

NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



Harvest Festival



This week at Chase Bridge, we celebrated our annual Harvest Assembly. We were delighted to welcome Mother Kate, our local vicar, who spoke to the children about being thankful and helping others in our community. The children reflected on gratitude, especially for the food we enjoy every day, and explored how Harvest is celebrated around the world through different cultures and traditions.

Our school choir performed beautifully, with some confident and heartfelt solo performances too. A huge thanks to all the families who kindly donated food items. These generous contributions will be shared with Whitton Food Bank to support local families in need.

As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have achieved and how hard they have worked across all areas of school life. They have shown curiosity, kindness, and determination every day, and we are incredibly proud of them. We wish all our children, families, and staff a very happy and restful half term break.

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Times, dates and places for your diary

Monday 3rd November - Reception Wonder Dome workshop

Tuesday 4th November - 4K swimming

Thursday 6th November - 3B to Gurdwara; Year 6 to Imperial War Museum

Friday 7th November - FoCB Non uniform day; Year 5 Joy of moving

Tuesday 11th November - 4K swimming; 3P to Gurdwara; Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 12th November - Netball match vs Twickenham Academy

Thursday 13th November - Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament; Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6.30pm

Friday 14th November - School tour 9.30am for prospective parents; FoCB Year 6 cake sale

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**
- Monday 4th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - **HALF TERM**
- Thursday 16th July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations & Achievements

Huge congratulations to **Hadlee (Year 5)** who recently passed her three dance exams: Ballet - merit and Tap and modern - distinction



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. A reminder for parents that applications for secondary school places need to be made by **Friday 31st October 2025**.

Absence before/after school holidays

Just a reminder that absences directly before or after school holidays will be unauthorised unless you can provide medical evidence of absence.

New School Lunch Menu From Monday 3rd November

Caterlink are providing the following new school lunch menu, starting on **Monday 3rd November**: [School Lunch Menu wef 03/11/25](#). Please can Reception parents select meal choices from the new menu for their children on Arbor by **Friday 31st October**.

Attendance Ambassadors



I am delighted to announce that our Attendance Ambassadors for this Academic Year have now been selected. We have some Ambassadors that wished to continue from their role last year and some new recruits! I am sure they are all going to be a positive role model, supportive and friendly and active in promoting good attendance daily.

Well done Ambassadors, your first mission is to re-design our poster, I look forward to seeing your ideas after half term! Mrs Pyke

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are scheduled for after half term **Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November**. **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be **NO** before or after school clubs week commencing **10th November**. Early morning Squad training and Lions will run as normal.

Poppy Appeal 2025

Our Well-Being Ambassadors will be selling poppies before school on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November**. They will be located at the front of the school.

Surplus Books

We have a surplus of books that are in good condition to give away.

BIFF, CHIP AND KIPPER

level 6: 3 sets of 7 books; 1 set of 6 books; 21 random books

level 4: 40 random books

Read at home level 2 x 11 books; level 5 x 20 books

OXFORD READING TREE SONGBIRDS

30 each of level 3, 5 and 6.

If you are interested, please email Chris Dilley after half term at: dili16@hotmail.com. She will be able to give you book titles and delivery arrangements.

Year 6 Bikeability

Over the last two weeks, Year 6 have taken part in a Bikeability Level 2 course. The children have learnt about bike maintenance and also have learnt how to be safe when riding on the roads including how to understand road signs, pass stationary vehicles and how to share the road safely and confidently with other vehicles.



Year 2 Orleans Gallery

On Wednesday 8th October, Chestnut Class visited Orlean's Gallery for a mark making workshop.

They had great fun finding new ways to be creative with a variety of resources.



Rugby Tournament



This was the rugby team's first experience competing both in a tournament and together as a squad. Made up of a mix of Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls—some of whom had never played a rugby match before—their hard work in training and strong sense of teamwork were clearly evident. Throughout the tournament, they played superbly, displaying impressive skill, teamwork, and determination. Their efforts were rewarded with some excellent tries and cohesive team play.

After finishing second in the first round of group stages, the team advanced confidently into the tougher cup group, where they faced more experienced sides. Despite the challenge, they produced outstanding performances and finished a commendable third, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place.

Both on and off the pitch, the team conducted themselves with great sportsmanship and professionalism. They should all be extremely proud of what they achieved in their first tournament together.

PANTS Week

We had a fantastic week last week celebrating PANTS Week across the whole school! Reception enjoyed listening to the PANTS story in their assembly and children in Nursery and EYFS loved creating their own colourful PANTS posters — they even hung them up on the washing line for everyone to see!

KSI had lots of fun singing the PANTS song and we were thrilled to welcome a special visit from Pantosaurus himself on Wednesday. He enjoyed spending time with the children and even came along at pick-up to say hello to some of our parents.

The PANTS campaign, created by the NSPCC, helps children understand that their body belongs to them and that they have the right to say no and to speak out if anything ever makes them feel uncomfortable. It's an important part of our PSHE curriculum, teaching children about personal safety in a simple, age-appropriate and empowering way.

You can continue these conversations at home too — the NSPCC has some brilliant resources, including the PANTS song and a helpful parent guide to talking PANTS with your child:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

