinta who coordinated the day, to Hettie, the extensive PTA team, class Reps, the Bar staff, the chef team on the BBQ and numerous other people (including all our Governors manning the welcome desk) who did a superb job making it come together to be a fun day for all. We were blessed with the weather and my thanks to Paras from Memories for the stunning balloon arch and to Devenports who kindly sponsor the event. It was a wonderful day and the children loved it, so **thank you**.



Year 2 visited the Twickenham Apiary this week – to learn about Bees and our Year 1 classes have visited Orleans House Art Gallery to do some Printmaking. Quite a few year groups have been to the Barnes Literary Festival, at Twickenham Stadium to see various authors. All of our staff came back to tell me how proud they were of our children and how well they behaved themselves and how they have all followed the Archdeacon Way – they made them very proud and grateful to be part of AC! My thanks to all the parents who accompanied these trips.

Next week is our annual Health, Wellbeing & Sports Week culminating in our Sports Day events on Friday morning. PLEASE ensure your child has cold **water bottles**, plenty of **sun cream** on them and named **sun hats** to keep them cool. It will be extremely hot next week, so we will keep an eye on the temperatures, particularly with Sports Day in mind. We are still looking for some volunteers in KS2 to help make healthy smoothies on Wednesday next week. – 11am – 12.30 or 2pm – 3.15pm. Please fill in the form in the newsletter if you can help. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Father's Day to our Dads!
With best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 22nd—Fri 26th June		**Health, Wellbeing & Sports Week**
Thurs 25th June	**3.15pm**	Pickleball Trial (places booked through ESG)
Fri 26th June	**9.00am**	**Infant Sports Day**
	10.45am	**Junior Sports Day**
Tues 30th June	**6.30pm**	New Nursery and Reception 2026/7 Parents Meetings
Weds 1st July	**9am**	Music Makers Concert for Parents
Fri 3rd July	**9am**	Year 2 Assembly followed by Year 2/3 Transition Meeting
	3.15pm	PTA Ice Lolly sale

Be Sun Smart Next Week

The hot and sunny weather that we are expecting reminds us of The Sun Smart Code that we should follow:

- Stay in the shade between 11am-3pm
- Make sure you never burn
- Always cover up with a hat, t-shirt and sunglasses
- Remember children burn more easily
- Then use lots of factor 30+ sun cream

Children are reminded that they should bring a hat and water bottle into school and sun cream should be applied before school.



Year 2/3 Transition Meeting

Parents of children currently in Year 2 are invited to attend an informal transition meeting on Friday 3rd July after the Year 2 Assembly. There will be the opportunity to find out a little of what being in the Juniors will be like from the current Year 3 teachers. We will meet in the Large Hall immediately after the assembly on that day.

Class Attendance Results for the Summer Term

Congratulations to the following classes for their attendance so far this term:

4T	97.8%
1F	97.6%
3CB	97.5%

Universal School Meals

Parents may be aware that the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, pledged to fund universal free school meals in Years 3-6 in the London Boroughs for another year. We are delighted that more children are enjoying the universal school meals as a result. We understand that this scheme will be continuing for the academic year 2026/2027.

Governor Maintenance Fund

Thank you very much to those who have arranged payment towards the Governors' Maintenance Fund this year. These funds are vital for the upkeep of school buildings and also to pay for our annual subscription to the London Diocesan Board through which we have benefitted from a number of large premises projects. We are especially grateful for your support and payments to the Governor Maintenance Fund and are aware these are financially challenging times for families as well as the school. **Reminder letters will be sent out next week and we would be grateful to receive all final payments as soon as possible.**

Summer Term £10 Contribution

Thank you to all those who have paid the £10 summer term contribution towards stationery, workbooks, pencil cases and art materials that the children use in school. This amount can be paid via Scopay accounts. **We are very grateful for all amounts received during these challenging times. Thank you!**

Scooter Parking at School

Children have been reminded where they are able to park their scooters during the school day. Each year group has a designated scooter parking spot. Please do not leave scooters in the Nursery Scooter Park or in the flower beds at the front of the school. Any scooters found in the wrong places will be taken to the School Office for parents to collect at the end of the school day.

