School Newsletter 447 3rd July 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,

We had the joy of our Year 2 'Busy Bees' Assembly this morning, which was just delightful. Lots of interesting facts about bees, gorgeous singing and dancing. Well done Year 2, you were beeeeautiful!

A huge THANK YOU once again to the PTA and everyone who helped with the summer fair. The final total has yet to be announced, but I have heard rumours in the region of £7k which is a phenomenal amount – so thank you! Also well done and thank you to our Park Runners last weekend. Talking of the PTA **We are still looking for someone/ or 2 people to take on the role to Chair the PTA. Past Chair's have said it isn't as big or as daunting as you think, and there is a very efficient team around you.

Our amazing PTA have funded several large projects this academic year. Most recently the tarmacking of the area where the crumbling amphitheatre previously stood in the Junior Playground near the Wildlife Area. This has created a very popular, useable, shady space which the children are really enjoying. We literally couldn't do it without you.

We survived the melting hot weather last week and thank you to all the families who were able to take the children home in the afternoons. It really did make a huge difference. Having 30 children in a classroom, all radiating heat like hot water bottles and the temperatures rising to 35* was not fun. It was hotter than it would be at home – just by the volume of bodies. We know it was exceptional, but children's and staff safety was of paramount importance to us and sadly we do not have air conditioning units! We did buy numerous fans – but as you know that just blows hot air round the room. I am genuinely really sorry Sports Day was cancelled – it is a great shame.

However, there are still a couple of action packed weeks left and lots going on. Our Year 6 pupils are off to their new schools on Monday. Our new cohort of Reception children will come in briefly to visit their new classrooms. Our end of year reports are being finalised, move up day is next week, we have Book Sharing on Friday morning, Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their Leavers Assembly and Awards, staff are preparing for thorough handover meetings with the next class teacher and preparations are in motion for the next academic year. People's perception that the end of term, is all about winding down really isn't so! There is so much to do and the next couple of few weeks will whizz by. Please do check the diary carefully, so you don't miss anything important.

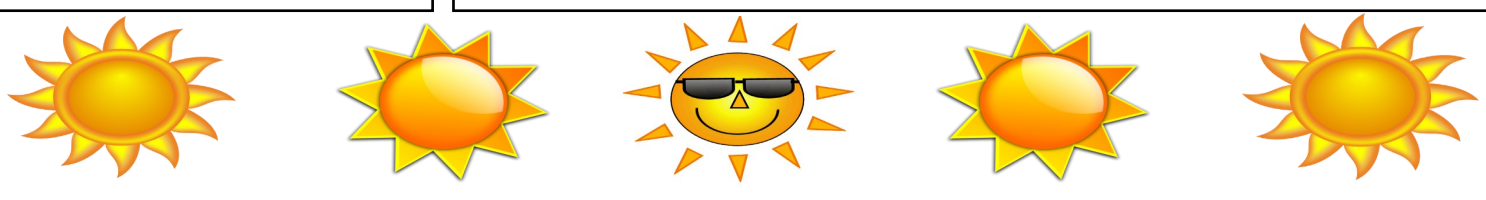
With my very best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Light Refreshments
Friday 17th July, 1.45pm

Parents of Year 6 and Governors are warmly invited to our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly which will take place on **Friday 17th July at 1.45pm** followed by light refreshments in the Junior Playground for all those who attend.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Mon 6th July	**All Day**	Richmond Secondary School Induction Day for Year 6
	AM	Reception 2026/7 children to visit Classrooms
	All Day	Years 3 & 4 Cricket Tournament
	7pm	Governing Board Meeting
Tues 7th July	**All Day**	Infant Fun Day
Thurs 9th July	**All Day**	Year 6 French Day
Fri 10th July	**AM**	Book Sharing for Reception—Year 5
Tues 14th July	**All Day**	Year 1 Trip to Kew Gardens
Fri 17th July	**1.45pm**	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Prize Giving
	Eve	PTA Summer Disco for Infants, Juniors & Leavers
Mon 20th July	**PM**	Year 6 Pool & Pizza Party
Tues 21st July	**9.10am**	End of Term Service at Holy Trinity Church
	2.30pm	**END OF TERM**



Celebrating French Culture—Thursday 9th July



To celebrate the end of five years of learning French, children in Year 6 will spend **Thursday 9th July** engaged in a French cultural and language day. During the course of the day the children will participate in a French breakfast café, treasure hunt, a dance activity, Eiffel Tower build with straws, learn about Bastille Day celebrations, and try French food such as crêpes, baguettes and cheese. They will also be encouraged to use their French language skills to order from our Café and Crêperie!

