School Newsletter 439 27th February 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,

Whilst January seems to go on forever, February is always over in a flash. This February has been no different, with a jam-packed curriculum and a number of enrichment activities. My thanks go to the staff and parent volunteers who have enabled this all to take place.

Just before half term, we welcomed parents to another wonderful class assembly. We were taken into a 'World of Pure Imagination' by Year 2, who taught us all about traditional tales, drama, ballet and building bridges. It is a pleasure to see how proudly our children share their learning with the school community.

Outside of the school, Year 4 have visited Hampton Court Palace and a local Gurdwara and Year 5 spent two nights at Sayers Croft. It is always such a joy to see our Year 5 pupils on their return from Sayers Croft, looking exhausted, but walking tall, knowing that they have risen to the challenges they have faced. We have also enjoyed a number of sports fixtures and a small group of children and staff attended the LDBS school's church service at St Paul's Cathedral. As always, we have received positive feedback from staff, workshop leaders and members of the public about our children's positives attitudes, politeness and caring personalities. They really are great role models of The Archdeacon Way!

This term we have also had the added joy of boiler works. Thanks to your maintenance fund contributions, we are able to meet our subscription to the London Diocesan Board of Schools' maintenance scheme. As a result, the LDBS have sourced funding on our behalf for the cost of the new boiler for EYFS and KS1. Thank you for your flexibility around drop off and pick up arrangements in the KS1 playground.

We would also like to share our thanks to the parent body and our PTA fundraising team. PTA funds have allowed us to purchase a selection of more inviting and entertaining books to add to our colour-banded reading scheme. These will particularly support the move from phonics-based books towards free reading. We are all looking forward to Book Week next week and I can't wait to see the children's enthusiastic and creative responses to the book that we will all be sharing.

Have a lovely weekend
Ms van den Broek
Deputy Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

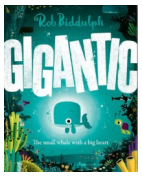
Sat 28th Feb	9.30am—2pm	Wildlife Area Dig Day
Mon 2nd —Fri 6th March		Book Week
Mon 2nd March	All Day	Year 2 Visit to St Paul's Cathedral
Tues 3rd March	2.15pm	Nursery & Reception Parent Workshops
	& 5.30pm	'Helping Children with Big Emotions'
Thurs 5th March	All Day	Year 6 Borough Netball Tournament—Barn Elms
	All Day	Sea Themed Poetry Workshops for Nursery AM—Year 4
Fri 6th March	All Day	Book Week Costume Day—Water/Sea themed
	9am	Dan Batchelor Author Visit in School
	9am	Praying Parents—The Vicarage
Mon 9th March	2.30pm	Brass Concert for Year 4 Parents
Fri 13th March	6pm	Nursery—Yr 5 Parent Consultation Booking Goes Live
	Eve	PTA Parents Quiz Night

Nursery 2026/27 Application Forms

Information about and application forms for applying for your child to attend Nursery in September 2026 are available on the school website. We will have a final tour of the Nursery on Tuesday 24th March. Please call the School Office if you would like to book this. The deadline for the receipt of completed applications is **Friday 6th March 2026**.



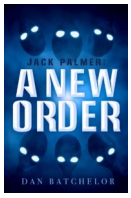
Book Week, Monday 2nd —Friday 6th March.



We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week next week. We will be using the book **'Gigantic' by Robert Biddulph** to explore the theme of family, friendship, kindness and the sea. The children are invited to dress up on Friday 6th March as a book character from the sea/water/river or dress in clothes which are blue/ green/grey water colours.



Children have also been given their **Book Week Book Token** this week which they are encouraged to take to their local participating bookseller to either exchange for one of the twelve exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books or they will be able to get £1 off any full price book. Please note that the tokens cannot be used online. Book tokens are valid until 15th March 2026. Book tokens can also be used towards the cost of books at our Travelling Books Stall in the Small Hall. Thank you for supporting the Travelling Books in school this week and many thanks to the PTA and parents for helping run the stall.



On **Thursday 5th March**, we are looking forward to welcoming back Rachel Piercey to Archdeacon to deliver her inspiring poetry workshops along our sea theme to all children in **Nursery AM—Year 4.** Payment for these workshops is now payable on Scopay accounts. On **Friday 6th March**, Dan Batchelor will be coming into school to deliver a whole school assembly about his new book, *Jack Palmer: A New Order*. Dan will then be leading workshops for **Years 4-6** after the assembly and signing books for any children who wish to bring a book. The book is available online or in book shops and can be purchased at the following link: https://www.waterstones.com/book/jack-palmer-a-new-order/dan-batchelor/9781803782874.

