NEWSLETTER

13th November 2026

Together We Remember



It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school this week for our parent consultations. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate children's achievements, discuss their progress and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who took the time to meet with us and for your continued support. We really appreciate the strong relationship we have with our families.

There have also been plenty of opportunities for our children to learn, explore and shine beyond the classroom recently. Reception enjoyed a Wonder Dome workshop, Year 1 visited Hampton Court and Year 6 have been developing their cycling skills through Bikeability. Last Thursday, our girls' football team took part in their first tournament of the season, representing our school brilliantly and demonstrating great enthusiasm, courage and teamwork. Well done, girls!

On Wednesday 11th November, we came together to mark Remembrance Day, observing a one-minute silence across the school to remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for others. Year 6 conducted a remembrance service in front of the memorial gates outside the Twickenham Rugby stadium. The children learnt that these gates are called the Rose and Poppy Gates as they feature English roses and poppies cast from World War I artillery shells to honour rugby players who lost their lives in global conflicts. The children read some war poems, laid a wreath and then everyone then stood quietly during the silence to remember the brave soldiers who had died in the war.

Miss Dougan Cleary

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Tuesday 17th November** - Year 6 to Imperial War Museum; 4K swimming
- **Wednesday 18th November** - Oak class to Hampton Court
- **Thursday 19th November** - Boys football tournament
- **Friday 20th November** - School tour for prospective parents 9.15am; FoCB Year 6 cake sale
- **Monday 23rd November** - 3B to Gurdwara
- **Tuesday 24th November** - 3F to Gurdwara, 4K swimming
- **Thursday 26th November** - 3P to Gurdwara; FoCB Wreath making evening
- **Friday 27th November - INSET Day**

Holiday dates for the academic year 2026-2027

- Friday 18th December - **TERM ENDS**
- Tuesday 5th January - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Thursday 25th March - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 12th April - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 3rd May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Tuesday 20th July - **END OF YEAR**

Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **Theo (5S)** who recently donated his hair to the Little Princess Trust. They use hair donations to make wigs for children with cancer. He was sponsored to do this and has raised over £1700. Well done Theo!



Reception admissions 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they will start their reception year in September 2027. The brochure attached highlights key information relating to this process. Parents and carers must apply for a place by **Friday 15th January 2027**. 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 one school tour remaining for prospective parents: **Friday 4th December at 9.15am.**

FUEL Holiday Activities – Important Update

Following changes to Free School Meal eligibility introduced in September, there have been some updates to the eligibility criteria for the **FUEL (Food, Unity, Energy, Learning) Holiday Activities Programme**.

FUEL places are now available to children who are eligible for **targeted Free School Meals**. Unfortunately, children who receive Universal Free School Meals or the newly expanded Free School Meals are not eligible for the programme under the updated criteria.

We appreciate that these changes may cause some confusion, so please take a moment to read the information here which explains the changes and what they mean for families.

Course offered by Richmond Parenting Lead, Tom Maybey

Talking Teens (4-Session Programme) Developed by The Centre for Emotional Health, this accredited programme is all about understanding the teenage brain. It's a fantastic space for parents to figure out how to break down communication walls, manage conflict calmly, and set healthy, consistent boundaries.

When: Mondays, 23rd November – 14th December, 9.30am - 11.30am
Where: Powerstation Youth Centre, 121a Mortlake High Street

Tom is still offering self-bookable one hour 1-1 Parenting Consultation appointments to families in Richmond or have children at a Richmond school - these can be booked at this link: Parent 1-1 Consultation.

Tom Maybey Richmond Parenting Lead

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 living in care homes. Embracing Age works to reduce loneliness and isolation among older people by providing companionship and support.

As part of the campaign, we will be collecting donations from the attached list to create festive hampers for local care home residents. Our School Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors will be leading the effort, decorating the boxes and assembling the hampers.

New this year, we are really excited that some of our children will have the opportunity to personally deliver our completed hampers to residents at our local care home, White Farm Lodge. We hope this will be a really special experience for the children and a lovely opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer and bring our school value of *Care for Others* to life.

Please ensure all donations are brought into school by **Monday 7th December**, so we have time to decorate and prepare the hampers ready for delivery.

Let's work together to bring a little happiness and festive cheer to older members of our local community this Christmas!



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, there is government guidance which you may find helpful:

Coughs and colds
It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes

High temperature
If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away

Ear infection
If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away

Vomiting and diarrhoea
Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours)

Other illnesses
Follow this advice for other illnesses: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day to let us know that your child won't be in and please give the reason.

If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please inform the Welfare team, we are here to help..

Please contact the School Office or Welfare is you have any questions

Chase Bridge Recycling Squad Leads the Way!



We were delighted that our Recycling Squad was invited to take part in Richmond Council's anti-fly tipping campaign. What a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to help raise awareness of the importance of keeping our local environment clean and tidy.

We're incredibly proud of our young environmental champions for helping to spread such an important message. Watch them in action.

Visit to Hampton Court



Apple and Willow Class had a fantastic time visiting Hampton Court Palace. We explored the magnificent Tudor kitchens, discovered the Great Hall and admired the Crown. We also enjoyed exploring the beautiful gardens.

During our Tudor Times workshop, we had the opportunity to handle historical artefacts and even learnt a traditional Tudor dance. It was a wonderful day and a chance to bring history to life!

Year 3 and 4 Art Club

During the Autumn term Art club, children have been inspired by Van Gogh's famous Sunflower painting. Some of the children were just interested in the flowers and some the whole painting. Here are their interpretations of "The Sunflowers". They have used watercolour paints.





Reception - Wonder Dome workshop



Reception had a great time when the Wonder Dome visited.

They learnt lots of interesting facts about the different planets and the stars. It was a really interesting way for them to start our space topic.

Year 6 Bikeability



Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have been working on their biking skills by completing Bikeability Level 2. Children learnt how to be safe whilst cycling on the roads. They learnt essential road positions and hand signals so they can safely make short, independent road journeys.