Infant Fun Day—Tuesday 7th July



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 Tuesday** 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.

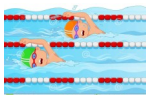
Health, Wellbeing & Sports Week Update

In unprecedented hot weather conditions we are pleased that we were able to hold many of our Health, Wellbeing and Sports week events. Although, it was necessary to cancel the Sports Day arrangements on The Green last Friday, all year groups have been very busy.

On Monday and Tuesday, we welcomed Boundless Dance into school who held dance workshops for all children from Nursery to Year 6. Junior children all enjoyed learning and playing crab football which involved trying to score goals as a team whilst on hands and feet in the crab position! Year 4-6 children also took part in smoothie making; thank you to the parents who came in and helped. Year 3 will be smoothie making next week.

Reception, Years 1 & 2 have also had a busy two weeks. Years 1 & 2 enjoyed a timed house obstacle course , egg & spoon race and climbing wall competition and Year 1 made fruit pots which they enjoyed eating in our shady outdoor space. Both year groups also tried meditation, yoga and Year 1 even created a spa. Year 2 held a Football World Cup which the girls in David Attenborough House and the boys in Mo Farah house won.

Reception also practised daily meditation, completed an obstacle course, enjoyed yoga and made medals as a craft.



This week, Years 3-6 have completed their Swimming Galas and the winning house this year will be announced to children in Monday's Assembly.

The Skipping Ninja workshops have been postponed until the Autumn Term.

Return of Library Books



From Monday, children will no longer be able to take books out of the library this academic year. All Library Books should be returned to the Library by Wednesday 15th July. After that, there will be a stocktake and parents will be informed of any outstanding books and asked to contribute a £5 donation towards a replacement book. Children with books that have been outstanding for more than a month have received a reminder letter today.

The Archdeacon Way Award June Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our June Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners have been drawn by Mrs Buncher today:

- Ellie C-D (6D)
- Xander H (6D)
- Piera N (2PS)

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.

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. As parents will be award these are very financially challenging times for the school and your support is very much appreciated. We would be grateful to receive all final payments as soon as possible,

Reminder letters will be sent out next week, where appropriate, in hard copy.

School Shoe Reminders for September 2026

During the Summer Holidays, parents will no doubt be looking into new school shoes for the children. A reminder that children must not wear flashing trainers for PE and that children should wear black formal school shoes, not boots or trainers, with their school uniform.

No Airtags in School Bags for Trips

Please do not put Air Tags in your children's bags when come into school or are attending trips (day trips or residential trips). They interfere with Staff Mobiles in classrooms or whilst out and can be very distracting. Many thanks!

A reminder that the Summer Term finishes at 2.30pm on Tuesday 21st July.

News from the PTA

We're almost at the finish line! Despite the heatwave and change to routine, we've made it this far… and now we're strapped in for the final sprint! It's just over 2 weeks until the Summer break. We can do it!



First and foremost, can we just say a huge WELL DONE to everyone that took part in our **Sponsored Park Run** on Sunday! We had an impressive turn out of 55 children who have so far **raised an incredible £1,510.85**!
To add to the excitement, each year group competed against each other for the chance to win a Mufti Day for their year! An extra special "well done" goes out to **Year 5** who were the clear winner, raising over £500!

Year 5: Your celebratory Mufti Day will take place on Monday 13th July. Enjoy!
If you took part but have yet to receive donations from family/ friends, then there's still time to send them the sponsorship link: https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/parkrun2026.
Thanks also to Year 5 for our delicious donut stall today. What a yummy way to end the week!

Archdeacon Rocks School Disco and Year 6 Leavers Disco

Join us on Friday 17th July to celebrate a wonderful year as we party in the playground.



Get ready for:
- music and dancing
- a well stocked bar
- snack stall
- glitter/tattoo stall

5pm-5.30pm Relaxed start
5.30pm-6.30pm Infants Disco (Nursery to Year 2)
6:45pm-7:45pm Junior Disco (Year 3 - Year 6)
8pm-9pm Leavers Disco (**Year 6 only**)

Book tickets and sign up to a volunteer slot here: https://app.classlist.com/s/QNH8GL
As always, our discos are run entirely by volunteers, so please do offer your help!

