School Newsletter 453 6th November 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,

I hope you all had a good half-term break. This half of the term tends to be very busy and whizzes by quite quickly with the run up to Christmas and all the delightful Christmas shows. Please do make a note of what is happening – Inset Day, Year 6 trips, Rugby Parking & Christmas Events etc.

Lots of congratulations are in order for numerous activities that have been happening throughout the school. Ms Dubery heard this week that we came 4th in the Borough wide **Summer Reading Challenge** (there are 43 schools in the Borough) – so well done everybody who went to the library over the summer and were voracious readers! Our **Cross Country runners** and **Girls Football team** have been out representing AC. Our Girls Football Team won the Primary Schools Borough Plate – the first time in 11 years. Please see overleaf for Mr Bell's report about the Cross Country; a report about the football will be in the next newsletter.

Huge congratulations to Alice, Amber (in Y4) and Poppy (in Y3) for attending the **Science – Future Innovators Girls Competition** at Clarence House on Wednesday afternoon. They came back to school triumphant , having won a very large trophy. Mrs Taylor was bursting with pride (not only because we won), but also because our children spoke very eloquently giving great scientific answers when questioned by the panel of judges about the real world project that they had designed. They talked about working collaboratively and gave excellent reasons as to why they used certain materials. Mrs Taylor said their Oracy skills were very impressive. This is especially pleasing, as this is a focus across all areas of the curriculum throughout the school.

Thank you to all the **Junior choir children and parents** for heading off to Squires and singing carols at their Christmas shopping evening on Wednesday. Thank you also to our Year 6 children who have been collecting donations for the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and to parents who have been donating.

<u>Well done to everyone for being such great AC ambassadors!</u>

Finally my thanks to all of you who have signed up to give up your time and help oversee the Rugby Parking. It is much appreciated and every penny does make the difference to the children.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher



Junior Choir Singing at Squires Christmas Shopping Event

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Sat 7th Nov	**9.30am**	Cool the School & Wildlife Area Dig Day
Sun 8th Nov	**All Day**	PTA Rugby Parking ENG vs AUS
Weds 11th	**AM**	Year 6 at 'Poetry Together' at The Exchange
Mon 16th—Fri 21st		**Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence'**
Fri 13th Nov	**9am**	Year 4 Assembly
	Eve	PTA Parents Social Drinks at Alexander Pope
Sat 14th Nov	**All Day**	PTA Rugby Parking ENG vs JAPAN
Mon 16th Nov	**All Day**	Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum
	7pm	Governing Board Meeting
Thurs 19th Nov	**All Day**	Yrs 5 & 6 Boys Football Borough Tournament
	All Day	Wear Odd Socks to support Anti-Bullying
	4pm—7pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations Years 1-5
Fri 20th Nov		**INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN**
Sat 21st Nov		PTA Rugby Parking ENG vs NZ

Inset Day on Friday 20th November —School Closure

Parents are reminded that Friday 21st November is a School Inset Day for staff training. **School is closed to children on this day.**

Poppy Collections

Year 5 & 6 children have been selling poppies in aid of the British Legion Poppy Remembrance Appeal at the front of the school at pick up times this week and next week. Many thanks to them and to parents for their kind donations.

Charity Mufti Day—Friday 23rd October—In aid of BBC Children in Need and Cancer Research UK

Traditionally Year 6 choose the charities we support on our October Mufti Day and this year our Year 6 chose BBC Children in Need and RSPCA. **Thank you** for your kind donations which have raised **£354.60** and will be divided equally between the two charities.

Anti-Bullying Week 16th—21st November

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'Break the Silence'. Through assemblies and lessons during the week, children be encouraged to speak up and start open conversations to 'Break the Silence' and prevent bullying. **On Thursday 19th November, children are able to wear odd socks (or colourful tights) with their formal school uniform/PE kit to show their support for Anti-Bullying Week.** There will be no financial collections for this.



