School Newsletter 450 18th September 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,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher meetings this week and we look forward to welcoming parents at the remaining Meet the Teacher meetings next week. I hope you found the meetings helpful, enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and that information provided will make for a smooth year ahead.

We had a lovely church service last Thursday with Rev. Simon where we marked the beginning of term, but also our 184th birthday! Our Founders Day is on 13th September and the children are always fascinated to hear all about the school in the olden days. The singing was delightful (parents were treated to our School Rules song – which is a firm favourite). Well done to our Year 6 pupils, who read beautifully.

We welcomed all the new Reception families with a coffee morning last Friday in the Church Hall. It was lovely to see so many new families join our school and my thanks to Rev. Simon and Ms van den Broek and Hettie & Jacinta (PTA) for hosting the coffee morning. I am sorry I couldn't be there to join them.

The diary is already getting busy with various activities and PTA events. We have the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening and you are very welcome to come to it. My thanks to Hettie Bishop who will be stepping down as Chair. **As yet, we don't have a replacement Chair or Co-Chairs...!** The Events team who are working hard behind the scenes to get some fun events in the diary and raise some money for the school – but this will be fruitless if no-one comes forward to be the Chair. PLEASE do support these events and we need volunteers to make these events happen and be successful – especially with the Rugby Parking for the forthcoming Autumn Internationals. **Please can we remind everyone that all PTA communications should be circulated by Class List. This secure and inclusive platform is one which all parents can access.**

You will notice in the main body of the Newsletter that we have been having a big drive on 'manners and respect at all times'. which provides a segue into my final plea.

Sadly, we have had **numerous complaints** since the start of term because a few of our children are climbing and playing on the Cricket equipment (the large white boards – 'Sight Screens') after school on Twickenham Green. <u>This is not safe.</u> We are concerned this will result in a serious accident! Please be careful and be fully aware of what your child is doing on the Green after school.

We pride ourselves on our children being polite and having good manners, please reinforce this at home. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Calendar on School Website

Parents are able to link the event calendar on our School Website to their own online calendar. Events are also Year Group colour coded and we regularly update the calendar. The blue termly calendar has also been sent home in hard copy via children.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Tues 22nd Sept	**6.30pm**	'Meet the Teacher'for Reception and Years 3 & 4
	8pm	PTA AGM
Thurs 24th Sept	**All Day**	School Photographs (Class & Individual)
Fri 25th Sept	**AM**	School Photographs (Class & Individual)
Sat 26th Sept	**9.30am—2.30pm**	Wildlife Area Dig Day
Mon 28th Sept	**Eve**	PTA First Aid Course for Parents
Tues 29th Sept	**9am**	Mastering Number—Year 2 Parents & Children
Thurs 1st Oct	**9am**	Mastering Number—Year 1 Parents & Children
Fri 2nd Oct	**AM**	Holly Swain Author Visit for Years 1-3 Children



2027-2028 Term Dates

Our proposed school term dates for the 2027-2028 academic year are available on the School Website.

Leave of Absence forms are also available on the website for requesting time away from school.

Medicine forms for the school to administer medication such as antibiotics can also be found on the school website.

Harvest Donations



Children in Years 2—6 will be attending our Harvest Festival service, led by Rev Simon Couper at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 8th October at 9.10am. At this time we remember those in need in the Parish and those in other countries who have not had the benefit of a good harvest.

Year 1, Reception & Nursery children will join together in the Small Hall for a short Harvest assembly on the same day. Due to limited space we are not able to accommodate parents at this assembly.

As usual we will be joining with the Holy Trinity Church collection of food for our local Richmond foodbank (Fulwell Collection Point at St Michael's Church). Please see their Richmond Foodbank website for urgently needed items: . https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ **They do not need tins of baked beans, pasta or nappies.**

As in previous years, we would be very grateful if you are able to tape £1 or £2 coin(s) to the donations .
Once again the Church is focusing on thanksgiving for God's provision as well as on the wider creation care and climate change. All monetary donations will therefore be divided between our local SPEAR homeless Charity **SPEAR London**, and **TearFund's Nepal Campaign**, following the devastating glacial floods there during the Summer.