Sale of School tea towels and prints by Claudia Fumagalli

Sadly we weren't able to sell Claudia's gorgeous tea towels and prints at Sports Day. But worry not, they will soon be available to purchase via Classlist, so you'll have another opportunity to buy your school memorabilia before the year is out. Details will be sent out soon!

Call out for PTA support next year (various roles available, big and small)… and bring a buddy!

We are very keen to expand our PTA team next year! There are so many fun & varied ways to get involved and we need more people to be able to continue to deliver our fantastic fundraising campaigns and events!
We're asking anyone who wants to hear more about what roles are available to please contact us! **You can be as involved as you like** as we have a whole range of roles which need filling, both big and small (and everything in-between).
The idea going forward is to have **more people dedicated to doing specific tasks**. The PTA is simply not sustainable with such a small team.
And the best bit is, you don't have to do it alone - why not **team up with a friend** to make your role more fun (and less daunting…).
Roles range from leading on specific events (or supporting), overseeing after-school sales, sourcing raffle donations, owning fundraisers such as Bags2School or our much-loved Park Run, organising socials or Christmas activities, buying event supplies, coming up with new fundraising ideas… the list goes on. Whether you're creative, a techy or an admin whizz… **whatever your talent is, we need you!**
If you would like to chat to us about the PTA and how you can get involved, please email events@acpta.org.uk or grab Hettie, Jacinta or Rebecca at drop off/pick up.

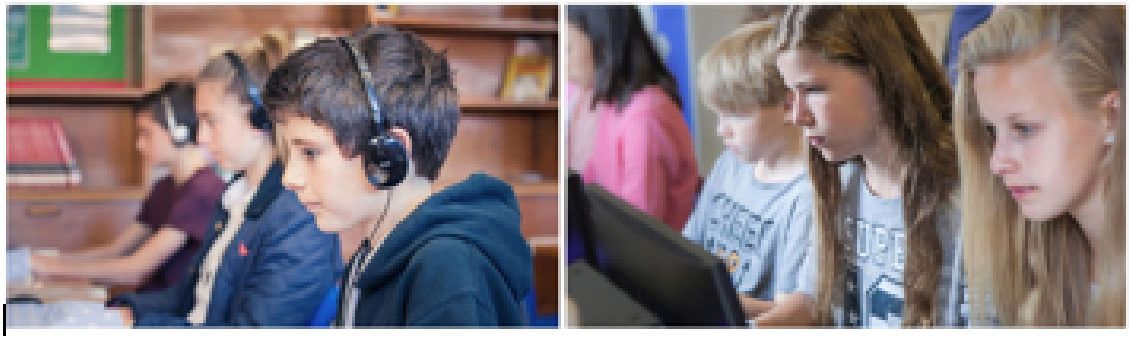
Dates for the diary:

13th July: Year 5 Mufti Day
17th July - Summer Disco

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

TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Summer holiday touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Twickenham Prep School, TW12 2SA
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 July
St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP
Monday 20 – Thursday 23 July; Monday 27 – Thursday 30 July
Monday 24 – Thursday 27 August
Sessions run 10:10 – 12:15 pm daily

(Full day care available)

Learn how to touch type 40+ words per minute with 95% accuracy. Using correct fingers and posture, touch typing is far more productive for schoolwork and exams.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning to type fast, fun and effective.

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Prior to setting up *Typing's Cool*, Sarah Holt worked as a teacher at Weston Green School and Nick Holt was a secondary school Head of English.

Cost: £176.00 per place
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MHST

HOW CAN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT BE BETTER FOR ALL FAMILIES??



PLEASE GIVE US YOUR IDEAS

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) wants YOU to help us learn what parents from all backgrounds think gets in the way of asking for mental health support and how we can make changes to improve the service for everyone.

If you are a parent with a child living or going to school in Kingston or Richmond, please give us your views by filling out this short questionnaire:

https://forms.gle/wRw64r6XRbvvdYTu5



achieving for children

Coffee Morning.
Friday, July 10th, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Come and chat to parents and specialists about how to support children with dyslexia.
All are welcome.

Upstairs at
Pret A Manger
37 Lower George Street,
Richmond, TW9 1HY

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