School Newsletter 436 9th January 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,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break catching up with family and had a good rest over the holidays. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your generous gifts and cards at the end of last term.

We had a lovely 'Church Service' in school with Rev. Simon on Wednesday to mark the start of term and celebrate Epiphany. It was slightly experimental, as we haven't had a Church Service in school before, but it worked well. As always, the Junior Choir sang beautifully and our Year 4 readers did a superb job. Sadly, we do not have any room to invite parents, but we do have plans to host a few of these services in our playground – with plenty of room for parents in the summer term (or certainly when the weather is better). Holy Trinity Church are waiting for confirmation of arrangements to restore heating so the Church may be out of action for our services this year.

The Spring Term is always a short but very busy term. We have sent home our termly calendar dates this afternoon. Please ensure you check your child's bag for your copy. Year group assemblies and parent workshops will be listed in there.

This week we've already have had icy pavements, playgrounds and very bitterly cold starts to the day. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear on them. I am including Year 6 pupils – who might be a bit more fashion conscious in this area. Any items not labelled will be donated to the next second hand uniform sale. Mrs Jefferies (in our school office) told me this morning, that she has recently washed over £600 worth of unnamed jumpers/ cardigans, so they can go into the second hand uniform sale! **PLEASE LABEL** your child's uniform. It's a simple process - all labelled items of clothing will find their way back to their owner.

Finally, I would like to share a lovely bit of alumni news... One of our past pupils - Scarlett Monahan (Class of 2020), is playing a lead role - Posey, in the production of Ballet Shoes at the National Theatre. Quite a few staff have been to see the play and I am going in a few weeks' time; the play is on until 21st February. Scarlett is also a very talented ballet dancer and in her Y6 AC Leaving book, she listed her favourite book as Ballet Shoes! So literally her childhood dream has come true!

Have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Miss Lambe, Head Teacher

Spring Term £10 Contribution

Parents are now able to pay the Spring Term £10 contribution for consumables on Scopay accounts. This voluntary contribution covers the cost of the materials for practical subjects such as cookery and craft, design and technology and some stationary items such as workbooks and homework diaries. Your financial support to the school is very much needed and appreciated.

Reception Admissions 2026/27

Please note that the deadline for the receipt of Reception 2026/27 applications by the School/LA, including all supplementary forms is **Thursday 15th January 2026** Parents of children born between 01/09/21 and 31/08/22 **must** apply for a Reception place for their child by this date. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Hamerton.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Fri 9th Jan	9am	Praying Parents—The Vicarage
	3pm	Second Hand Uniform Sale
Mon 13th - Fri 24th Jan		Year 6 Bikeability Programme
Fri 16th Jan	9am	Maths Mastery Workshop for Rec Parents
	AM	Indoor Boys Year 6 Cricket Tournament
Fri 23rd Jan	9am	Year 5 Assembly followed by Sayers Croft Meeting for Parents
	AM	Indoor Girls Year 6 Cricket Tournament
	6pm	Booking for Yr 6 Parent Consultation goes Live

Spring Term Parent Teacher Consultations

Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on:

- **Tuesday 3rd February 4.00pm—7.00pm**
- **Thursday 5th February 4.00pm—7.00pm**

Year 6 children should attend these consultations with their parents. Booking will open on the Scopay System on Friday 23rd January at 6pm.

Nursery—Year 5 Parent Consultations will take place on:

- **Tuesday 24th March 4.30pm—7.30pm**
- **Thursday 26th March 4.00pm—7.00pm**

Please make other arrangements for your Nursery—Year 5 child for these consultations. Children **do not** attend these meetings.



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, please complete and submit the online application form on the School Website. The deadline for the submission of applications is **6th March 2026.**

Year 5 Sayers Croft Meeting for Parents

Parents have been sent home medical forms for the Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft on Monday 9th February—Wednesday 11th February. These must be returned to school by **Monday 12th January**. As already advised, there will be a meeting for parents following the Year 5 assembly on Friday 23rd January and is expected to last approximately half an hour.

The Archdeacon Way Award December Monthly Winners

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

- Evie C (4T)
- Oliver C (6D)
- Lucy T (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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

School Governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's' education. Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the Governing Board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school.

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Board. Full information will be re sent to all parents via Parentmail on Monday. **The deadline for nominations for the role of Parent Governor will be Monday 26th January at 12noon.** If there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will be held.

Physical Activity Questionnaire , Mr Bell writes:

We would be very grateful if you could fill in the following Physical Activity Questionnaire for your child This will help us provide the best opportunities for all Archdeacon Cambridge's children to be physically active: Parents physical activity form – Fill out form. Thank you for the 30 responses we have received. Some more responses would be very helpful.

Year 1 Monster Mayhem Competition, Mrs Wilder writes:

We are very pleased that 32 pieces of work that our Year 1 children submitted on time for the Monster Mayhem Competition are due to be published in a book. Children put together some very creative drawings of a monster and wrote about them. Congratulations Year!

Warm Clothing Needed for all Morning Training Clubs

All children who take part in Football, Netball or Athletics Training which start next week, should be wearing underlayers, tracksuit bottoms, a warm coat and please bring hat and gloves. All training will take place outside (unless raining) and children should be dressed warmly to take part.

Year Group Assemblies

Please note the following dates for Year Group Assemblies this term. All assemblies will begin at 9am

Fri 23rd January Year 5
Fri 30th January Year 1
Fri 6th February Year 6
Fri 13th February Year 2

To book places for younger siblings in the PTA crèche which is kindly run by parent volunteers onsite, please email crèche@acpta.org.uk.

Year 4 Brass Lessons with Richmond Music Trust

Year 4 will be starting an eight week course of brass instrument lessons with the Richmond Music Trust on Monday 12th January. There is no charge to parents for this initial term's brass lessons. Children use brass instruments on loan from the RMT.

Online Parentview Questionnaire

Parents are able to give their views on the school by filling in an annual online Parentview questionnaire at Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View. Parents are only able to complete this online questionnaire once per year and you are also able to view the results. Thank you!

Lost Property

We have donated **over 40** unnamed AC logo jumpers and cardigans from our lost property boxes to the PTA second hand uniform sale. Many looked nearly new and these items cost around £15 when purchased from Stevensons making a value of **£600 of lost property!** A pack of 100 sticker name labels costs £15 and could name your child's belongings for their entire school education. Sadly we had to throw away a large number of water bottles and snack pots.

Please ensure you name ALL items of clothing, water bottles and snack pots.

News from the PTA

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. The PTA has an exciting term ahead and we're delighted to share the upcoming events and fundraising opportunities with you.

AC Lotto Club
Our Lotto Club is a brilliant way to support the school while having a chance to win cash prizes!

- 150 numbers available
- Open to parents, carers, teachers, grandparents, friends and family
- £3 per month (£36 for the year), January–December
- Monthly draw with cash prizes for the first three numbers drawn

Expected to raise over **£2,000 for the PTA** after prize money
Purchase a number via Classlist:
https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1354830885
For any queries, please email **100club@acpta.org.uk**

Paediatric First Aid Course for Parents
We are pleased to be hosting a paediatric first aid course for parents on:
Tuesday 27th January
7:30pm – 9:00pm
£25 per ticket
Tickets are available to purchase on Classlist under the Calendar page.



Rugby Parking – Volunteers Needed
We have **two more rugby games** this season and would love your support. Last term, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we raised an incredible amount of money for the school.
Six Nations rugby parking dates this term:

- **Saturday 7th February** – England v Wales (Kick-off 4:40pm)
- **Saturday 21st February**—England v Ireland (Kick-off 2.10pm)



If you know anyone looking for parking for matches or events, please share our Google Business profile:
https://g.co/kgs/rjevXaP
Please sign up to volunteer via the Classlist Calendar page. These events are a vital part of our fundraising efforts.

Spring Disco – Friday 6th February
Bags2School- Tuesday 3rd March (January has unfortunately been postponed).



Tesco Blue Token Vote
Archdeacon has been shortlisted for the **Tesco Blue Token Scheme**. If we win, we could receive **£1,500** to purchase new outdoor learning benches for our children.

- Shop at any participating Tesco store (local stores across the Borough of Richmond)
- Pick up a blue token (ask at the till if needed)

Place it in the **Archdeacon box**
Voting runs from **mid-January until the end of March**

Easyfundraising
Please remember to use **Easyfundraising** when shopping online or booking holidays. It's a simple way to raise additional funds for the school at no extra cost.
https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/archdeaconcambridges/4G0BUL/c2s/zYSXMpZI/CE065/facebook/

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We couldn't do this without you.

Best wishes,
The PTA Team



Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Register

New customer platform

There's a new way to sign up for our special educational needs and disability (SEND) register!

This new customer platform allows you to:

- join the SEND Register
- request a disability awareness card
- report a lost or stolen disability awareness card
- update or remove your personal details on the register

Join the register to:



- receive up-to-date information on support
- give feedback on important services, helping us to plan and improve them
- apply for a disability awareness card for proof of disability and access to concessions, support or assistance

Visit this page of the Local Offer or scan this QR code to get started.

Accessibility and language options are available on the Local Offer.

Accessibility and language

Already have an Achieving for Children (AfC) account?

Sign in to access these features, or easily create an account for more online services and to track your requests.

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Richmond & Kingston SENDIASS

Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

6 JAN 13:00	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process	7 JAN 12:00	Responding to a draft EHCP. If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
8 JAN 17:30	Appeals to SEND Tribunal. A step-by-step guide through the appeals process	14 JAN 11:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support. Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP
19 JAN 12:00	Alternative Provision. What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	23 JAN 10:00	Responding to a draft EHCP. If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft

www.rksendiass.co.uk/workshops

MHST

Parents: MHST Information at a Glance

General MHST information

MHST leaflet explaining who and what we offer

Self-referral for primary aged pupils

Self-referral for secondary school pupils

Leaflets on our universal groups

MHST website

MHST video library

Helping with…. Parent webinars (topics chosen by parents)

Webinars: Helping Children with Series 25/26

Webinars: Helping Teens with Series 25/26



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TCFC

U10

Training:
Every Saturday
1pm-2pm

Matches:
Sunday mornings

Contact us:
https://www.twickenhamcygnetsfc.com/newjoiners

⚽ **Calling all Year 5 budding Chloe Kellys, Lucy Bronzes, and Jess Carters!** ⚽

Have you been inspired by England's women's national football team and their incredible performance at the Euros?

Or do you simply want to play football, have fun, and be part of an amazing group of girls from Twickenham and Richmond who turn up rain or shine to enjoy the game with their friends?

Due to unprecedented demand, Twickenham Cygnets have opened up new spaces in our U10 squads, and 4 spaces remain!

Once we open this opportunity to other schools in the borough, we expect these places to go quickly — so get in touch soon if you're interested!

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Football for girls from 7 - 18 years.

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BOUNDLESS ADULT DANCE FITNESS CLASSES

WHEN: Every Wednesday

WHERE: Archdeacon Cambridge's C of E Pri Sch, Twickenham Green. TW2-5TS.

TIME: 7.30pm-8.30pm

PRICE: From as little as £6.00 per class!

GENRE: A different style of dance every week! Please visit the website for details.

AGE: 16+

SPRING OFFER
Please quote SP26
Sign up to the whole term with a friend, and you'll each receive a 25% discount! That makes each class just £6.00!



We have been running our Adult Dance Fitness Classes for over 9 years, and we pride ourselves on delivering very friendly and personable classes to all abilities. It doesn't matter if you have danced before, we cater for beginners through to advanced dancers. The class is taught by the fabulously fun Boundless Practitioners!

Our fun and dynamic multi-genre Adult Dance Fitness Classes are delivered in a relaxed setting, where moving and shaking makes fitness fun!

TO SIGN UP: Please visit www.boundlessarts.co.uk, and click on the 'Adult Dance Fitness' page where you will find more details on the class, and what genres are delivered.

'BE CREATIVE, BE BOLD, BE YOU'

WHETHER YOU HAVE DANCED BEFORE OR NOT, IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER. PLEASE POP YOUR TRAINERS ON AND COME AND JOIN THE FUN! A DIFFERENT GENRE IS DELIVERED EACH WEEK; 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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