

NEWSLETTER

10th October 2025



Celebrating Successes!



It has been such a pleasure to join the Chase Bridge community as Deputy Headteacher. Over the past few weeks, I've loved getting to know so many of our fantastic children and families – your warmth and support have made me feel truly welcome.

The children have settled brilliantly into their new year groups and classrooms, approaching their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience. A personal highlight of my week has been leading the achievement assemblies across the school – I absolutely love celebrating the children's successes and seeing the joy on their faces when I call their names.

Beyond the classroom, the children have been enjoying a range of exciting activities. Our clubs are off to a flying start, Year 6 have enjoyed their first successful week of Bikeability and Year 4 have been making great progress in swimming lessons. These opportunities, along with classroom learning, help our children grow in confidence and discover new talents.

I am looking forward to more adventures, discoveries and happy moments as the term unfolds, and I feel very excited to continue this journey with the Chase Bridge community.

Have a good weekend.
Aisling Dougan Cleary

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Times, dates and places for your diary

Monday 13th October - Y6 Bikeability all week - 6W and half of 6D

Tuesday 14th October - 4K swimming

Wednesday 15th October - Acacia to Orleans Gallery

Thursday 16th October - Rugby tournament

Friday 17th October - FoCB Halloween discos

Tuesday 21st October - 4K swimming; Harvest assembly

Wednesday 22nd October - Reception Heights & Weights; Birch to Orleans Gallery

Thursday 23rd October - Y6 Heights & Weights

Friday 24th October - Individual photographs; Sibling photographs after school

Tuesday 11th November - Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 13th November - Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6.30pm

Holiday dates for the academic year 2025-2026

- Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- 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**
- Monday 4th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - **HALF TERM**
- Thursday 16th July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **Cayden (4B)** who recently took part in the Richmond Rugby Festival last Sunday. This was the under 9's first contact rugby tournament and he was chosen as player of the tournament by Grasshoppers.



Transfer to Secondary school: September 2026

The admissions brochure highlights key information relating to the secondary transfer process for September 2026 - click [here](#) for the Richmond Admissions brochure. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the School Office in the first instance. A reminder for parents that applications for secondary school places need to be made this term! You must submit your application form by **Friday 31st October 2025**.

Lost Property



This term we have seen an increase in lost property. The majority of items are unlabelled, which makes it difficult for us to return items. Please remember to clearly label your child's name and class on all clothing and water bottles. Lost property can be located in front of reception. We will be recycling any unclaimed lost property at the end of every month. Thank you for your continued support, School Office

School success starts with attendance

Currently attendance is 97% which is fantastic and down to you, so thank you.

Our aim is to maximise attendance so that all pupils can gain full access to our curriculum and to reach their full academic potential and achieve a high level of personal and social well-being. There is clear evidence that attendance and attainment are linked, more information can be found on the education hub:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/08/why-school-attendance-matters-and-what-were-doing-to-improve-it/>

We are always here to help, if you have any concerns regarding attendance or need any support, please contact the school office and ask for myself. Many thanks for your continued support.

Head lice

There have been a number of cases of head lice in some year groups. Head lice are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. The only way to be sure that someone has head lice is by finding live lice. You can do this by combing the hair with a special fine-toothed comb, available in pharmacies. The advice is to treat head lice as soon as you spot them, check everyone you live with, or have close contact with and treat everyone on the same day.

There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but please contact the Welfare Officer and ensure long hair is tied up. More information can be found on the NHS website, including

treatments: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>. Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our community safe and healthy

News from Friends of Chase Bridge



Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last Friday. We are delighted to have some new members joining our team. If you weren't able to come along but are interested in getting involved with the PTA, please send an email to: chasebridgepta@gmail.com and someone will be in touch.

We have lots of exciting events planned for this year, including some old favourites. Please see our calendar for the autumn term so that you have the dates for your diary.

PANTS Week – Next Week!

Next week we will be celebrating PANTS Week in school. This is part of the NSPCC's campaign to help children understand the PANTS rule, which teaches them how to stay safe in a simple and age-appropriate way.



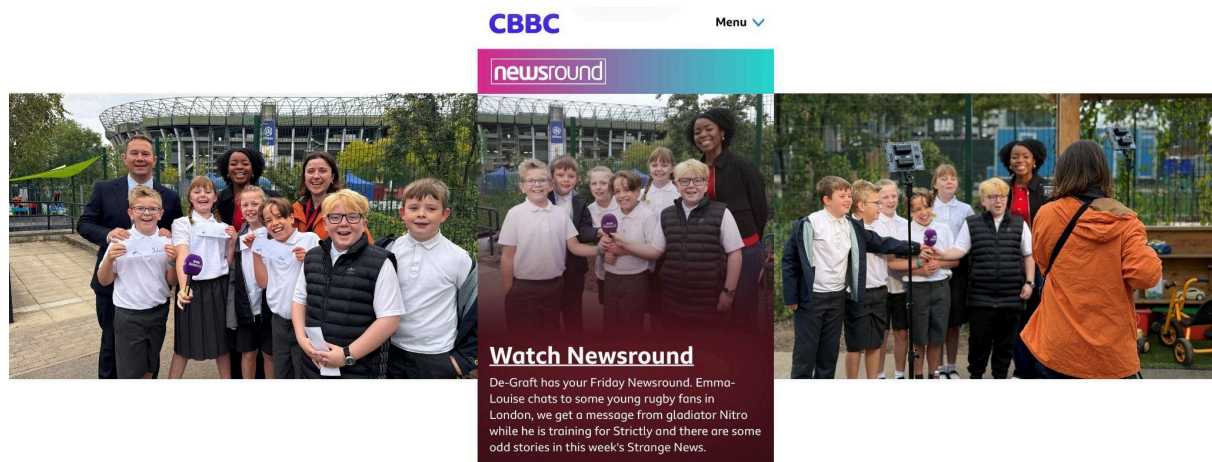
During the week, the children will take part in a range of fun and engaging activities to help them learn that their body belongs to them and that they should always feel able to speak up if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Our assemblies will focus on revisiting and reinforcing the PANTS rule so that all children are confident in understanding what it means.

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, children will be learning the catchy PANTS song, which helps them remember these important messages. Reception children will also enjoy listening to the special PANTS story, a gentle way to introduce the idea of body boundaries and personal safety. We'd love parents and carers to continue the conversation at home. You can use the PANTS Parent Guide (link below) to help you talk with your child about the PANTS rule in a supportive and child-friendly way.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

Together, we can help every child feel safe, confident, and empowered to speak up.

Reporting Live From Chase Bridge



On the 26th September a small group of our rugby enthusiasts had the fantastic opportunity to be interviewed for CBBC Newsround. The focus was on the Women's Rugby World Club Final which was taking place the next day at Allianz Stadium. The interview went out live on the same day and the children did brilliantly.