

# NEWSLETTER

28th November 2025



## Enrichment at Chase Bridge



At Chase Bridge, providing enriching experiences beyond the classroom is a vital part of our curriculum and school culture. Our teachers carefully plan a wide range of activities that bring learning to life, help children develop new skills and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Some recent examples of this learning in action include Year 1's visit to Hampton Court Palace, which brought their study of Henry VIII vividly to life; and Year 3's reflective visit to the Gurdwara, where they explored Sikhism in an authentic setting. Across the school, Year 2 took part in a hands-on Geography workshop and Year 5 enjoyed Chocolate Day, linked to their Geography topic on chocolate-growing countries and climates.

Looking ahead, we wish Year 6 a fantastic week as they head off on their residential to Hindleap Warren. This exciting adventure will not only be full of fun but also help them develop key skills like teamwork, resilience and independence.

Miss Dougan-Cleary

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

**Monday 1st December** - Last week of clubs; Year 6 Residential to Hindleap

**Tuesday 2nd December** - 4K swimming

**Wednesday 3rd December** - Oak class to Hampton Court; Y1&2 Choir performance to parents

**Friday 5th December** - Year 4 trip to Pompeii exhibit; Year 5 Parent meeting 9.15am re Thames Young Mariners (Chase Hall)

**Monday 8th December** - Orchestra performance to parents

**Tuesday 9th December** - 4K swimming; 9.15am Cherry Nativity; 10.00am Fir Nativity; 10.45am Maple Nativity; Year 1 Sing-Song 2.30pm

**Wednesday 10th December** - Apple class to Hampton Court; Nursery Nativity 9.15am and 2.00pm; Year 5 Choir members to John Lewis, Kingston

**Thursday 11th November** - Make a Difference Workshop Y4, Y5, Y6; Netball match vs St Mary's

**Friday 12th December** - 9.10am Chestnut Nativity; 10.00am Birch Nativity; 10.50am Acacia Nativity

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2025-2026

- Friday 19th December - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 5th January - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 6th January - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Friday 27th March - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 13th April - **TERM STARTS**

## Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **Orion (5S)** who recently passed his ABRSM Piano Grade 1 exam with a Distinction. What a wonderful achievement.



## Reception admissions 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 they will start their reception year in September 2026. The brochure attached highlights key information relating to this process. Parents and carers must apply for a place by **Thursday 15th January 2026**. You can apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://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 one school tour remaining for prospective parents: **Friday 9th January 2026 at 9.30am**

## Hamper of Cheer



We are delighted to be supporting the "Hamper of Cheer" campaign again this year! This wonderful initiative is run by Embracing Age, a charity based in Twickenham 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 the campaign, we will be collecting donations from the attached list to create hampers for 16 local care homes. Our School Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors will be leading the effort, decorating the boxes and assembling the hampers.

Please ensure all donations are brought in by **Friday 5th December**, so we have time to decorate and prepare the hampers. Let's work together to bring some cheer to our

elderly community this holiday season!

## Kinship Care support

Kinship care occurs when a child lives full-time or most of the time with a relative or family friend who is not their parent, typically because their parents are unable to provide adequate care. This "kinship carer" can be anyone from grandparents to older siblings or close family friends. Kinship care arrangements can be informal, or they may be formalized through legal orders like Child Arrangements Orders or Special Guardianship Orders. If you think that you might be involved in a kinship care arrangement, please find some information attached which maybe be useful:

<https://kinship.org.uk/support-and-advice/training-and-events/kinship-roadshow-west-london>  
<https://padlet.com/achievingforchildrenvirtualschool/kinship-care-support-8kqv7xfo37rtes72>

## Parenting Lead for Achieving for Children



My name is Tom Maybey and I work for Achieving for Children as the Parenting Lead for Richmond. My role is attached to the Family Hubs for the borough. The family hubs combine the existing children's centres and youth centres to provide warm and welcoming spaces that support families with children aged 0 to 19 (or up to 25 with SEND). They bring together local services to offer easy access to advice, activities, and help in one place.

It is my job to run courses for parents and carers across Richmond, and these are delivered in schools, children's centres, family hubs and other locations. These courses include ones that are run globally, nationally and a couple that we have developed specially for AfC. They can help with managing your children's behaviour, setting family rules, and taking care of yourself as a parent or caregiver. These courses include The Incredible Years Pre-School Programme, The Nurturing Programme for primary aged children and a course called Reducing Parental Conflict.

I am also able to offer bespoke and targeted advice for individual families, depending on what you may need some information on to help you out at home. I can also point you in the right direction for other sources of support such as charities, organisations and other services within Richmond, Kingston or further afield.

Children don't come with instruction manuals, and keeping them happy and healthy is a full time job without pay! All families will encounter different problems at different times - the Family Hub team are here to help.

If you want some support, more information about the service or our courses for parents, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Tom.Maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:Tom.Maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

## Attendance Ambassadors



From left to right – Y1&2; Y3&4 and Y5&6

The ideas the Attendance Ambassadors had for their posters were so brilliant that they decided to put them together to make 3 big posters! These posters are going up in classrooms and this week the children will start tracking their class attendance.

They are very excited to be taking on this responsibility and I can't wait to work with them. Many thanks to the children and to you for your ongoing support. Katie Pyke, Welfare and Attendance Officer.



## Year 5 & 6 Cross Country



Last Friday, a group of our talented Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a 2k cross-country race in Bushy Park. They all performed brilliantly, showing fantastic determination and team spirit throughout the course. **Cara, Lyra, Bethany, Zoe, Flo, Poppy, Orlando, Aiden, Finlay, Milo, Isaac and Josiah** should be incredibly proud of their achievements — they represented the school wonderfully.

An extra special congratulations goes to Cara, who managed to finish in the top 30 out of 175 runners!

## Year 5 Chocolate Day

As part of their Chocolate topic, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Chocolate Day on Tuesday. The children had great fun tasting and describing a range of chocolates, learning about how chocolate is made, and exploring the countries where cocoa beans are grown. They finished the day by designing their very own chocolate product — a truly delicious learning experience!



## Year 2 Geography workshop



Year 2 took part in a geography workshop, where they were joined by an Earth Explorer who helped them travel across the 7 continents and the 5 oceans of the world. They had a great time acting out flying, riding a motorbike, scuba diving and climbing across the continents of the world. Along the way, they visited the Amazon Rainforest, The Great Barrier Reef, the Himalayas and the wildlife in Africa. What a session!

## Netball match vs Archdeacon

Despite the freezing temperatures and dark nights, the netball team competed together again with great determination and resilience to overcome a tough battle and secure their second win! Congratulations to **Josh, Flo, Lyra, Cara, Beth, Dylan and Lucy**.

