School Newsletter 451 2nd October 2026

# Archdeacon Cambridge's

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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 was great to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. I hope you found the meetings informative.

My thanks to everyone who came to the **PTA AGM** last week. I was buoyed by the fantastic turnout of parents who turned up and are willing to help make the PTA a success and offer support where they can. Particular thanks to Hettie, Jacinta and Rebecca for stepping up to form 3 co-Chairs, so the PTA remains a fun and successful entity for all of our stakeholders' and community.

This week we have been celebrating **European Day of Languages** (which was on the 26th September). The children have been learning interesting facts and doing cultural activities to celebrate each country. Nursey & Reception – Spain, Yr 1 Ireland, Yr 2 Italy, Yr 3 France, Yr 4 Costa Rica, Yr 5 Norway and Yr 6 Greece.

Year 1, 2 & 3 had an exciting **visit from an author** this morning – Holly Swain. She read her new story – *'Colin's Monster.* She did some drama with the children and they all joined in a 'draw-along' with her, creating their own monster and drawing some of the characters from her book. The children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the session. My thanks to Mrs Sime for organising the visit.

Your kind **Harvest donations** are going to local food banks, the money on your cans and goods are supporting SPEAR and TearFund Nepal Campaign. Holy Trinity Parish will add to these collections and we will let you know the totals in our next newsletter. Please do check the food is still in date!

**Dig Day** last Saturday morning was a big success. Thank you to the willing families who turned up and got stuck in weeding, pruning and tidying the **Wildlife Area**. It looks amazing and is a great educational and pastoral resource for our children.

As we are now in October, we are celebrating **Black History Month**, this year's theme is 'Honouring our communities'. Each year group has chosen a different person to focus on and celebrate their achievements. This could be linked to one of the themes that the year group are or will be studying. *Please ask your child/children to share what they have been learning during this month.

Finally just to clear up any misunderstanding – the school grounds are a **dog free zone**. This has been the case since Covid and it was agreed after unanimous parental requests. Please do not bring your dogs onto the school site in the mornings or afternoons. Thank you.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lambe
Headteacher

## Mufti Day—Friday 23rd October

On Friday 23rd October, all children are able to come into school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a cash donation. This will be divided between two charities which are annually chosen by Year 6. This year they have chosen two charities: BBC Children in Need 2026 and RSPCA (Royal Society for Protection and Care for Animals).

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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| **Mon 5th Oct** | **7pm** | Governing Board Meeting |
| **Thurs 8th Oct** | 9am | Harvest Festival—Holy Trinity Church |
| **Fri 9th Oct** | **AM** | Year 6 Junior Citizen—Heatham House |
| | **5pm** | Parent Consultation Booking for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 Goes Live |
| **Mon 12th Oct** | AM | Maths Enrichment Workshop for KS2 |
| **Tues 13th Oct** | **All Day** | 3PR Thames Boat Project |
| **Weds 14th Oct** | **All Day** | Year 4 Bushy Park Stockyard Trip |
| **Thurs 15th Oct** | **All Day** | Selected Year 5 Girls Cross Country |
| | **Lunch** | Black History Month Themed Lunch |
| **Fri 16th Oct** | **All Day** | 3M Thames Boat Project |
| | **Eve** | PTA Autumn Disco |

## Parent Consultation Booking for Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Goes Live 5pm, Fri 9th October

A reminder **to Nursery , Reception and Year 6 Parents** that Parent Consultation Bookings will be live from 5pm for the meetings taking place on **Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October**. Bookings are made through your Arbor account. **Booking will close at 9am on Monday 19th October.** Parent consultations for Years 1-5 will take place in November.

