School Newsletter 452 16th October 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,

Harvest Festival Church Service was delightful last week. Thank you for your generous Harvest Donations. We are coming to the end of Black History Month; the children have been looking at influential famous people. This has been linked with the children's Oracy skills. Please do ask your child what they have been learning.

A few year groups have been out on school trips recently. I had the most delightful email from a member of the public telling me how beautifully behaved our children were on their bus journey. She was so impressed and felt compelled to let me know. Well done Year 4! Well done to our Year 5 Girls at a Cross Country run yesterday – please see Mr Bell's report overleaf.

We have Parent Consultations for **Nursery, Reception and Year 6 parents** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings next week. Please note – **children do not attend these meetings**. Parent Consultations for Years 1 – 5 will be held in November.

Next Friday 23rd October we have a Mufti Day (when children wear their own clothes in return for a charitable donation) Our Year 6 pupils have chosen the charities – thank you in advance for your support and donations.

My thanks to the PTA team for running the Autumn Disco this evening. I hope everyone has a great time.

It has been a busy half-term! It will be a very busy second half term, so get plenty of rest in half term.

Please note Clocks go back next weekend

Best wishes and have a lovely half-term break.

Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Flu Vaccination—Weds 21st October

A reminder that forms for the Flu Vaccination must be received by the NHS by Monday 19th October in preparation for the Flu Vaccination for Rec—Year 6 in School on Wednesday 21st October.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Tues 20th Oct	**4pm—7pm**	Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultations
Weds 21st	**AM**	Flu Vaccination for Reception—Year 6
Thurs 22nd	**4pm—7pm**	Nursery, Reception & Year 6 Parent/Teacher Consultations
Friday 23rd Oct	**All Day**	Mufti Day for Year 6 Charities
	9am	Year 3 Assembly
Mon 26th- Fri 30th Oct		**HALF TERM**
Tues 3rd Nov	**All Day**	Yrs 3-6 Cross Country Teams at St Paul's School Competition
Thurs 5th Nov	**AM**	Nursery Class & Individual Photos
	All Day	Years 5 & 6 Girls Borough Football
Fri 6th Nov	**All Day**	Skipping Ninja Workshops Rec—Year 6
	All Day	PTA Mufti Fundraising —Sports Theme
	3pm	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Sun 8th Nov		**PTA Rugby Parking—Volunteers Needed**

Charity Mufti Day—Friday 23rd October

Traditionally Year 6 choose the charities we support on our October Mufti Day and this year our Year 6 have chosen **BBC Children in Need 2026 and RSPCA.** On Friday 23rd October children are able to come into school in their own clothes in return for a donation to these charities. Please no football kit or sports team tops, onesies, cropped tops or very short skirts. Please also ensure clothing is appropriate for the weather on the day.



Nursery Photographs—Thursday 5th November



A reminder to **Nursery Parents** that their class and individual photographs will be taken on the morning of **Thursday 5th November**. Children who only attend in the afternoon session will be invited to bring their child to school for 10.30am for the photograph. Children in other year groups who were absent for their individual photographs for the session in September will also have their photographs taken on this day.

Secondary School Admissions

A final reminder to Year 6 parents that the closing date for receipt of online and paper applications, including supplementary forms, to local secondary schools in September 2027 is **Saturday 31st October** which is during Half term.

Class Attendance

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

4T	98.5%
3PR	98.13%
2W	98.12%

Winter Uniform after Half Term

After half term, all children should be wearing their Winter uniform (**no summer dresses).** Tights and socks should be grey. All children should also bring a warm, waterproof coat with a hood into school.

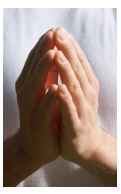
Please ensure that all items of outdoor wear including scarves, hats and gloves are clearly named with a child's full name so that they can be easily returned to their owner if they are found in lost property or around the school. Please note that many children have the same colour or same brand of winter coat.

Harvest Thank you!



Holy Trinity Church have informed us that together, Archdeacon Cambridge's School and the Church have raised **£531.30** through the 'coin on a can' Harvest fundraising. This amount will be donated to Spear Homeless Charity and Tearfund's Nepal Campaign. The wonderful collection of food and toiletries has also been combined with Holy Trinity Church and will be donated to the local Foodbank. Thank you!

Praying Parents



Our Praying Parents group is re-starting for the year and Jennifer Brown (Year 3 Mum) will be co-ordinating the group. Our wonderful Praying Parents Group will meet twice a term to pray for the school and school community. They will meet at 9am either by the Pavilion on Twickenham Green or at The Vicarage (depending on the weather. The group will meet for the first time this academic year on **Friday 6th November**. If you would like to join the group or for further information, please contact Jennifer at jenniferfbrown07@icloud.com

Nursery, Rec & Yr 6 Parent Teacher Consultations

Appointments for Parent Teacher Consultations for Nursery, Reception and Year 6 on **Tuesday 20th October (4pm—7pm)** and **Thursday 22nd October (4pm—7pm)** are booked via Arbor. Please note that bookings will close at 9am on Monday 19th October.

Christmas Card Design Deadline



Please note that all Christmas Card Designs should now be scanned at home and ordered directly from the APFS Portal. This portal will close on **Tuesday 3rd November and orders will be received in school around Mid November.**

School Meals after Half Term

The new School Meals Menu for 2nd half Autumn Term until end of Spring Term will be sent out to parents next week. Please inform the School Office of any changes to your child's lunch time arrangements with this new menu.

Bug Busting

The forthcoming half term break provides a good opportunity for all parents/carers to check their children's hair for head lice. The combing of wet conditioned hair in sections with a head lice comb is the best method of detection; if lice are found then treatment is necessary. A collective check during this break helps eliminate the spread of head lice at school.