Donation of Small Size Uniform for New Parents

We would be very grateful for all donations of small size uniform for our uniform sale for new Reception Parents at their welcome meeting on 30th June. We particularly welcome small size PE kit and Archdeacon logo uniform. Please bring all donations to the School Office. Many thanks.

Wildlife Area Dig Day—Saturday 20th June



We are holding our final Dig Day of the academic year tomorrow (Saturday 20th June) between 9.30am and 2pm. Do come along for an hour or two to help us with jobs including assembling a new shed, taking out bindweed, spreading chippings and general gardening jobs. No gardening experience or tools needed (but please bring your own if you would like). It's a great way to meet other Archdeacon families and enjoy our wonderful outdoor space. We will also have delicious cakes available along with ice lollies and refreshments. See you there!

Health, Wellbeing & Sports Week



Staff and children are looking forward to our Health, Wellbeing and Sports week next week and information letters have been sent out to Parents this week. A reminder that children are able to wear their PE kit or plain coloured shorts and t-shirts and trainers during the week. It is forecast to be hot and sunny all week, so please ensure sun cream has been applied before school and that children bring in a named hat and water bottle.

We are also looking for Parent Helpers to assist with our KS2 Smoothie Making on Wednesday 24th June. Please return the following form if you are able to help. We are very grateful for all offers of help: KS2 Parent Smoothie Making Help - Wednesday 24th June – Fill in form

Year 6 and Sports Team Photos

Year 6 and those who were photographed in Years 5 & 6 as part of the Borough Tournament Sports Teams, have received emails with their photograph order links. Please note that all orders are now made direct with Tempest online. Tempest no longer accept cash or cheques. All orders should be made by **Wednesday 24th June** to receive photographs back in school before the end of term.

Summer Term Book Sharing—Friday 10th July

Parents of children in Reception—Year 5 have been emailed about the annual Summer Term Book Sharing on **Friday 10th July**. Please ensure you have returned the form at the following link: Summer Term Book Sharing 2026 (Reception - Year 5) – Fill in form by Friday 26th June 9am if you would like to attend. **Please note that it is not possible for us to accommodate parents who turn up without a pre-booked session.** It is only possible for one parent to attend. Please also make alternative arrangements for pre-school children.

Infant Fun Day

We are looking forward to our Picnic Lunch and Fun Day for all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 on **Tuesday 7th July**. The picnic will be held in the Wildlife Area (weather permitting) between 12 noon and 1pm. All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 **who usually take school meals on a Friday** will be provided with a packed lunch by the school kitchen. Children who **usually bring a packed lunch** should follow their usual arrangements. There will be other fun activities for the children held in school, during the remainder of the day. Children should wear uniform as usual on this day.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

Last weekend's Summer Fair was a huge success!

Mike, our Treasurer, is hard at work crunching the numbers, and Natalie has been busy counting all those thousands of tokens. Once we have all the final figures, we'll be delighted to share them with you.

As we wait for the final totals, we'd like to send another huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. The fair simply wouldn't have happened without your time, energy and support. Everyone's time is valuable, and by giving yours so generously, you have helped raise much-needed funds for our school.

A special shout-out to Memories, who arrived at 7am to help set up and generously donated the rainbow balloon arch and Photo Booth. Thank you for your incredible support.

School T-Towels and Prints on Sale at Sport Day and Coffee Van

Those gorgeous tea towels and school prints will be available to purchase if you missed them at the fair. You'll find us by the school gates during both the Infant and Junior Sports Days. Also back by popular demand is our coffee van! By purchasing a coffee, 10% of the sale will be donated to our school. You'll find them outside the school gates.

Sponsored Park Run on Sunday 28th June!

The deadline to sign up for this Sponsored Park Run is Tuesday 23rd June (next week). Please sign up using the link below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv_YiiIJaw6Nf4rNDqPiLqID-e4xi4NnQY8DeRk_PntY71wQ/viewform?usp=header If your child can't take part, we'd still be very grateful for a donation to our fundraising pot: https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/parkrun2026

Save the date:

Year 5 after school sale: Friday 3rd July
School Disco: Friday 17th July

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend
From The PTA team x