Termly Contribution Charging Policy

Following Governors' annual review of the Charging Policy, we write to advise you that the school will continue to ask parents of children in Nursery –Year 6 for a voluntary contribution per child per term to cover the cost of materials for practical subjects such as, cookery, craft, design and technology. Stationery items include Home School Diaries, Reading Diaries, workbooks, pencils, pens, rubbers, paint, paper, glue etc.

This termly charge has increased for the first time to £12 per child per term for children in Rec—Year 5. For children in Year 6 the charge is £15 per child per term. This takes into account the purchase of practice test papers which all children in the Year Group use for homework.

Payment for this termly charge can now be made on Arbor under the Trips section. You will need to add your child to the 'trip' in order to make payment. A full copy of the Charging Policy is available on our School Website.

Governors' Maintenance Fund

The Governor's Maintenance Fund letter will be sent home in hard copy to Nursery and Reception and by email to Years 1-6. This fund contributes to the upkeep of buildings and this year has funded the replacement of the Infant Boiler.

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 the continued support of this payment from the majority of families. Details about how to transfer payment directly to the Governor's Maintenance Account will be included in the letter. Thank you.

Admissions to Secondary School 2027

Please check individual Secondary School websites for details of Open Evenings, Mornings or Tours of the school. Parents can download The Secondary School Admissions Brochure from the council's website at www.richmond.gov.uk. Year 6 parents are reminded that the closing date for receipt of online and paper applications, including supplementary forms, for entry to secondary school in September 2027 is Thursday **31st October 2026 which is during Half Term.**

Admissions to Primary School 2027

Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 are due to start Reception class at primary school in September 2027. Full information about the admissions process is included in the London Borough of Richmond brochure

Supplementary Forms and the School Admission Policy for 2027 will be available from the School website. Use the eAdmissions website from 1 September 2026 to apply online for your child's Primary (Reception) school place. **The deadline for the receipt of applications is 15th January 2027.**

If you wish to receive supplementary forms for your **Reception** application in hard copy please contact Mrs Hamerton in the School Office to request that these are posted to you**. Children currently attending the Nursery at Archdeacon Cambridge's School will automatically receive an application pack in hard copy.** Parents with queries can either speak to Mrs Hamerton in the School Office or to the London Borough of Richmond admissions Dept: Tel 020 8547 5569.

Admission to Nursery 2027/28

A reminder that parents of children born between **01/09/23** and **31/08/24** will be eligible to apply for our **Nursery September for the 2027/28** academic year. The application form will be online and available on our website from January 2027. The deadline for submission will be at the beginning of March 2027, to be confirmed closer to the time.

Pupil Premium Funding

As you will be aware, all children in London primary schools are currently entitled to a school meal for which there is no charge. Changes to the way school meals are funded nationally come into force from this term. Under the new system there will be two categories of benefits based Free School Meals across the country.

Targeted Free School Meals—for pupils in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of less than £7,400.

Expanded Free School Meals—for pupils who do not qualify for targeted Free School meals but who live in households receiving Universal Credit.

The school will continue to receive **Pupil Premium Funding** for children in receipt of **Targeted Free School Meals.** As set out in the School Charging Policy, at our school this also carries a small number of other benefits for eligible families.

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit** and would like us to carry out an eligibility check please complete the form at this link Free School Meals Eligibility Check - 2026/27 – Fill in form by Wednesday 23rd September.

Christmas Card Project



We will once again participate in the APFS (Art Project for Schools) Christmas Card Project.

This year APFS are launching their brand new APFS App where parents will be able to scan their child's artwork created at home, choose products and order directly. All products will then be sent to the school before the end of November.
Once we receive the Archdeacon APFS App details, we will forward this onto parents.

Date Change

Please note that the date for the PTA First Aid Course for Parents has changed to Monday 28th September.

School Emails Landing in Spam/Junk Folders

We are aware that many of our school communications are landing in parents' spam/junk folders. This is particularly the case with @gmail.com accounts. Please check spam/junk folders regularly so that you do not miss important communications and please add the school domain to your accepted list of emails.

