

NEWSLETTER

25th September 2026



A Season of Learning and Growth



There is a real sense of momentum around Chase Bridge as the new school year gets underway. Although some warm weather has remained, the changing season is beginning to slowly show itself, bringing with it a time of fresh starts, new challenges and growing independence. I have been hugely impressed by the children over these opening weeks: they have embraced their new classes, worked with determination and shown such thoughtful, respectful behaviour across the school.

It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm in lessons, their willingness to have a go and the pride they are taking in doing things well. Already, the autumn term has brought a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom, with trips, workshops and special events, including Year 6's visit to Teddington Lock, Year 3's Stone Age Day and Year 5's Victorian Day, giving our children experiences they will remember.

There is lots more to come as the term continues and it will be lovely to see the children keep learning, growing and enjoying the changes that Autumn brings.

Mr Ostro

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 28th September** - 6P to Teddington Lock
- **Tuesday 29th September** - 4K swimming
- **Wednesday 30th September** - Year 6 Junior Citizenship
- **Friday 2nd October** - FoCB Annual General Meeting 9.00am Chase Hall
- **Sunday 4th October** - **FoCB Tag Rugby Competition - Chase Bridge vs Orleans Primary 2-5pm**
- **Monday 5th October** - Year 6 Bikeability all week
- **Tuesday 6th October** - 4K swimming
- **Friday 9th October** - School tour for prospective parents 9.15am; FoCB Year 5 cake sale

Holiday dates for the academic year 2026-2027

- Monday 26th - Friday 30th October **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Friday 27th November - **INSET DAY**
- 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 - **TERM ENDS**

Transfer to Secondary school: September 2027

The admissions brochure highlights key information relating to the secondary transfer process for September 2027 - 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 **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that The Richmond Immunisation Team will visit school on **23rd October** for all children from Reception to Year 6. Please complete the electronic consent form:

<http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/richmond>.

If you have any queries about the flu vaccine, please contact the Immunisation team on 0203 903 3640 or email krft.richmondImms@nhs.net.

School success starts with attendance - 95.4% Attendance!

School attendance is a critical predictor of pupil success. When children attend school regularly, they stay on track academically, build strong friendships, and develop reliable lifelong habits.

WHY EVERYDAY COUNTS

- Academic progress: Lessons build on top of each other day by day. Missing just one or two days can leave a child struggling to catch up on foundational concepts.
- Social development: School is where children learn to navigate friendships, collaborate in groups, and build a sense of belonging within their community.
- Routine and structure: Consistent attendance helps children know what to expect, reducing anxiety and building emotional resilience.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Aim for 10 hours sleep a night for your child. This will make the following day at school easier for them to cope with.
- Make sure your child eats breakfast, it helps them stay alert at school.
- Help your child develop routines.
- Get their school bag ready the night before.
- Develop a night time routine that involves checking their homework, reading & bed.
- Try & make sure that any medical/dental appointments are made for after school.
- Never take holidays in term time.
- If you know your child will be absent from school, write a note before the day of absence.
- If your child is ill, ring the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence.

If you need any help or support with Attendance please contact the Attendance Officer. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to good attendance. The Attendance Team

Emails from the School

**We are still experiencing some problems with emails being sent from the school.
Please can you continue to check your spam/junk folder in case they are going there.
Many thanks**

Kingston and Richmond Family Hubs – Support for Families

We are pleased to share the new Kingston and Richmond Family Hubs booklet, bringing together information about the support and services available to children, young people and families across our local community.

Family Hubs are a “one-stop shop” for families, offering welcoming and non-judgemental spaces where you can access information, advice and support. This includes:

- Early support and advice for families
- Parenting programmes and support
- Activities and services for children and young people
- Specialist SEND information and guidance
- Support to connect families with the right local services

Whether you need some advice, are looking for support with parenting, wellbeing, SEND or simply want to find out what is available in your local area, the Family Hubs can help.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V3mUhn3AiOMXWOuj2jNlm5ulSYH292mP/view>

Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 had a great time last Thursday! Stone Age Day rocked!

We had some fantastic costumes, explored real artefacts and ancient tools in an exciting workshop, created our own Stonehenge-inspired clay models and finished the day with some brilliant cave art paintings. It was wonderful to see so many children excited about their topic and a great start to Year 3.



Year 5 Victorian Day

Last Friday Year 5 enjoyed a trip back in time to Victorian Britain. Dressed in their finest (or scrubbiest) outfits, the children imagined life as rich or poor living in the 19th century. We enjoyed learning about Victorian schools; taking part in a drama workshop and finding out about what it would have been like to have been sent to the workhouse.