## Year Group Assemblies & Crèche



Parents are warmly invited to join us for Year Group Assemblies which take place at 9am on the following dates this term:

**Friday 23rd October 9am Year 3**
**Friday 13th November 9am Year 4**

Each academic year we invite parents in Years 1-6 to two Year Group Assemblies during the year. Reception will have one assembly in the Summer Term. Children involved in the Year Group Assembly do not wear school uniform on the day of their assembly. Assembly attendance is for **adults only** but the PTA offer a free crèche, run by fellow Archdeacon parents, in the Small Hall for younger siblings who are not yet in school or in a Nursery setting during the time of the Year Group assembly. Please book by emailing **creche@acpta.org.uk.**

## APFS Christmas Card Project



A reminder to scan, upload and order Christmas card designs for children in Rec—Year 6 via the APFS App. Scanning and ordering will **open on Monday 12th October and will close on Tuesday 3rd November.** Children should create their **A4** size card at home and parents are then able to scan the Artwork themselves via the APFS App. **Parents are able to order cards, tags, wrapping paper or mugs online** and all orders will be delivered to us at the end of November.

## Termly Contribution

Thank you to the many parents who have paid the Autumn Term contribution through Arbor. This voluntary contribution covers the cost of the materials for practical subjects such as cookery and craft, as well as consumable stationery items, e.g. workbooks and homework diaries, pencils, pens, paper and art. Your financial support for the school is very much needed and appreciated.

## Flu Vaccination—Wednesday 21st October

A reminder that the online link form for the Flu Vaccination for Reception—Year 6 which was sent by Email on 8th September, must be filled in as soon as possible. Please also return the link form if you do not wish your child to have the annual flu vaccination.

## Year 6 Junior Citizen—Friday 9th October

Year 6 will be taking part in the annual Junior Citizen programme at Heatham House on the morning of Friday 9th October. All children should wear PE kit for this activity and will be walking to and from Heatham House. They will be back in school by lunchtime. Year 6 parents are reminded to return the link form for permission.

## Year 5 & 6 School Journeys—February and May 2027

Year 5 will be visiting Sayers Croft near Guildford for their residential trip in February 2027 and Year 6 will be visiting PGL Liddington in May 2027. Next stage payments are now payable via Arbor and we are very grateful for the many payments already received. Further stage payments are due in November. Thank you!



## Harvest Reminder



A reminder that we are celebrating Harvest on Thursday 8th October. Children are able to bring in food or toiletry which will be combined with donations from Holy Trinity Church and donated to SPEAR. £1 or £2 coins can be taped to the top of food donations which will be sent to TearFund's Nepal Campaign. Many thanks for your kind support.

## Lost Property Donated to PTA Pre-loved Sale

Last week we donated **19 unnamed KS2 jumpers or cardigans** to the PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (second hand uniform). Many of these jumpers look new. Sadly only 3 jumpers were named and returned to their owners. Please ensure you label all items that you child brings to school. Thank you!

## Governors' Maintenance Fund

The Governor's Maintenance Fund letter will sent home in hard copy to Nursery and Reception and via email to Years 1-6 on next week. Thank you to the many parents who have already contributed for this year. 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 your continued support. Payment is transferred directly to the Governor's Maintenance Account with bank details contained in the letter. If you have moved address recently, you may also need to fill in a new Gift Aid form. Thank you.

## Reporting Absences

A reminder to parents that when reporting your child unwell on our absence answer phone in the morning or by email, we do need specific symptoms. It is not enough to just report your child unwell as we need to track symptoms through classes. A reminder also that when collecting your child for a medical appointment, we will need to see proof of the appointment.
Leave of Absence forms are available on the school website or from the School Office and should always be filled in prior to a planned absence. Many thanks.

## Maths Enrichment Workshop for Years 5 & 6, Monday 12th October

On Monday the 12th of October we welcome Zoe Griffiths from think-maths.co.uk to lead a Mathematics Enrichment workshop for Years 5 and 6 about Shapes and Smoke Rings. Zoe Griffiths is a mathematician who travels the UK, and internationally, giving talks and workshops in schools, at science festivals and comedy nights. Zoe has also talked about maths in places ranging from the Numberphile YouTube channel to BBC Radio 4. Zoe previously worked as a secondary maths teacher and is still a teacher at heart!
The workshop aims to enrich and stretch UKS2 pupils thinking of what maths can be. At the Shapes and Smoke Rings Workshop, Zoe will explore the curiosities of shape. Children will be dipping their toes into the mind-bending world of topology, exploring spherical geometry, and learning the maths and science behind the fabulous smoke rings demonstration.