Celebrating Languages

During the course of the week beginning Monday 28th September, we will be celebrating international languages. Each year group will be undertaking a variety of activities associated with a chosen country and language. Children will be learning about the language and geography of their country and will also experience their country's culture through music, dance and art. Work will be displayed on boards around the school as well as presented in a School Assembly. Year groups will find out which country they will be learning about next week.

School Photographs—24th & 25th September

Individual, class and sibling group photographs for children in Years **Reception—Year 6** will take place all day on Thursday 24th and in the morning of Friday 25th September. This year all children will be photographed individually and parents are able to request a sibling photograph but must fill in the following form before **Monday 21st September**: Sibling Photograph Request - September 2026 – Fill in form

Nursery individual, class and sibling group photographs will take place on Thursday 5th November.
All children should wear formal school uniform on both days. Children in Athletics Training will need to bring in their formal uniform to change into. Please also note than any small hair bows or clips should be royal blue or natural hair colour and children may be asked to take out oversized bows for their class photo.

Manners and Respect at all times

We have reminded children in school that we show good manners and respect for everyone at all times in school and outside. This includes at lunch time and at Extra Curricular clubs. This is one of our Archdeacon Golden Rules and is part of the Home School Agreement which children (or parents on behalf of their children) have signed. Thank you for re-enforcing our Manners and Respect Golden Rules at home.

Wildlife Area Dig Day—Saturday 26th September

We had a great year in the Wildlife Area and Green areas of the school last year and now it is time to prepare the areas for the coming winter months. All families are welcome to come along on to our first 'Dig Day' of this term on **Saturday 26th September between 9.30-2.30pm).**

Everyone is welcome, whatever your gardening skills, but we are always grateful if anyone with woodworking skills is able to join us and help with making and putting up notice boards / decking / seating. Children and parents are welcome to join in for an hour or more; it is a great way to meet other families in the school and spend time in our wonderful outdoor area. Tea, cake, instructions and encouragement will be provided. We have gardening tools but if you have your own gloves and tools, please do bring these along.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Visit from Author Holly Swain—Friday 2nd October, Years 1-3

Years 1-3 will be enjoying a visit from author Holly Swain on Friday 2nd October. If children would like a signed and dedicated book from Holly, parents should fill in the following form by Monday 21st September, 9am, so that The Alligator's Mouth are able to order the books in time:Holly Swain Author Visit Book Request – Fill in form

Mr Nourish's Birthday Lunch

On Thursday 1st October, our school caterer's will be celebrating their Mascot, Mr Nourish's birthday with a special themed lunch. All children having a school lunch on this day will be able to choose from the menu. There will be other themed lunch days through the year to celebrate various occasions.



Lost Property—PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS THAT ARE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Our Junior Lost Property Box is located in the corridor outside 3M classroom and is currently full already with unnamed lost property. Junior lost property that is found during the week is put in this box. Every Friday our new Year 6 Lost Property Prefects will return named Junior items to classrooms. All other unnamed lost property that is not claimed will be donated to the PTA Second Hand Uniform Sales or the Bag2School Collection. We do not keep unnamed uniform in the lost property box. **Our Infant Lost Property Box is located in the corridor outside 2B Classroom.** Named items will be returned to Infant Classrooms. Unfortunately most of our lost property is unnamed and cannot be returned .

Autumn Weather Uniform



As the weather will soon be turning Autumnal and wet, all children should bring in a suitable, waterproof and warm coat in school in case of wet and cold weather. Please note that a gilet is not appropriate as it does not afford the same cover as a coat or jacket. On rainy days children may also walk to and from school in boots or wellies, however, they **must** change into their black school shoes before entering the classroom and store their named boots in a plastic bag on their peg during the day.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

A reminder to all parents that if children are unwell with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must not return to school until a clear 48 hours after the vomiting or diarrhoea has stopped. This type of illness is very infectious and spreads quickly from person to person and through school classes. Many thanks.

Bicycle & Scooter Parking on School Grounds

Please remind your child to **neatly** park bicycles at the front of the school. Scooters should be parked in the correctly signed scooter areas inside the school playgrounds. All scooters and bicycles should be clearly named. A reminder also that all bicycles and scooters are left at the owners risk and the school does not accept any responsibility for damage or loss to bicycles. Thank you!



