School Newsletter 437 23rd January 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,

We were treated this morning to Year 5 performing their assembly, about their topic last term on Planets, the Solar System and Space. Many interesting facts were shared and the singing was superb - **well done Year 5**! It is no secret that year group assemblies are my favourite part of the week. It really is a joy and an honour to watch them.

We have some celebrating to do following our unbeaten win at the Boys indoor Cricket Tournament last week! The boys remained unbeaten all the way. Mr Bell was full of praise for the boys conduct, sporting prowess and team effort. Please see his report overleaf. We have several football matches coming up next week, the Borough Swimming Gala and other sporting fixtures lined up in the next few weeks – so good luck to all our AC teams.

Year 6 have been out on their bicycles, in the local streets, learning how to ride sensibly and responsibly completing the *Bikeability* programme. Congratulations Year 6 – the Bikeability team said it was a joy to come to Archdeacon and teach such polite, attentive and enthusiastic children. They told me that they visit all the schools in Richmond and don't say that very often – so it is praise indeed!

Yesterday Mrs Jones and I had the pleasure of taking six Pupil Councillors to the charity Homelink in Whitton to hand over the cheque from our Christmas Collections. You raised a whopping £1233 and the team at Homelink were absolutely thrilled and very grateful. One elderly lady had tears in her eyes and said she couldn't believe how much money we had raised for them! They promised to let us know what they will spend the money on. I think they were expecting £50 but were genuinely delighted by your generosity. The children had their photo taken with a couple of the clients/ residents and then they went and said hello to a few of the elderly folk and staff. I heard on the grapevine that the best bit was: 'it was very exciting to get a lift in Miss Lambe's car!' They are so funny!!! Girls on the way there and boys on the way back!



My thanks to the PTA team selling Lotto numbers and to you for buying them. It is an easy win for fundraising. Speaking of fundraising please see if you can help out with Rugby parking in the coming few weeks – your help is much appreciated.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Fri 23rd Jan	6pm	Yr 6 Parent Consultation Booking Goes Live
Mon 26th Jan	7pm	Governing Board Meeting
Tues 27th	7.30pm	PTA First Aid Course for Parents
Fri 30th Jan	9am	Year 1 Assembly
Mon 2nd—Fri 6th February		Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 2nd Feb	AM	Traditional Tales Workshop—Year 1
Tues 3rd Feb	4pm—7pm	Year 6 Parent Consultations with children
Weds 4th Feb	All Day	4B Visit to Hampton Court
Thurs 5th Feb	All Day	4T Visit to Hampton Court
	4pm—7pm	Year 6 Parent Consultations with children
Fri 6th Feb	9am	Praying Parents at The Vicarage
	9am	Year 6 Assembly
	9.30am	Internet Safety Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents
	2.15pm	Internet Safety Meeting for Year 3 & 4 Parents
	Eve	PTA Winter Disco
Sat 7th Feb	All Day	PTA Rugby Parking (ENG vs WALES)

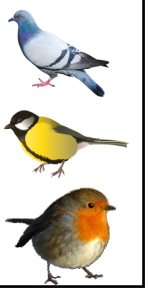
Internet Safety Talks

Friday 6th February 9.30am & 2.15pm

On Friday 6th February we will be holding two Internet Safety Meetings in the Large Hall for Parents. Years 5 & 6 Parents are invited to attend at 9.30am after the Year 6 assembly when Years 5 & 6 children will also be present. At 2.15pm, we will be holding an Internet Safety talk for Years 3 & 4 parents. During the talks, hints and tips will be given for raising, and becoming, robust and resilient digital citizens. We strongly advise that a parent of children in these year groups attends these talks so that together we can support children in Internet Safety.



Big Garden Birdwatch, 23rd—25th January 2026



The RSPB annual Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place over the weekend of 23rd—25th January 2026. Sign up for free at The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and spend an hour counting the birds that you see in your garden, from a window or in a local park. Throughout the weekend you can also take part in Big Garden Birdwatch Live where there will be quizzes, question and answer sessions, live footage and photos. The website also has great advice on feeding birds and how to identify different species. Last year over 600,000 people took part counting a whopping 9.7 million birds. We've lost 38 million birds from the UK skies in the past 60 years so it is more important than ever to get involved.

Book Week and Costume Day—Friday 6th March

This year our Book Week will take place from 2nd—6th March. During the week all children will be focussing on the book 'Gigantic' by Robert Biddulph which is about family, friendship, kindness and the sea. On Friday 6th March we will hold our annual Book Costume Day and on this day, children are invited to dress up as a book character from the sea/water/river or wear clothes which are blue/green/water colours.

Boys Indoor Cricket Champions, Mr Bell writes:

On Friday 16th January, some of our Boys Cricketers competed at Kingston Academy in the inaugural Royal Hampton Wick Primary Schools Indoor Tournament. Our Boys team were hot favourites leading into the tournament following their victory in last year's Borough Summer Tournament. They did not disappoint. The boys breezed through the first 3 games thanks to strong hitting from Finn and James, quick running between the wickets by Zidan and Daniel and some tight bowling by Leo and Thomas. The final group game was a tight low scoring affair. Finn held his nerve bowling the final over to lead the team to the final. Winning all our group games, meant that we were in the Final and our team saved their best until last. Harley bowled his best over for the final, as did Larry. Chasing a low total of 31 Leo hit some terrific classy sixes to reach the opponents total, leaving the calm head of James to ease the team over the line for victory. A quote from the head umpire summed the day up well: "You had the best players, were the best team, most gracious and best behaved side."



ADHD Embrace Advice Clinic Support

ADHD Embrace hold Advice Clinics for all ADHD families either with or awaiting a diagnosis. Their locally funded Advice Clinics are available to residents of the London Boroughs of Richmond and Kingston at a minimal cost. These private and confidential sessions provide a supportive space to discuss any challenges of ADHD.

To book an appointment, please visit the ADHD Embrace website

Class Attendance Results—Spring Term 2026

Congratulations to classes 1F & 2PS for the best attendance so far this Spring Term 2026:

Class	% Attendance
1F & 2PS	98.4%
3CB	98%
5B	97%

Year 6 Parent Consultation Booking

A reminder that the booking for Year 6 Parent Consultations opens at 6pm on Friday 23rd January. Appointments are booked through your Scopay account. Year 6 children should attend these meetings in person with their parents and alternative arrangements should be made for younger siblings. Please note that the booking will close at 9am on Monday 2nd February.

Praying Parents

Our Praying Parents group meet on the first Friday of the month at The Vicarage and will next be meeting on Friday 6th February at 9am at the Vicarage If you would like more information about how to join our Praying Parents group, please email Mrs Purves (Year 4 Parent) at prayingparents@mail.com.

Children's Mental Health Week 2nd—6th 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/

School Council Visit to Homelink, Whitton

Hester (5B) and Hunter (4B) write:



On Thursday 22nd January, a small group of school councillors, along with Misss. Lambe and Mrs. Jones, went to HomeLink to present our cheque from our fundraising efforts at the Christmas performances. When we gave the cheque to the elderly residents, one of the recipients called 'Mo' cried when she heard the amount we had raised. Everyone was so pleased that we thought of them and were very excited about what things they could buy to help them enjoy their visits to HomeLink in the future. All the children spent a short time introducing themselves and asking the elderly visitors about what they have been doing earlier that day.

Year 6 School Journey

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the further payments for the Year 6 School Journey to Liddington in June are now due. Many thanks for all payments already received.

News from the PTA

We hope you're settling into the new term and surviving January.

Thank you for all your wonderful fundraising efforts last year. Our treasurer Mike has been busy purchasing much needed new Chrome books for the Juniors and intriguingly investigating robots for the Infants. These much needed resources couldn't have been bought without your support, so thank you!

This term's fun filled events are being creatively planned by your amazing reps, so add the dates to your diaries and sign up to volunteer on the night. Get ready to dance away the cobwebs, showcase your quiz skills and upskill with our First Aid experts.



Paediatric First Aid Course
Tuesday 27th January, 7:30pm to 9pm
Join our Child First Aid Course with the award-winning Daisy First Aid in the Small Hall. Learn some basic but essential first aid skills without being overwhelmed with technical information. Tickets are £25 per person (with half of the proceeds going towards PTA fundraising for the school). Babies under 12 months welcome.
Limited spaces so book now https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1415350720

Rugby Parking
7th February and 21st February
Rugby Parking is one of the biggest and easiest fundraisers for the school. We have two 6 Nations matches at Twickenham this year so let's make them count!
Please check the slots available and sign up now. No experience is needed and you're welcome to bring children. Oh and snacks are provided!
Click through to help
7th Feb.- https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1406930638
21st Feb. - https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1419291048



Archdeacon Rocks Disco
Friday 6th February
It's party time! Don't miss our Spring Disco. Expect dancing, a glitter tattoo stall, a well-stocked bar and an exciting new hot dog stall presented by the Year 6 Leaver's Committee.
Please also volunteer to help make this a fun filled night.
Buy your ticket at https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1435180663

Archdeacon Lotto
We still have numbers available for the School Lotto. It's £36 for the year, and there are cash prizes to be won every month. Choose your lucky number at https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1354830885.
Please note you need to sign up every year. If you joined last year, you'll need to sign up again to be in with the chance to win in 2026.



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 brand new outdoor learning benches for our children. So, if you're shopping at any local participating Tesco store do request a blue token and put it into the Archdeacon box. Every vote counts!

Dates for the diary:

- **27th Jan, 7:30pm-9pm** - Paediatric First Aid Course
- **6th Feb** – Archdeacon Rocks Spring Disco
- **7th Feb** – Rugby Parking
- **21st Feb** - Rugby Parking
- **13th Feb** – 'All you need is love' Mufti Day
- **13th Feb** – After School Sale
- **6th March** – Book Week After School Sale
- **13th March** – Quiz Night

Have a great weekend.
Your PTA x

BOUNDLESS DANCE | BOUNDLESS DRAMA | BOUNDLESS RHYTHMS | BOUNDLESS THEATRE

Musical Madness

-FEBRUARY HALF TERM EVENT-

Our Half Term event is based on many amazing Musicals from around the world.

This event includes Acting, Dancing & Singing workshops with a sharing of work on the final day.

Your child can choose attend 1 day, 2 days or the full 3 days.

DATES: Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th February 2026

TIME: 10am – 2pm* (*doors open at 9.50am*)

**Early drop off from 9am, and late pick up is available at 3pm or 4pm*

AGES: 4 - 14 years of age

(Split into 3 groups depending on age)

VENUE: Teddington Methodist Church, Stanley Road, Teddington, TW11 8TP

PRICE: *1Day - £35, 2-Days- £55 or 3Days- £70*

TO SIGN UP: *Visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk and click on the 'Holiday Events' page.*

EVERY STUDENT EXPERIENCES AN HOUR OF ACTING, DANCING AND SINGING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AS WELL AS AN ENSEMBLE PIECE. ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE DELIVERED BY PROFESSIONAL WEST END PERFORMERS WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN TO CREATE FUN, DYNAMIC AND ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE PIECES. MORE DETAILS ONLINE.

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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Whitton Waves

Junior Netball Club

February 2025 Half-Term Netball Camp

Dates 17th &18th February

Time 10am - 3pm

Cost £45 per day (2 for £80)





Location

Richmond Upon Thames School Egerton Rd.

Open To

U10-U15 Age Groups (max 25 places per day)

To reserve your child's place, please email whittonjunior.netball@gmail.com

Saturday 7 February
From 9am-12pm or until skip is full (whichever comes first)

Turner Avenue
(near Fortescue Avenue Junction)

MEGA SKIP DAY

Get rid of your unwanted items for FREE



LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

Usually there is a charge for bulky waste collections. On 7 February, there will be a free Council mega skip near you.



How the mega skip works:

- Max six items per household
- Come early! Skip available until it's full or 12 noon, whichever comes first
- We recycle items collected
- Skips only for Richmond upon Thames residents. Please bring proof of residency (e.g. driving licence or utility bill).

We won't accept	We accept
✗ building rubble	✓ furniture
✗ paint and dangerous chemicals	✓ smaller electrical appliances
✗ weapons	✓ black bags (1 bag = 1 item)

Read the full list of what we do and do not accept on our website.

Come down to chat

We'll have people there to talk about tips on recycling and the Richmond Furniture Scheme's work to upcycle unwanted items and distribute back into the community.

Give your items a new home

Could your unwanted items be repaired or donated to a new home? Scan the QR code to find convenient ways to do both.

Our partners

- Richmond Furniture Scheme
- RHP

RFS rhp

Find out where you can donate, share or repair your items locally and sign up to news alerts: **www.richmond.gov.uk/mega_skip_days**

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