

NEWSLETTER

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Our heart is our community



The summer term is in full swing with a whirlwind of exciting activities! From immersive trips to captivating workshops and delightful visitors, the past weeks have been filled with wonder and learning. Our school was recently taken over by Vikings, captivating the imagination of our children. Our Reception children had a fantastic time exploring Bocketts Farm, and the anticipation is building for Year 5 as they prepare for their first residential trip to Thames Young Mariners.

These experiences are more than just outings or visits; they're opportunities to spark curiosity and ignite excitement for the term ahead. Alongside these adventures, our Summer term clubs are off to a fantastic start, with the new Magic club adding to the array of options available. It's heartening to see over 71% of our children participating in one or more clubs this year. Our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to ensure our club offerings are diverse and tailored to the interests of our community. With over 1200 spaces filled, we're committed to continuously improving and enhancing the experience for Autumn 2024.

Our staff have been hard at work transforming common spaces within the school to reflect our values and showcase the incredible work of our children, both in school and at home. From vibrant artwork to displays celebrating student leadership and talents, these spaces are a testament to the creativity and dedication within our community. Above is our wonderful world map to celebrate all the cultures and countries linked with our children, staff, families and curriculum. We encourage parents to share pictures and stories of their child's achievements outside of school so we can celebrate them together.

Recently, a parent visiting our school in anticipation of joining us in September asked about our school's unique selling point (USP). The answer is simple: our community. It's the volunteers, class reps, Friends of Chase Bridge, club leaders, administrative team, teachers, teaching assistants, facilities management, welfare team, SMSAs, Lions team and, above all, our families and children who make Chase Bridge the extraordinary place it is. Your support and involvement are invaluable, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for contributing to our special community.

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 13th May** - Year 6 SATs this week; 4B River Walk
- **Tuesday 14th May** - 4R swimming; Year 5 having PE due to TYM
- **Wednesday 15th May** - Year 5 to Thames Young Mariners
- **Thursday 16th May** - 4F River Walk
- **Friday 17th May** - FoCB Reception cake sale; 4R River Walk
- **Tuesday 21st May** - 4R swimming; Book Fair
- **Thursday 23rd May** - Year 1 to Kew Gardens
- **Friday 24th May** - FoCB Bounceathon

Holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **HALF TERM**

Monday 22nd July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations and achievements!



Congratulations to **Leo (Year 6)** who recently swam 5km to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. He raised an amazing £535! **Elliot (Year 6)** who was awarded 'Players player' for Whitton Wanderers FC; **Marko and Ronnie (Year 6)** who play for Moormead Under 11 Boys Team - they played their Cup Final in Bracknell at the weekend, coming home victorious after a hard fought 2-0 battle! Congratulations to **Beatrice (Year 2)** who recently donated her hair to Little Princess Trust as well as fundraising £122 for the same charity organisation; **Sam (Year 6)** who was awarded 'Player of the Tour' as well as being named best defensive player at his London Welsh U11's tour to Bournemouth and **James (Year 3)** who was very lucky enough to be asked to be an England Rugby mascot for the Red Roses 6 Nations game at Twickenham Stadium against Ireland. He loved every minute of it.

Reception visit Bocketts Farm

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bocketts Farm. The children loved riding in a trailer and having the opportunity to both feed and stroke the animals. All of the teachers were incredibly proud of their behaviour and how they wanted to learn lots of new facts about the animals they saw.



Book Fair - May 21st - 24th!

By running the Scholastic Book Fair, Chase Bridge earns points to spend on new books for our wonderful school library. Following our successful book fair in the Autumn term, the school council has helped to choose a selection of new books which have joined our library stock and are available to all junior age children to borrow. We hope to see you there!

Year 5 Fantasy Football News

As we enter our penultimate game week, here is what the Year 5 Fantasy Football League table is looking like. Zach remains top of the leaderboard and despite an almighty effort from Josh, one more successful gameweek will surely see him wrap up the first ever Chase Bridge Fantasy Football title! Both Francesca and Jai-Han will be eyeing up third place, with only 10 points separating Mr Kelly's 'Bayern Bru' with 5th place 'Frantastico FC'. We look forward to bringing you the updates from the final two game weeks of the season.

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1 ●	Calm down Zach	101	1473
2 ●	great greeny LC Josh	76	1345
3 ●	Bayern Bru Mr Kelly	68	1322
4 ●	Chase Bridge Jai-Han	92	1318
5 ●	Frantastico FC Francesca	84	1312

Congratulations to Caterlink - 5 Star Rating

Well done to our Caterlink kitchen team for retaining their 5 star food hygiene rating - the top award!

Chef Janaka and his team continue to work hard to ensure our school kitchen exceeds standard food safety and hygiene practices.



Mrs Covill's Art Club



Mrs Covill Art Club had a great start with the children practising their watercolour skills by painting bluebells – a welcome sign of spring.

We can't wait to see what they create next time.

Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

Just before Easter, we were so proud to have entered 18 works of art into the Royal Academy's Young Artists Summer Show. Every year was represented - from Year 1 to Year 6. For those children who entered work, we are due to hear back by the end of May to see if they have been selected for exhibition in London.

These three images show work from **Emiline (Acacia)**; **Hayley (5W)** and **Kushagra (6P)**.



Sun Safe!

As the days are warming up, please ensure your child is 'sun safe'. Please send your child to school with a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream already applied. We thank you for your support with this.



The Schooldays & Just Dancing Team, Whitton!

Schooldays will once again be operating an appointment system during the summer months. Please book your slot early to avoid disappointment at:

<https://schooldaysllp.co.uk/index.php/booking-form/>

You can now spread the cost of your purchases over 3 months using Paypal (online only)

Look at what's arrived in Lions

Mrs Ferrari and her team are always on the hunt for interesting games and activities for the Lions' children to enjoy. The arrival of the new air hockey table has sparked some competitive fun - adults are not allowed!

If you are interested in a space for our Breakfast and/or After School wraparound care, please contact Mrs Hayward in the school office. *Ad hoc bookings can also be requested, subject to availability.*



Attendance Ambassadors

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 support them. Many thanks to the children and to you for your ongoing support - Mrs Pyke

Summer term parent workshops

Attached to the newsletter is the next parent workshops from the *Helping Children* series of workshops taking place this term.

Our next workshops are 16th and 17th May on *Challenging Behaviour*.

Sign up [Link](#) for workshop Thursday 16th May at 6pm

Sign up [Link](#) for workshop Friday 17th May at 9am