## School Photograph Order Deadline

Individual or sibling photograph proofs and class photos from the school photograph session last week have been sent home via children. All individual photographs and class photographs are ordered directly through Tempest and the deadline to order photographs online is **Thursday 15th October.**

## The Archdeacon Way Award September Winners

Congratulations to our September Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners have been drawn by Ms van den Broek in Pupil Voice:

- Poppy L (3PR)
- Clara S (4T)
- Camilla P (5S)

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.

## Late Attendance

| Minutes late per day | Equivalent of missing |
|---|---|
| 5 minutes | 3.4 school days a year |
| 10 minutes | 6.9 school days |
| 15 minutes | 10.3 school days |
| 20 minutes | 13.8 school days |
| 30 minutes | 20.7 school days |

**Being late for school can significantly affect a child's learning. The Educational Welfare Officer monitors attendance and punctuality termly and may make visits to the family of those children who have frequent absences or persistent lateness in order to find ways to support and improve their attendance.**

## Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes with the highest attendance so far this term:

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| 4T | 98.6% |
| 3PR | 98.5% |
| 2W | 98% |

**If a child has 95% attendance, this still equates to nearly two weeks absence in a year.**

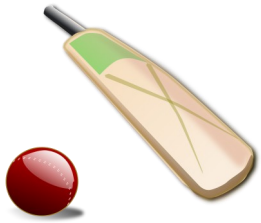
**If a child has 90% attendance, this equates to almost four weeks absence in a year.**

**If a child has 85% attendance, this equates to nearly six weeks absence in a year.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality so far this term.

## Girls Cricket Trial for Hampton Wick CC Thursday 8th October—3.15pm, Junior Playground

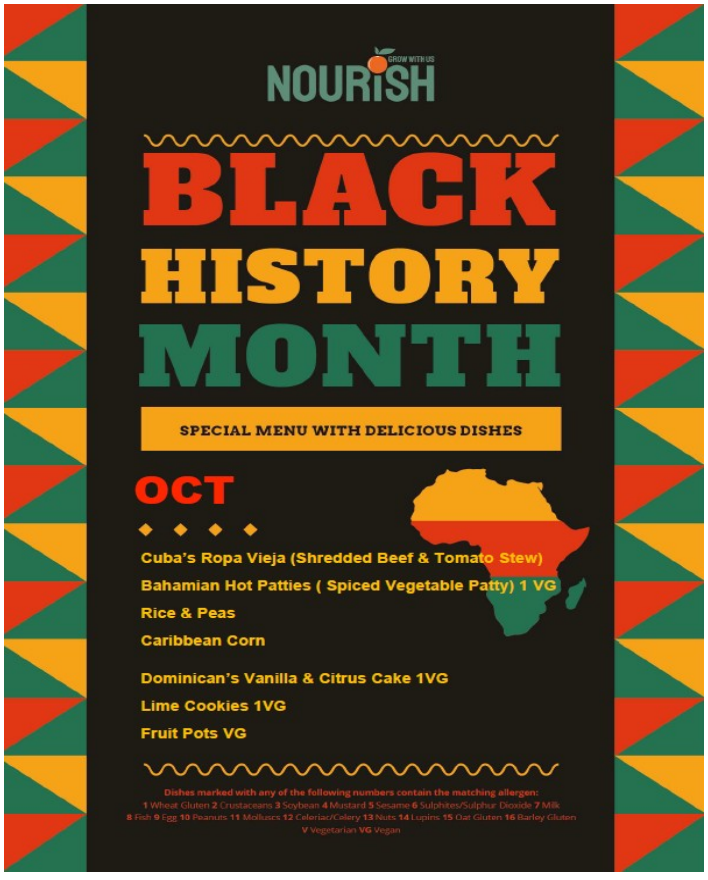
Girls in Years 2, 3 & 4 are able to stay after school on Thursday 8th October in the Junior Playground for a cricket trial with Hampton Wick Cricket Club. Mr Bell will be co-ordinating the trial which will finish at 4.15pm. Parents should collect from the Swimming Pool/Reception Gates. Please return the following form if your child will like to take part in the trial: Girls Cricket Trial (Yrs 2, 3 & 4) with Hampton Wick CC - Thursday 8th October – Fill in form



Please note that Twickenham Green Cricket Club also now have a Girls Team.