'Cool The School' Launch and Wildlife Area Dig Day—Saturday 7th November, 9.30am—4pm

On Saturday 7th November, the PTA will be helping us to launch our big project 'Cool the School' and we will combine this with the final Wildlife Area Dig Day for the year.

Part of the new 'Cool the School' project will be to increase the planting and shade in both the Infant and Junior Playgrounds. We will have many shrubs and trees to plant in time for the Autumn rains.

In the Wildlife Area we will be building a stag beetle loggery, putting the pond to 'bed' for the winter months, making a weather station and lots of smaller 'end of year' jobs too.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of parents and families to help us with our wonderful outdoor spaces. Please come along for an hour or more and refreshments will be provided. Please bring gardening and DIY gloves and tools if you have them; no gardening experience necessary.

COOL THE SCHOOL

CREATING SHADE TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN



Year 5 Girls Cross Country at LEH, Mr Bell writes:

On Thursday afternoon, in the glorious Autumnal sunshine, a group of 5 Year 5 girls took part in a Y5 Cross Country race at LEH school in Hampton against a variety of schools around the area. Unlike many cross country courses, there was no mud or rain to be seen, much to the relief of everyone! The girls were split into an A and B team with four runners per team in a relay format and we were able to walk the course. With parents eagerly watching on, the starter gun went and the first runners set off like mechanical hares at the dog track (much against the coaching teams advice). Once they emerged out along the back straight, fatigue had set in! All the girls ran with terrific heart and spirit and at no point did anyone stop running. In fact, quite the opposite was true with plenty of fast kick finishes and late overtaking moves in the final stages. The B team finished third in their category and pushed the A team all the way to the final leg. The girls absolutely emptied their tanks to the last, and were well deserving of their cookie at the finishing line. Well Done!



School Crossing Patrol

John, our School Crossing Patrol , helps children cross the road safely on their way to and from school but even when he is there, parents remain responsible for their children's safety. John would like to remind everyone to follow some simple rules when crossing with a Patrol:

- Stand well back
- Wait
- Listen to the Patrol's instruction
- Cross in front of the Patrol
- Never play or run near a Patrol



Car drivers are reminded that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1984 if they do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol. Possible penalties include a fine of up to £1000, three penalty points or disqualification. Drivers should also wait until the Patrol has returned to the pavement before moving off.

Many thanks for your support in keeping everyone safe.

PTA News and Dates for the Diary

Hello everyone!

We're looking forward to seeing you at the disco! Thank you to Year 3 and all the wonderful volunteers who are making it happen.

We have lots coming up and we'd love you to get involved. Here are the key dates and ways you can support the PTA:

Friday 6th November – Sports Mufti Day & Year 6 Sweet Treats Sale

Children can come to school in sportswear in exchange for a £1 donation to the PTA.
After school, Year 6 will be selling delicious Bonfire Night sweet treats at 3pm, please stop by and support them!

Saturday 7th November – Dig Day and Launch of Our 'Cool the School' Campaign

Join us for a Dig Day from 9.30am–2pm. We'll be launching our Cool the School campaign and fundraising to help prepare for rising summer temperatures by creating more shade on our playgrounds.

We'll also be planting around the playgrounds and caring for our wildlife garden.

No experience is needed and everyone is welcome. Tools and refreshments will be provided, so just come along when you can, there's no need to stay for the whole day.

Rugby Parking – 8th, 14th, 21st, 28th & 29th November

Please sign up via Classlist to help with rugby parking. Every volunteer makes a real difference!



Friday 13th November Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Come along and pick up some great school uniform bargains!

Friday 13th November PTA Christmas Social

Join fellow parents at The Alexander Pope from 8pm for a festive drink. We'd love to see you there!

Friday 27th November Wreath Making

Our popular wreath-making evening returns from 7.15pm. More details will follow soon, so save the date!

Christmas Gift Idea!

Our lovely school prints and tea towels make wonderful gifts. See an example in the school office, then visit the link:
https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1531880932

Support our PTA

Every donation helps us provide more for our school community. Donate via Classlist using the link below:
https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1506590892

Thank you so much for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you!

MUSICAL MADNESS

OUR HALF TERM EVENT
FOR AGES 4-16

This event includes exciting and informal **Acting**, **Dancing** and **Singing** workshops exploring the wonders of **Musicals**, and is taught by performing professionals. The children are split into groups according to their age. Your child can sign up to **1 day, 2days or the full 3 days.**

The event results in a **performance to parents on the final day at 1.15pm** where each child will receive a certificate for their achievements; medals will also be awarded to those the teachers feel have excelled during the event.

Please note, to be a part of the sharing day your child must have attended at least two days.

Whether your child has performed before or not, it really doesn't matter. Musical Madness is all about **having fun, meeting new friends and increasing your performance skill level.**

YOUR CHILD MAY ATTEND 1 DAY, 2 DAYS OR THE FULL 3 DAYS.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY:
MONDAY 26TH, TUESDAY 27TH & WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2026

VENUE: Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road, Teddington.

TIME: Each day runs from 10am–2pm (doors open at 9.50am) You can drop off from 9am and stay as late as 4pm if needed, please see the price options below.

PRICE: 1 Day = £35.00, 2 Days = £55.00 & the full 3 days cost £75.00 (10% sibling discount available on each additional booking)

EXTENDED HOURS:

9am–10am	£8
9am–3pm	£14
9am–4pm	£18
2–3pm	£8
2–4pm	£14

TO BOOK: Please visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk/musical-madness-half-term-event and complete the registration form.
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AGES 5 - 12 YEARS OLD
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