No Sweets for Birthday Hand Outs

We kindly ask that sweets or treats are not brought into school for birthday children to hand out to classes. Teachers will always ensure that birthdays are celebrated in the classroom. Many thanks for your support.

Junior Children Morning Snacks

A reminder that Junior children should bring in a healthy snack for their morning break. Morning snacks are intended as a chance to plug the gap between a nutritious breakfast and a healthy lunch. Please find below a few suggestions for nutritious snacks that will maintain your child's energy levels. Providing a selection of these during the course of the week will ensure variety in your child's diet and prevent them eating too much fat, sugar or salt at snack times.

Fruit and Vegetables
- Whole fruits
- Chunks: fruit or veg (apple, melon, tomatoes, cucumber, red pepper etc) can be more appealing to eat if cut into bite-sized pieces
- Serving a portion of hummus (please check no sesame seed) or sour cream alongside vegetable sticks can make a snack feel like more of a treat

Crackers etc
- low-salt crackers
- breadsticks
- plain rice cakes
- oatcakes
- savoury scone

Other
- cubes of cheese
- chunks of cold meats
- hardboiled eggs
- a small tub of low-sugar yoghurt/ fromage frais etc is a great snack and offers a change of texture
- a small sandwich with a high-protein filling (ham, cheese, hummus, tuna)

Try to avoid processed foods high in sugar, fat and salt or save these as treats:
- dried fruits (also fruit bars) and fruit roll-ups get stuck in children's teeth, and only advised as part of a larger meal
- crisps and chocolate are a treat, so are not a healthy morning snack
- oat bars or fruit bars often contain high levels of sugar, so these are best avoided

Do not send into school as a snack:
- foods that contain or may contain nuts. This includes chocolate nut spreads. Please check contents of any bars that you purchase.
- chocolate, sweets, cake and crisps. These are treats, so should not be sent in as a snack.

More suggestions can be found at: https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/

The NHS also have a free app that allows you to scan product barcodes to find out how healthy they are: https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/salt/#fs-app

Please ensure that all plastic snack pots are clearly named so that they can be returned to their owner if found in the Junior Playground. We have had to recycle a large number of pots and plastic containers recently.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

We hope you're settling in well to the term, and just about getting your heads around the new routines. We're working hard to plan our AGM and Autumn events. But for these events to be possible we need a Chair or two co-Chairs. This role must be legally filled for the PTA to continue to raise much needed funds for the school. We have a wonderful, creative team so it doesn't need to be a daunting job. If you enjoy bringing people together, practically supporting others to make ideas happen and can sign documents you have all the skills we need. So please do get in touch.

PTA AGM, Tuesday 22nd September, 8pm

Everyone is invited to our AGM on the 22nd September in the Large Hall. Find out last year's fundraising totals and how the money was spent. Discover the events we hope to run this year and hear more about the school's 2026 /27 wish list to benefit our children.

New recruits

Thank you so much to everyone who has joined the PTA committee this year.
It's never too late to join our amazing team. We always need a range of skills and lots of enthusiasm. It's a great opportunity to meet new parents and carers, help our school and have fun… we promise! So if you're interested come along to the AGM or get in touch.

Paediatric First Aid Course for parents, 28th September, 7.30pm

We're kicking off the new year with the ever popular and essential Paediatric First Aid Course with Daisy First Aid in the Small Hall. A perfect chance to learn some basic first aid skills, giving you the confidence to act quickly in an emergency. Places are limited so do book now at Classlist.com

Autumn Disco, Friday 16th October

Children are looking forward to the Autumn Disco soon. Year 4 reps are kindly taking charge and promising great music, a full bar, glitter painting and lots of fun. So save the date and look out for bookings opening soon on Classlist.

Dates for the diary:

28th September – Paediatric First Aid Course for parents
16th October – Infant and Junior Autumn Disco with Year 4 reps
6th November – Our first After School Sale with Year 6 reps
13th November – Parent Social theme tbc
27th November – Christmas Wreath Making

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday,

Your PTA x





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