School Newsletter 438 6th 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 and Carers,

Once we get past a very long drawn out January… the spring term seems to fly by. Last week our Year 1 children performed their assembly all about Traditional Tales, Animals and Space. It was just delightful, lots of songs, dances and wonderful stories. Well done Year 1 – you are all Super Stars!

At the other end of the school – we had a fabulous assembly this morning from Year 6 all about Charles Darwin's life. It was fascinating to hear all about his studies, the Glutton Club at University – eating owls, foxes and badgers and his wonderful travels to far flung places – especially the Galapagos Islands. Year 6 you were magnificent and it was a joyful spectacle to watch. Our Local Authority School Improvement Partner – Christine Chen visited the school this morning and watched the Assembly. She said it was extraordinary, as well as brilliant – she had never seen such a polished and informative Assembly – so well done Year 6. J

Year 6 had their Parent Consultations this week, which went well. It was nice to see our Year 6 parents and we invite the children to these meetings, so it good preparation for their transition to Secondary School.

Next week continues to be busy. We wave goodbye to Year 5, as they are off on their first Residential School trip to Sayers Croft on Monday morning. They will be away for 3 days/ 2 nights, which will be an exciting geography, history and team building experience for them. I am so grateful to all the staff going: Ms Bayman, Ms Scott, Miss Dang, Mrs Renahan, Miss Clarke and Maria Williamson. I will be nipping down on Tuesday for the day and it is always a great trip and a milestone completed for the children on their Archdeacon journey!

My thanks to all the parents who attended our Internet Safety talks today with Ms van den Broek. It was a helpful and enlightening session for both parents and children. ****I have reminded the children that mobile phones are not allowed at the disco this evening. Please leave them at home.**

We will celebrate Children's Mental Health Week – the theme is *'This is my Place'* and staff and children will explore the importance of belonging for our mental health and wellbeing.

Next Thursday afternoon, Rev Simon and I will be taking 8 children from Years 4, 5 & 6 up to St Paul's Cathedral to join all the schools in the London Diocese for a celebration service. Lots of other schools will be there and it will be a privilege representing our school in St Paul's Cathedral, part of a bigger, wider family of schools.

We have had lots of sporting competitions happening and even more to come – so well done and good luck Team AC! Please see Mr Bell sports report overleaf.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and a relaxing half-term, when it comes.

Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Sat 7th Feb	All Day	PTA Rugby Parking
Mon 9th—Weds 11th Feb		Year 5 Sayers Croft Residential
Thurs 12th Feb	AM	Borough Swimming Gala Heats
	All Day	Reception Pancake Making
	PM	St Paul's Cathedral LDBS Service
Fri 13th Feb	All Day	PTA Fundraising Mufti Day
	9am	Year 2 Assembly
	3.15pm	PTA Stall Sale
Mon 16th—Fri 20th Feb		HALF TERM
Sat 21st Feb	All Day	PTA Rugby Parking
Mon 23rd Feb—Fri 27th Mar		Travelling Books in School
Feb 27th Feb	3pm	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

PTA Rugby Parking—Volunteers Needed!

We can raise **£1000 during each International Rugby Game** by allowing rugby attendees to park their cars on the Junior Playground. **This is a vital source of fundraising for the PTA without any money coming from our parents' pockets!** Volunteering on the rota for up to 2 hours during the games involves directing cars off the main road and onto the playground, collecting the £20 fee per car or 'minding' the cars during the rugby game. Children are able to help parents too! Rugby games this term take place on **Saturdays 7th & 21st February .** Please contact the Rugby Parking team via Classlist to volunteer and join the rota. Many thanks!

Travelling Book Fair, Monday 23rd—27th February

Archdeacon Cambridge's will be hosting a Pop-Up bookshop in the Large Hall at 3.15pm from Monday 23rd—Friday 27th February. There will be a large variety of books for parents and children to choose from including picture books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and much more. Every book sold during the fair will earn rewards for the school and in the past we have been able to buy books for the library and classrooms. World Book Day vouchers will be issued to children on Monday 23rd February which can be used at the Travelling Books Fair

For more information about the Travelling Book Fair and for printable vouchers which children can bring into school and use if they visit the stall during the day please go to Travelling Books - Travelling Book Fairs (scholastic.co.uk) . Parents can also use cash or card to buy books at the sale. Thank you to parents who have volunteered through the PTA to assist the school with selling books after school in the Small Hall.