On World Book Day itself (Thursday 5th March), children who have school lunches will be able to choose from a Julia Donaldson Themed menu (listed on the last page of this newsletter)

Year 3 Roman Day—Friday 13th March

On Friday 13th March, our Year 3 children will be coming to school dressed as Romans and will be spending the day enjoying activities based on these historical times. They are also making Roman shields at home as they are learning about the army and battle formation.

Year 4 Brass Concert—Monday 9th March, 2.30pm

Year 4 will be performing in a Brass Concert on **Monday 9th March** at 2.30pm in the Large Hall for parents. The brass concert will demonstrate the skills acquired by the children following their eight week course of lessons provided by the Richmond Music Trust. Year 4 parents will be sent information about how to continue brass lessons in school with RMT in the Summer and Autumn terms if they wish.

Science Workshops—Monday 16th March

We will be starting our Science Week on Monday 16th March and the theme this year is 'Curiosity: What's your Questions?' All children in Reception to Year 6 will be taking part in Science Workshops on Monday 16th March and payment for these workshops is now payable on Scopay accounts. Children will also be taking part in other scientific activities during the week.

Nursery—Year 5 Parent Consultations

- Tuesday 24th March 4.30pm—7.30pm
- Thursday 26th March 4pm—7pm

Please note the above dates for Nursery—Year 5 Parent Consultations taking place in person at the school. Booking will open through Scopay on **Friday 13th March at 6pm**.

First Half Spring Term Attendance Results

Congratulations to the following classes with the highest attendance in the first half of the Spring Term:

2PS	98.2%
5S	97.6%
4T	97.4%

LDBS Service at St Paul's Cathedral—Hannah (6D) writes:

On Thursday 12th February, I had the pleasure of visiting St Paul's Cathedral in London along with Miss Lambe, Rev Simon and the 7 other ambassadors. After the lengthy journey via train and tube, we finally arrived at Mansion House station to a cold greeting from a wall of torrential rain! The magnificent dome, visible from across the city, was even more impressive up close, and showed us the way through the busy, wet, concrete jungle. As we approached the incredible building, we spotted impressive statues, Corinthian columns and many other schools queueing up to take part in the service, just like us. Upon entering the Nave, we were immediately stunned by the brilliant architecture and breath taking steel band from one of the many schools. Then, as we sat down in our seats in the south transept, we admired the beautiful dome and even more beautiful paintings coating it, calmly anticipating what would come next...

The service itself was quite like that of the ones at Holy Trinity, with the exception of the group of 6th former boys from The Bishop Ramsey School helping to tell the readings, the incomparable acoustics and some unique ways of teaching from the Bishop of London. Two more railway journeys, some sweet treats from Miss Lambe and about 50 wide yawns later we were back at school and ready to recite the whole day back to our waiting parents. The experience was extremely fun, educational and a true highlight of my year.

Sports Reports



Borough Swimming Heats—Thursday 12th February, Ms van den Broek writes:

On Thursday 12th February, Archdeacon was proudly represented by a team of 12 swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6. Team spirit was high, with all swimmers being encouraged and congratulated by their teammates. The team swam very well, gaining a number of top 5 places within their events. Special mentions go to Juno and Oliver, who were 2 of the few children who entered the butterfly event. Our final result was a very pleasing 2nd place of the 12 schools in our gala, all decided by a nail-biting final relay race swum by our Year 6 relay team.

Football Matches—Thursday 12th February, Mr Bell writes:



On Thursday before half-term, a boys and girls football squad braved the elements at Mormead Park against St Richard Reynold's and St Stephen's also for the girls. With rain forecast, fingers and toes were crossed for showers. Sideways rain is what was received at kick off for both boys and girls in the first match against St Richard Reynolds. The conditions did not suit the free flowing football of the boys who went into half-time down. However a spirited second half display saw them claw back the score to 4 - 2 winning the second half. The girls were well matched against St Richard Reynold's as both sides battled hard in the terrible conditions. Eloise and Molly both stood out with their goal keeping / attacking display! The girls went down 2 - 0 to SRR. Next for the girls was St Stephen's. With the pitch quite well used already it became a game inches. Both side battled hard. But in the end, St Stephen's took their chances well defeating our girls 6 - 3. No player of the day this week, the more prized honour of muddiest of the day goes to Molly!

Years 3 & 4 Basketball Friendly Tournament—Friday 13th February



On the Friday before half-term, a Years 3 & 4 basketball team competed in a tri tournament with Stanley and TPA hosted by Stanley school. This highly anticipated event was played with very high energy and sportsmanship throughout. Our boys came up against a well drilled TPA side who seemingly couldn't miss! Our team fought hard in defence to put pressure on the TPA shooters. But on this occasion, they were just too good. Next were Stanley. With a steely look in their eyes, the team put on a relentless show of pressure basketball. Each player was hustling for the ball and passing with great speed. Cody used his height and strength to very good effect, Beau and Samuel dribbled with great control and Alfie was magic with his shooting! The team were a delight to take out of school, and look like a very promising team for the future.

Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft (9th—11th February)



Before half term, Year 5 and staff spent 3 amazing days at Sayers Croft. The children enjoyed all the activities and learnt so much from their time away. Some of their experiences included surveying a stream (which was the highest we have seen!), learning how to light a Stone Age fire, caving, low ropes and helping friends through the blindfold trail. Evening activities included a movie night and a night walk and they all especially enjoyed sleeping in a dorm with their friends. The children worked together as a team, supported each other and had fun. A big thank you to all the staff who enthusiastically supported the children throughout the trip. Some of the quotes by the children are listed below:



5B

Tej: I found the caving challenging with all of the drop twists and turns and I l enjoyed doing all the activities with my friends.

Arlo: I absolutely loved caving, drawing with my friends, the food and the film night. It was a great experience.

Charlotte N: My favourite moments were when we did the blindfold trail and when we made our clay models which was great fun.

Sian: I enjoyed doing the woodland ropes because you got to go on a skateboard and ride across without any ropes to pull you. I also enjoyed it because we could pretend to be James Bond!

Gus: At Sayers Croft, I enjoyed the caving and I remember the ball pit and the different tunnels you can go through. I also loved the low ropes and the blindfold trail.

Edie: I really enjoyed orienteering because it was fun independently running around Sayers Croft with a map.

Everly S: The midnight walk was one of my favourites. I liked the oddly shaped shadows casting over the path and having to find the correct path, but mostly navigating your way through the forest that looks so different at night time. It felt like an exciting adventure.

5S

Leo D: I liked all the activities that we did and the bunk beds because they were soft. I liked to be with my friends



Isaac: I loved doing the river study because I got so wet and muddy and I love getting wet and muddy.

Annie: I liked the caving because it was super fun and I got to run around with my friends. I was scared at first but I had a great time and there was even a ball pit.

Jamie: My favourite things were the film night, orienteering, clay models and the night walk. I also liked sleeping with my friends in the dorm as well.

Emika: I loved the zipwire course because there was a skateboarding section and at the end of the zipwire you could shout your favourite thing.



George K: Orienteering was fun and challenging because we were running around trying to find buildings and in places were numbers with letters beside them and we had to find them to complete a word search.

Xanthe: Sayers Croft is so fun and it's great to have a dorm with your whole class! Also there is so much to do so you can't get bored.

Grace: I loved the low ropes and the orienteering because we could explore.

RHS School Gardening Awards Level 4 & Dig Day on Saturday 28th February



We are thrilled to share that we have achieved Level 4 in the RHS School Gardening Awards. This recognises gardening for wildlife and using gardening to support the curriculum. None of this would be possible without the dedication of families on Dig Days and our Gardening Gang on Friday mornings, all under the guidance of Theresa Page. We are holding a Dig Day in the Wildlife Area this Saturday morning (Saturday 28th February), so if you are keen to learn about gardening or share your gardening or woodwork skills, please join us for as long as you are available between 9:30am and 2pm. Cake will be available!

Parent Help in School Requested

We are looking for parent help in the following areas:

- A regular library slot (ideally on Thursday afternoons) to help our junior librarians keep on top of library organisation. Jobs include shelving and tidying and stock checking books for wear and tear (a quiet, meditative activity)
- Adding/Painting pictures or dates to our Thames Timeline (from no artistic skills to very artistic)
- Building storage containers for construction materials in the Infant Playground (more advanced woodwork)
- Creating a fenced-off calm area in the Junior Playground (basic woodwork)
- Repairing the roof on the shed in the Foundation Stage outside area
- Creating an arch for a seating area in the Foundation Stage outside area
- Joining our Friday Gardening Gang Group who maintain the Wildlife Area and green areas of the school

If you are able to help us with any of the jobs above, please could you return the following form and we will be in touch with convenient times. We are very grateful for all offers of help to help us maintain our school for everyone: Parent Volunteers Spring 2026 – Fill in form

Many thanks.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

We hope you all had a lovely Half Term and that everyone is settling back into school routines smoothly.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered at Rugby Parking over Half Term. We really appreciate your time and support. Thanks to you we raised an amazing £1,200 for the school!



Thank you as well to those who helped at the book sale this week. We could not do it without you.

Tesco Blue Tokens Please Support Us

If you are shopping at Tesco in any Richmond branch please remember to grab some blue tokens and pop them into our slot. It is such a simple way to support the school and we could win up to £1,500 to improve our playground and update the benches. Every token really does make a difference!