Sayers Croft and Liddington Residential Trip Payments

A reminder to parents in Years 5 & 6 that the further stage payments for Sayers Croft Liddington are now due on Arbor accounts. Many thanks for payments already received.

School Uniform Warmth

The weather is gradually turning colder and we have started having heating on in school. However, as we also keep some doors open and fresh air flowing through classrooms, some children may feel the cold. All children should now be wearing winter uniform and have covered legs either with tights, long socks or trousers. We also recommend wearing more layers under uniform eg vests or thermals so that children can keep warm but remove a cardigan or jumper if necessary. **All children should also have a warm and waterproof coat in school for playtimes outside.**

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



On Saturday 7th November, we will be launching our new 'Cool the School' Project with planting trees and plants through the main school grounds to increase the shade.

This is combined with our final Wildlife Area Dig Day for the year where we will be building a Stag Beetle Loggery, putting the pond to 'bed' for the winter months, making a weather station as well as lots of smaller jobs including clearing leaves, tidying up and planting.

No gardening experience necessary; do bring tools if you have them but we do have gloves and tools here for parents and children to use. As usual, there will be refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

Sports Days & Health, Fitness & Wellbeing Week 2027

Following the cancellation of Sports Days this year due to extreme heat and the hot weather that is forecast next Summer, we have moved our Sports Day and Health, Fitness & Welbeing Week. Infant and Junior Sports Days will now take place on **Friday 14th May 2027** on Twickenham Green. We will hold our Health, Fitness and Wellbeing Week on **Monday 17th—Friday 21st May .** Our Year 6 leave for their School Journey on Friday 21st May. We will also hold Swimming Galas for Years 3-6 during this week.

The traditional Year 6 Pool and Pizza celebration will also now take place on the afternoon of Friday 14th May after SATs.

Christmas Performances

As already notified to parents in the school calendar, Christmas performances are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 7th December:

Tuesday 8th December 9.15am
Nursery & Reception Nativity
(Nursery Parents to watch)

Tuesday 8th December 11am
Year 3 & 4 Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Church
(Year 3 Parents to watch)



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(Year 4 Parents to watch)

Wednesday 9th December 9.00am
Nursery & Reception Nativity
(Reception Parents to watch)

Thursday 10th December 9.00am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity (Year 1 Parents to watch)

Friday 11th December 9.00am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity (Year 2 Parents to watch)

Two tickets per child for the relevant performance will be issued to parents in due course.

Years 5 and 6

Thursday 10th December (Year 6 Parents Priority)	**6.30pm**
Friday 11th December (Year 5 Parents Priority)	**1.45pm**

Online forms will shortly be sent to parents in Years 5 & 6 to request up to 2 tickets for the performances.

Governor Maintenance Fund and Termly Contribution

Thank you to parents who have contributed to the Maintenance Fund (£54 per year) and the School Termly Contribution. (£12 or £15 per term). In increasingly difficult financial times, we are very grateful for all funds received. The Maintenance Fund for building improvement costs,is paid directly into the Governors' Maintenance Fund account. The Termly Contribution which is used for consumable items, including paper, pens, pencils, paint and glue is paid via Arbor once parents have signed up to the activity.

Christmas Card Order Deadline extended

The Christmas Card order deadline has been extended to Sunday 8th November with APFS.

The Archdeacon Way Award October Monthly Winners

Congratulations to our October Archdeacon Way Award Winners who each win a £7.50 book token. Winners were drawn by Ms van den Broek in Pupil Voice Assembly on Thursday:

- Annie (6J)
- Blake (3PR)
- Axel G (2B)

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.

Cross Country, Mr Bell writes:



On a blustery morning, with Halloween sweets still in their system, a KS2 Cross Country team tackled a rigours course circumnavigating the lush fields of St Paul's school in Barnes.