PTA Fundraising Mufti Day

On Friday 13th February 2026, all children will be able to wear their own clothes (mufti) in the theme of 'All you need is love' if they wish. The PTA will be collecting donations in return. Please note football or sports team kits or onesies should not be worn and all clothing should be appropriate for weather on the day.

Years 3, 5 & 6 Start Swimming after Half Term

Some year groups will start swimming after half term and children will be advised of their swimming start date.

Please note that Year 6 will start swimming on the first Monday back (Monday 23rd February). Please make sure that children bring in their swimming kit on their allocated day and that their swimming costume is appropriate (a plain one piece swimsuit or plain swim trunks).



All children must wear a swimming hat and bring goggles. Years 1, 2 & 4 will swim in the Summer Term and Reception will start their swimming classes in June.

The Archdeacon Way Award January Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our January Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn by Ms van den Broek during Pupil Voice:

- Rufus (1F)
- Udrae (3JR)
- Nell (4B)

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.

Year 3 & 6 Virtual Reality Workshops Postponed

The Virtual Reality Workshops for Years 3 & 6 that were due to take place in March have been postponed and will now take place in the Summer Term.

Replacement of Infant Block Heating

During the half term break and the second half of the Spring Term, work will be taking place to replace the Infant Block boiler. The contractor will provide temporary Cool Touch heaters in affected classrooms but we also recommend that children in Nursery, Reception and 1W come to school dressed in warm layers after half term.

School Meals after Half Term

Please note that the Spring Term school meal menu remains the same after half term. We will assume that your child's lunch time arrangements will stay the same after half term unless we hear otherwise, and will upload their school meals onto Scopay accordingly.

Please ensure that you inform the School Office of any changes to lunch time meal arrangements as soon as possible.

Class Attendance Spring Term 2026

Congratulations to the top 3 classes for attendance so far this Spring Term:

2PS—98.1%
5S—97.6%
4T—97.5%



Young Writers Award Finalist

We are delighted that Evie in 5S has been chosen as a finalist in the Arts Richmond Young Writers Competition that we entered in the Autumn Term. She will attend an Awards Ceremony at The Exchange in March where her writing will be presented by a group of young drama students. We look forward to reading her work in a Pupil Voice assembly this the term.

Nursery Admissions

Full information about our Nursery offer can be found on the school website: Joining in Nursery | Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England Primary School (archdeaconcambridges.richmond.sch.uk)

Our well established, happy, teacher led, school Nursery offers:

- part time universally funded places (15 hours) each week either 8.30am-11.30am or 12.15pm-3.15pm Monday to Friday during term time, or
- school day places (up to 30 hours each week) with hours over the universally funded 15 hour places funded either through 30H funding or self-funded by parents.

Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 are eligible to join the Nursery from September 2026. If you would like to apply for a place in Nursery for September 2026 should use the online form at this link Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School Nursery Application Form - 2025/26 . The deadline for the submission of applications is 6th March 2026.

Sports Reports, Mr Bell Writes:



Netball

Match vs St Mary's, Twickenham—Tuesday 20th January

Last Tuesday saw a development side take on a strong St Mary's team at netball. The team were a credit to themselves, brilliant ambassadors for Archdeacon and an absolute joy to take off site. The first quarter was a bit of a shock for the team seeing their opposition move the ball with such pace and skill. Under difficult circumstances the team stayed strong and together. The following quarters saw tenacious defending and a never say die attitude. The team improved immensely and should be very proud of their efforts.

Matches vs TPA, Trafalgar & St Richard Reynolds—Thursday 22nd January

Thursday afternoon saw Archdeacon host St Richard Reynolds, TPA and Trafalgar on the slightly damp centre courts of the Junior Playground. The spirit of the team however was far from damp. A close match first against St Richard Reynolds ended 1-1 with some promising ball movement. Next up were Trafalgar. Archdeacon really started to hit their stride showing great anticipation to steal and intercept the ball and transfer quickly up the court. This 6-0 victory was then bettered in the final match of the tri-tournament. TPA couldn't hold off a relentless Archdeacon side who, in tough conditions, put 7 past them. An outstanding finish to an excellent afternoon's work.