## Black History Month School Lunch

On Thursday 15th October, we will be celebrating Black History Month with a themed menu provided by our School Kitchen. Children who have a school lunch on this day will be able to choose from a different menu.



# News from the PTA

The first term is well underway and likely you're already making plans for half term. How time flies!
Thank you to everyone that attended the PTA AGM last week. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm and support, and for us to share all the things that the PTA have been doing, including raising much-needed money to help pay for school essentials such as chairs, IT equipment and items to help cool the school ready for next summer. Thank you for all your ongoing contributions!
Hettie Bishop, Rebecca Campbell-Gay and Jacinta Francis were voted in as joint Co-Chairs so please do contact any one of us on anything PTA-related.
As Chairs we are supported by a great, and growing, team this year which is incredibly valuable and reassuring. A big thank you to all those that are new to the Events Committee including Carley Moses, Verity Thomas and Charlotte Haisley. We are so happy to have you on board!
There are still a few vacant roles which are yet to be filled: namely, we need people to lead on fundraising activities such as After-School Sales, Park Run, Bags2School, as well as a couple of runners (with a car) to do event supply shopping. Please email events@acpta.org.uk if you would like to hear more about how you can help, and please feel free to double up with a buddy!
**We have now made it easier than ever for you to make ad hoc donations** to the PTA via a dedicated Classlist page. Simply follow this link to make a voluntary donation of any amount you wish: https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1506590892.
Thank you also to those that attended the First Aid Course on Monday. Attendees were extremely reassured by what they learnt and will be spreading the word to get more parents first aid trained at Archdeacon!

**Archdeacon Rocks Disco**
Join us on **Friday 16th October** for an evening packed with music, games and lots of fun, with our favourite DJ Lee getting everyone up on the dance floor!
**Please also sign-up to help**: on the bar, welcoming people at the gate or helping with the tidy up - there are loads of ways to get involved and we really couldn't put these great events on without our army of volunteers - THANK YOU!
Timings:
5:00-5:30pm Quiet start (Nursery - Year 2)
5:30-6:30pm Infant disco (Nursery - Year 2)
6:30-6:45pm Infant home time
7-8pm Junior disco (Year 3 - Year 6)
8-8:15pm Junior home time




Click here to find out more, get your tickets and volunteer: https://app.classlist.com/s/C2TIVO



## Archdeacon Merchandise by Claudia Fumagalli is now available online

Would you like to own a beautiful keepsake of our school and Twickenham Green? Designed by Claudia Fumagalli, an Archdeacon parent and art teacher, these beautiful pieces are now available online: https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1531880932.
Every penny of profit goes towards supporting our school through the PTA, so please do share the link amongst your friends and family who might also be interested in owning one!

## Dates for the diary:

16th October – Infant and Junior Autumn Disco led by Year 3 reps
6th November – Our first After School Sale with Year 6 reps
6th November – PTA Mufti Day (sportswear theme)
13th November – Parent Social - theme tbc
27th November – Christmas Wreath Making
NB: Rugby Parking – 8th, 14th, 21st, 28th & 29th November (more info to follow but please do hold dates in your diary for you to volunteer as we'll need all the help we can get)

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

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# ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 5-19



## CHATHEALTH HELPS WITH...



- NUTRITION
- SEXUAL HEALTH
- GENDER IDENTITY
- EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
- KEEPING SAFE & HEALTHY
- BEDWETTING
- SLEEP
- BULLYING
- BEHAVIOUR

**CHATHEALTH WILL BE ONLINE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9am-5pm**

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