In front a large buoyant crowd, the teams ran in Year Groups in different lengths. The whole morning was a terrific success (despite a minor organisational hiccup by the leading organiser of Archdeacon meaning year 3s and 4s ran the same race). The pupils embodied the Archdeacon Way throughout the entire morning, one great example being not moving ahead of the start line like all the other children did! The grit and determination to keep on going through the pain barrier was great to see. It was a pleasure to witness. Well done to our Archdeacon Years 3-6 Cross Country Team!

Clarence House School Science Competition

Amber, Alice & Poppy write:

This week, our team of three girls from Year 3 and 4 took part in a new Science and Engineering competition at Clarence House School in Hampton Hill. The theme was **Protecting Communities from Flooding and Ensuring Access to Clean Water**. Our team took part in two challenges. First, we had to turn a very dirty cup of water into clean water. We designed a filter, using a funnel, gravel, sand, a coffee filter and activated charcoal. We filtered the water twice and it came out so clean. Then, we had to design and build a house that could survive a flood. We made a house out of useful, everyday materials. We used a lot of foil and duct tape because it is water repellent. We made it triangular-shaped, so the water would just slide off. We stuck corks to the bottom to make it float. We had such a fun time, even though we had to rush. Next, we had to make a speech about our filter and our house and then we poured water on our creation to test it – it worked! After that, the judges decided on the winning team and we were so happy it was us! We won a massive trophy for our school, certificates and some money to spend on science.



Class Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for the best attendance for the first half of term:

4T	98.4%
3M	98.2%
2W	98%

School Shoes

All children should be wearing **black school shoes** with their formal uniform. Trainers and boot style shoes are not suitable and children may be asked to change their footwear if they are not wearing the correct shoes.

Situations Vacant—School Meals Supervisor

Archdeacon Cambridge's CE Primary School is recruiting for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant / Play Leader. Lunch time staff work from 11.45am-1.45pm for up to 5 days a week during term time.

The job involves working as part of a supportive team in the dining hall and the playgrounds and the successful applicant will take up the post this term. It requires a good level of physical fitness, good interpersonal skills, a sense of humour and an enjoyment of outdoor activities.

The deadline for applications will be **Wednesday 11th November**. For further information please contact Lesley Hamerton, School Business Manager, for further information on 020 8894 4777.

Coffee morning: Managing Challenging Behaviour

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION AND Q&A SESSION WITH OUR LINK CHILD WELLBEING PRACTITIONER FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST)

ARCHDEACON CAMBRIDGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2026

9.00 - 10.00AM



PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE:
MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR COFFEE MORNING

PLEASE NOTE, THIS SESSION IS OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

News from the PTA

We hope you had a lovely Half Term. Thank you so much to everyone who is managing events this week; has already signed up to rugby parking; or is beavering away on Christmas plans … yes, it is coming!
Do put dates in your diaries and consider how you can also get involved. We'd love your help for this busy time of year. Our initial fundraising is focused on launching our Cool the School project. We know next summer will be hot. So help keep our children cool by supporting our efforts to increase shade in the playgrounds and classrooms. Whether you're supporting the events, donating or helping plant there are lots of ways to show your support.

Friday 6th November… mufti and sweets!

Hopefully you've all raided your drawers for sports clothing for our mufti day. Thank you for all your donations. Remember you can make ad hoc donations online now to the PTA via the dedicated Classlist page https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1506590892.

Thank you also to the year 6 reps for getting us ready for Bonfire Night with their after school sweets stall. It's going to be popular!



Dig Day, 7th November 9.30am - 4pm

Saturday, 7th November is Dig Day. Help care for our Wildlife Garden and start planting playground shade. It'll be fun for all the family with the added incentive of cake! So get out your gardening gloves and drop in, we'd love to see you there. No experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm.



Christmas Social (adults only), 13 November

We have booked a space at the Alexander Pope Pub, TW1 4RB from 8pm for an adults only Christmas get together. Everyone is welcome.
Free Prosecco on arrival!



Christmas Wreath Making, 27 November

Get crafty creating your own beautiful Christmas wreath. There will be a bar, festive mulled wine and mince pies. Have fun while supporting our Cool the School project.
There are only a few tickets remaining so grab yours now at https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1544211044
If crafting is not your thing, sign up to join our team of wonderful volunteers.

Wind in the Willows family theatre trip, 28th November, 6.30pm

Fancy a little theatre magic? We've secured 50 specially discounted tickets for Archdeacon families to enjoy The Wind in the Willows at Rose Theatre, Kingston. Discounted tickets cost Children £18.50 | Adults £22.50 (reduced from the usual Band A price of £36.50 for adults!)

Book your tickets here:https://www.ptatickets.co.uk/events/the-wind-in-the-willows-kj6xedss

Dates for the diary:

8th November - Rugby Parking, year 5 have covered all the slots. Thank you!
13th November - After School Second Hand Uniform Sale
13th November, 8pm – PTA Christmas Social, Alexander Pope (adults only)
14th November - Rugby Parking, year 1 responsibility, please sign up now
21st November - Rugby Parking, year 2 responsibility, please sign up now
27th November – Christmas Wreath Making
28th & 29th November - Rugby Parking, finals weekend, please save the date and look out for more details soon

Thank you for your support as always,

Your PTA x

READ to the BEAT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE LEAGUE TOP 10

Percentage of pupils enrolled who took part in Read to the Beat 2026

1	St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School	45.75%
2	St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School	37.14%
3	Carlisle Infant School	28.77%
4	Archdeacon Cambridge's CofE Primary School	24.09%
5	Bishop Perrin CofE Primary School	24.02%
6	St Edmund's Catholic Primary School	22.62%
7	St Mary's and St Peter's CofE Primary School	21.74%
8	St Mary's CofE Primary School	21.32%
9	Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School	20.61%
10	Orleans Primary School	20.51%

LIBRARY SERVICES

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

Family Hubs

BEST START IN LIFE

RICHMOND AND KINGSTON PARENT CHAMPIONS NETWORK

Richmond and Kingston SENDIASS

will be joining the
Fabulous Friday Parents' Cafe
at Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB
on Friday 20 November at 10.40 am

Come along to meet one of their friendly support workers and find out more about the EHCP application process. SENDIASS will share helpful information, advice and resources to support families.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions and receive free, impartial SEND advice in person. We look forward to meeting you.

Please let us know if you would like to join and secure your cuppa, cake and chat by completing this short form or scanning the QR code.

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YOUR TIME COULD CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE.



Join our **free** six-week volunteer training course and help provide emotional and practical support to families with children under five.

COURSE DETAILS

WEDNESDAYS: 3RD, 10TH, 24TH FEB & 3RD, 10TH, 17TH MARCH 2027

9:45AM - 2:30PM

WHITTON PARK SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE, 190 WILLS CRESCENT, WHITTON, TW3 2JD

APPLY TODAY!

For more information contact
volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk
07884 536161

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1108975.

REMEMBER
All KS1 and KS2 pupils are entitled to free school lunches!

NOURISH GROW WITH US

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS VS PACKED LUNCHES

Balanced Nutrition: School meals must meet specific nutritional standards, including servings of fruit, vegetables, protein, dairy, whole grains, and an 'all you can eat' salad bar.

Convenience for Parents: No need to prep lunches daily—saves time, especially in busy households.

Cost-Effective: School meals are free for reception up to year 6, which saves approx. £551 per child per year rather than buying ingredients for packed lunches.

Exposure to New Foods: Kids may try a wider variety of foods at school than they would at home.

Supports Routine & Equality: Everyone eats the same type of meal, which can reduce lunchbox comparisons

Food Safety: Meals are stored and served under proper conditions—less risk of spoilage compared to a packed lunch sitting in a backpack for hours.



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