Girls Indoor Cricket Tournament—Kingston Academy—Friday 23rd January

Friday was the turn of the girls indoor cricket tournament hosted by Royal Hampton Wick CC at The Kingston Academy. After the boys triumphant display the prevoious week, the girls felt under pressure to follow suit and claim the inaugural trophy. In the first two games the girls stormed to victory thanks to great captaining and leadership from Connie, terrific hitting from Eloise, Ellie and Lucinda and tight bowling from Juno and Libby. Up next, a strong St John's side who just got the better of the team in a tight loss. This set back only spurred the girls on improve. Victory in the next two games gave the tournament the final it wanted. A rematch with St John's for glory. Both sides had the bit between their teeth and no quarter was given by either side in the field. Lejla and Willow saved their best bowling for the final restricting scoring to 257 runs. Some tidy batting left the final pair with 32 from the last two overs. Libby smashed the ball all around the hall to leave 14 from the last. Eloise bravely took on the responsibility of batting for the win. With one ball left, 4 would win it. But it wasn't to be. The girls got better and better with each game and were congratulated for their sportsmanship in defeat. I can't wait for the summer to see what this team can do with some practice!

Football



Boys Football Match vs TPA—Tuesday 27th January

On Tuesday our Boys Football Team played a league match against TPA on the AstroTurf cage at Heatham House. After a torrid week of weather, fortune was on our side and not a drop of rain was seen. Early on, it was however raining goals! The boys came out of the traps like Pep's Barcelona side circa 2010. The interplay and movement of the side was excellent and TPA were no match for the boys in the first half. Goals from Finn, James, Larry and Seb saw Archdeacon take an unprecedented 11-1 lead at half-time. Against better judgement, the coach made some tactical changes at half time which arguably halted the unrelenting flow of the side. The final score ended 12 - 4 and with a crunch game against Trafalgar later in the week, hopes are high.

A and B Boys Football vs Trafalgar—Thursday 29th January:

The greatly anticipated match up between ADC and Trafalgar was hosted on neutral territory at Waldegrave on Thursday. The tension had built and built over weeks thanks to two postponements with some questioning whether this fixture will ever be played. In the B game, Archdeacon ripped through the Trafalgar defence to a romping 11-0 win. Goals from Leo, Stan, Harrison, George and Roby saw ACD home at a canter. The A game was, to a passing onlooker, another one sided affair. Archdeacon's A side were constantly hammering away at Trafalgar's goal. Seb and Larry were linking up nicely and Thomas and Daniel were composed at the back. However, the man of the match was undoubtedly the Trafalgar goal keeper who made at least 5 outstanding saves to keep ADC out. The game ended with a 3-1 defeat. The team played some excellent football and can be proud of their efforts.

News from the PTA

2026 is flying by and we're already nearing the half term break; can you believe it!

Last week saw our successful Paediatric First Aid Course. Participants emphasised how reassuring it is to have the knowledge and confidence on how to act in an emergency. We've secured more sessions for later this year so do consider joining us next time.



Friday 6th is our Spring 'Archdeacon Rocks' Disco. Thanks to the Year 3 reps for organising this, to all those that have purchased tickets and volunteered to help, and to the Year 6 Leavers Committee for running the very-welcome hot dog stall! We hope you have an amazing night.

What's Coming Up

Rugby Parking

Please sign up now to help with 6 Nations Rugby Parking on **Saturday 21st February**.
Rugby parking is a vital fundraiser for the school and pays for essential equipment such as IT and playground equipment. But we can only run it if we have enough volunteers and it would be great to spread the load, so that some individuals are not covering multiple slots.
Please check your diary and sign up for a 1-hour slot now if you are able at

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1419291048



All you need is Love' Mufti Day and After-school Valentine's Stall



On **Friday 13th February**, the children can enjoy an '**All You Need is Love' Mufti Day.** They'll have the option to wear pink or red or hearts for a small donation which will go towards the PTA's fundraising efforts.

Additionally, the Year 1 reps are busy planning a fabulous **After-School Sale** on **Friday 13th February**. Expect yummy Valentine's treats including chocolates, sweets & cookies. Treats from £1 (card payment only).

Come along from 3pm to grab yourself a tasty treat



Archdeacon Lotto

For just £36 per year, you could be in with the chance to **win up to £100 every month**! Sign up for the 2026 Lotto today to be in with a chance to win!

Choose your lucky number for 2026 at: https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1354830885.
(NB: 2025 entries are now invalid and numbers/payment must be renewed every year).

Feel free to share this link with members of your family or friends outside of the school as it's open to everyone.

Shopping at Tesco? We need your vote!

Archdeacon PTA has been shortlisted for the Tesco Blue Token vote. If we win, we could receive £1,500 to buy new outdoor learning benches for our children. The competition runs borough-wide so please pop into your local store and do ask cashiers if there's no blue tokens in sight (they're always very willing to hand them out!).
NB: Sadly, the big Tesco in Isleworth is out of the borough so bear this in mind when choosing where to shop to show your support. **Remember, every vote counts!**

Dates for the diary:

- 21st Feb - Rugby Parking
- 13th Feb – 'All you need is love' Mufti Day - optional pink or red or hearts
- 13th Feb – After School Sale
- 27th Feb - Second hand Uniform sale
- 6th Mar – Book Week After School Sale
- 3rd Mar - Bag2School
- 13th Mar – Quiz



Thanks for your support!
Your PTA x

SENSORY PARENTING FOR SENSORY CHILDREN

Are you a parent of a sensory child? Join our in-person event to learn all about sensory parenting! Discover effective strategies and techniques that will help you understand and support your sensory child's unique needs. Emtia Bartlett, Occupational Therapist, will share her knowledge and encourage discussion with reference to the book 'Sensory Parenting for Sensory Children' by the author Tanya van Dalen. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other parents facing similar challenges, and gain valuable insights into sensory processing issues and parenting styles and how they impact and are influenced by sensory children.

Saturday 28th Feb 10am-3pm in person
Wednesday 4th and 11th March 7:30-9pm online
Saturday 21st March 10am-3pm in person

110 Selkirk Rd TW2 6PU
Sign up here



'It was great to be able to hear from, and talk to, people who have similar experiences to my own with their children. I've dealt with this on my own (with my partner) without discussing with friends and family. To hear other peoples' methods and struggles helped me so much. We have incorporated several of the tactics discussed and become more accepting of some behaviours too after understanding more about sensory challenges'

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Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 10th February 2026



It is National Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th February; this day provides a great opportunity to start conversations about internet safety with your children at home. The theme this year is 'Smart tech, safe choices, exploring the safe and responsible use of AI' .There are free resources and guidance at the Safer Internet Day website which you can follow from this link: Safer Internet Day 2026 - UK Safer Internet

Online Safety: A Short Guide for Parents

The internet can play an important part in many aspects of school life, including teaching, learning and improving communication. However, if not used properly, it can be dangerous or harmful. This simple guide includes hints and tips for both parents and pupils. We also have useful information on our school website which you can access through the following link:Online Safety | Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England Primary School (archdeaconcambridges.richmond.sch.uk)

Hints and Tips for Parents:

- Technology is constantly changing and young people are continually learning—keep up to date on latest developments so you know the risks
- Online safety applies to all types of devices—PC's, laptops, tablets, smartphones, e-readers and online gaming
- As technology becomes more portable, set guidelines for where your child could/should use their device
- Treat online safety in the same was as you would offline safety such as stranger danger, crossing the road etc
- Set up internet security so children can't access websites with adult and inappropriate content
- Don't write anything online that you wouldn't say in person. Comments made on social media and/or public web pages/forum could reflect badly on your child
- Cyber bullying should be treated in the same was as other forms of bullying; contact the school to agree a plan for dealing with it
- Be aware that 'sexting' increasingly involves younger children, some as young as 10
- Try to establish a system which allows your child to talk to you about anything they feel uncomfortable about online

Things to Discuss with Children:

- Where is it acceptable to use your portable device? Bedroom? School?
- Who should you talk to you if you feel uncomfortable about something you have seen online? Eg parent, teacher or other responsible adult
- Don't spend too long online; make sure you get some physical exercise every day
- Keep passwords safe—don't share them and change them regularly
- What personal information is it appropriate to post online?
- How do you report cyber bullying? Take a screen shot of any posts so that these can be seen at a later date if needed. Do not delete them.
- How do you know the people you are talking to online are the people you think they are?
- What is the difference between a 'real life' friend and an 'online friend'
- When is it sensible to meet up with an online friend?

Other Sources of Information:

UK Safer Internet Centre	Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre
Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre	https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/
Think U Know	Thinkuknow - home
NSPCC	NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC
The Lucy Faithfull Foundation	The Lucy Faithfull Foundation | Preventing Child Sex Abuse

Children's Mental Health Week
9th—13th February 2026

Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be.

The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK. This year, Children's Mental Health Week is focussing on '**This is my Place'** - which emphasises the importance of belonging and the impact of a sense of belonging the mental health and well-being. Please follow the link to find more information and tips and advice about Children's Mental Health: https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/