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and is using Easyfundraising for online shopping. In the last 30 days we have raised over £100! If you would like to join in simply download the Easyfundraising app and sign up using the link below:



https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=77417&invite=W1TMKK&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link

It is an easy way to raise funds at no extra cost to you.

Upcoming Events



Friday 13th March Quiz Night at 7pm

Tickets available on Classlist. We would love to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

it's fast approaching....

Saturday 13th June Summer Fair

. We would love some volunteers so if you can help please get in touch.

We have an exciting few months ahead with lots of great events for both children and adults so do read on sign up and get involved!

Have a wonderful weekend

Henrietta and all the PTA Team

RICHMOND PARENT CARER FORUM

Coffee Morning



Are you thinking about the transition to Secondary School for a child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

Please join us at The Patch in Twickenham where we'll have a focus on the move to Secondary school. If you've just been offered a secondary school place for your child, are considering which school to name as your preference or are thinking ahead to your child's next steps this event may be useful for you. If your child has completed the move to secondary and you need support or would like to share your experiences you might also wish to attend.

When: 10am-11.30am, Thursday 12th March 2026
Where: The Patch, 42 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3LJ

ruils independent living

We'll be joined by our friends from Ruils. Members of their SEND Advisory team will be on hand to share general information and answer individual queries

Book your place HERE







Who we are, what we do

We are an independent group of parent carers who have come together to ensure that ALL parents are able to have their say in the planning of local services. We don't provide SEND services, but bring parents' voices to those that do.

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RICHMOND PARENT CARER FORUM

Benefits Workshop



Are you financially impacted by your child or young person's Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)?

Did you know that some children and young people are eligible for financial help because of their SEND? Join us for a workshop with a benefits advisor who specialises in helping families with SEND access the support they are entitled to.

When: 10am or 12pm, Tuesday 10th March 2026
Where: Online via Zoom

Workshop One - 10am-11.30am
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
Carer's Allowance
Universal Credit Disabled Child Element

Workshop Two – 12pm-1.30pm
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
Moving from DLA to PIP
Universal Credit for 16/17 year olds

Book Your Place here or scan the QR code

Have your say on support services to help families access benefits advice HERE



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HELPING CHILDREN MANAGE BIG FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

FOR NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENTS



Join Miss Kraus and Ms Van den Broek for a workshop on supporting children to regulate using a technique known as Emotion Coaching.

Join us on Tuesday 3 March 2026 at Archdeacon Cambridge's CofE Primary School:
2.15pm - 3.00pm
or
5.30pm - 6.15pm

Sign up here:
https://forms.office.com/e/HWqinisKGy
or scan the QR code

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9AM – 12PM

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ACTION-PACKED 3 DAYS OF GAMES,
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-EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA WORKSHOPS-

MONDAY 30th MARCH 2026
-A Creative Day of Dance & Drama-

TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2026
-A Creative Day of Musical Theatre & K-POP-

WEDNESDAY 1th APRIL 2026
-A Creative Day of Wicked & Hercules-

TIME: 10am – 3pm
Early drop off at 9am and late pick up at 4pm available

AGES: 4.5 – 14 years of age

VENUE: Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road, Teddington, TW11-8TG

You can sign up to 1Day, 2Days or the full 3Days

PRICE: 1-DAY = £40, 2-DAYS = £70, 3-DAYS = £90.00

OUR EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA EVENT OFFERS ONE-OFF WORKSHOPS WHICH FOCUS ON DEVELOPING THE PARTICIPANTS APTITUDE AND SKILL LEVEL WITHIN ACTING, DANCING AND SINGING. ALL DISCIPLINES ARE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL WEST END PERFORMERS WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN TO INCREASE THEIR CONFIDENCE, SOCIAL SKILLS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS NEW TO THE ARTS OR HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE PLEASE SIGN THEM UP FOR A FUN AND ENJOYABLE TIME WITH BOUNDLESS. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS.

TO SEE A FULL LISTING OF CLASSES & THE WORKSHOPS WE DELIVER PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



05 MARCH

CELEBRATING THE BOOKS OF JULIA DONALSON



The Hospital Dog Hot Dog 1,5,6

The Gruffalo Poisonous Warts 1,7 V
(Vegetable and Cheese Puff Pastry Crown)

The Badle's Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings 7,8,9

The Highway Rat's Roasted Wedges

Spinderella's Football Peas

The Stickman's Carrot Sticks

The Snail and the Whale's Rock Cakes 1,7 V

The Ladybird Heard Moo Cookie 1 VG

The Cook & King Wobbly Bob Jelly VG

Zog's Yummy Fruit Pots VG

NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten