

NEWSLETTER

15th November 2024



We are proud of our parent/school partnership!



It was our pleasure to hold parent consultations this week!

We are so proud and grateful for the strong partnership that exists between school and home, as it is essential for ensuring the children thrive. Of course, the additional support children receive at home plays a vital role in their development and it was wonderful to speak with you about your child's strengths and areas they can develop even further.

Our core value of '**practice makes progress**' is always at the heart of these conversations, as we continue to encourage children to strive for improvement through consistent effort.

We deeply appreciate the time and effort our families invest in their child's learning at home and helping children see that practice truly does make progress. Thank you to all parents, carers and guardians for being such an integral part of our Chase Bridge community.

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- Tuesday 19th November - **4K swimming; School tour for prospective parents - Reception & Nursery 2025**
- Wednesday 20th November - **Apple class to Hampton Court**
- Friday 22nd November - **Year 2 Irish Dancing workshop; Year 1 Hand hygiene with School Nurse; Y5&6 Cross Country; FoCB Year 6 cake sale**
- Monday 25th November - **Reception Hearing tests; MHST Resilience Coffee morning; No Handwriting club**
- Tuesday 26th November - **4K swimming; Reception Hearing tests**
- Wednesday 27th November - **Willow class to Hampton Court**
- Thursday 28th November - **Reception Hearing tests**
- Friday 29th November - **Oak class to Hampton Court; Year 4 to Verulamium St Albans**

Holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25

Friday 20th December - **TERM ENDS**

Monday 6th January - **INSET DAY**

Tuesday 7th January - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Friday 4th April - **TERM ENDS**

Tuesday 22nd - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 5th May - **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Friday 18th July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations & Achievements!



Congratulations to Chloe (Year 3) who recently passed her Ballet examination in Pre-Primary in Dance.

Reception admissions 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will start their reception year in September 2025. The brochure attached highlights key information relating to this process. Parents and carers must apply for a place by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You must apply for a place for your child even if they already have a sibling in school or if your child is currently in our Nursery. Click [here](#) for Richmond Admissions brochure. We have two school tours remaining for prospective parents: **Tuesday 19th November or Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am.**

Planetarium visit to Reception

Reception loved the introduction to their space topic - a visit by Wonder Dome planetarium. They learnt how the sun is at the centre of the solar system and the planets orbit it. They also learnt about the first man on the moon and why their spacesuits are so important. The children loved learning about stars and this will help support their learning for the rest of the topic.

Year 5 visit Kew Gardens



Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful day out at Kew Gardens last Tuesday. The pupils explored the greenhouses, visited the children's garden and attended a workshop which launched our topic about Brazil and the rainforest. Just like the children in our next text, "The Explorer", our children were asked how they would survive in the rainforest and learnt what the plants could be used for.

Year 6 to Imperial War Museum

As a start to their World Wars history topic, Year 6 had an enjoyable visit to the Imperial War Museum last week. The children explored artefacts about World War One, including experiencing walking through a trench and reading about the causes of the war. They also learnt what life was like in World War Two - particularly bunkers and shelters - and the vehicles used at the time.



Year 5+6 Fantasy Football News

The Year 5/6 Fantasy Football League is in full swing! Leading the pack is Louis B, with a fantastic 282 points. *Great Greeny LC*, led by Josh E, follows closely with 273 points, and *Flaming Squid*, managed by Lucas B, holds third at 254. Francesca R-R's *Frantastica FC* is in fourth and Coach Joe is the stand out staff member, with *Bees United* completing the top five with 240 and 217 points, respectively. It's a tight race, and with only a few points between teams, anything could happen. Good luck to all our fantasy football stars!

MHST Workshop - Resilience - Monday 25th November

We are excited to be able to invite you to a session provided by our Mental Health Support Team this term.

Who is the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)?

MHST is an early intervention, multi disciplinary team of clinical specialists, mental health clinicians and child wellbeing practitioners (CWPs).

The MHST supports children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing through work with children, young people, families/carers and staff in school settings, within Kingston and Richmond.

On **Monday 25th November** at **9am-10am** in the Chase Hall the MHST will be discussing 'Resilience'.

This session will cover the following areas: What is resilience?; Positive self-talk; Coping with worried thoughts; Learning from our mistakes; Relaxation and coping strategies; Focusing on our strengths and achievements; Problem-solving and Breaking down our goals.

Please complete this Google form to indicate whether you are able to attend and join us on this day. <https://forms.gle/H59qNeTQNFK5qrZ29>

We look forward to seeing you there, Hannah Gilbert (SENCO)

Hamper of Cheer

We are excited to support the "Hamper of Cheer" campaign, run by *Embracing Age*, a wonderful charity based in Twickenham that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people in care homes. Embracing Age works to reduce loneliness and isolation among the elderly by providing companionship and support.

As part of this campaign, we will be collecting donations from the attached list to create hampers that will be sent to 16 local care homes. Our School Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors will be leading the effort, decorating the boxes and assembling the hampers. All donations need to be in by **Friday 29th November**. Let's work together to bring some cheer to our elderly community this holiday season!



Plea from Welfare

Welfare would appreciate donations of the following items for Under 8's - trousers, polo shirts, PE kit, socks, tights and underwear. Many thanks in advance.

West Car Park

The West Car Park is currently closed to parents during the Autumn International games taking place during November. It will reopen on 6th December. May we also take this opportunity to remind you to park respectfully and safely.