

# NEWSLETTER

27th February 2026



## Raising the Roof at the O2!



We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half term break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead. It has certainly been an incredible first week back at school, filled with opportunities for our children to truly *express their talents* — a key part of our Chase Bridge vision.

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 Choir travelled to the iconic O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert, performing alongside an astonishing 8,000 other children. Singing in such a vast and world-famous venue was an unforgettable experience and one that will stay with them for years to come. The children demonstrated tremendous enthusiasm, embracing the energy of the arena and giving their all in every song. They showed real courage, performing in front of such a huge audience, and great self-belief as they rose to the occasion and represented our school so proudly. It was a very memorable day (and late night!), and we are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout.

This has also been a special week for those children who performed in the Richmond Music Trust Ensembles Concert. Taking part in a wider musical community requires dedication and confidence, and our pupils rose to the challenge brilliantly. Across both events, we have seen our children living out our vision — stepping onto big stages and local platforms alike to share their talents with pride. Opportunities like these not only develop musical skill, but also nurture resilience, teamwork and pride. Miss Dougan Cleary

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 2nd March - LAST WEEK OF CLUBS;** Apple class walk to Whitton Library; Years 3 - 6 Boundless performance to parents 4.00pm
- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Oak class walk to Whitton Library; 4B swimming
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Year 4 Roman assembly to parents 9.15am; Willow class walk to Whitton Library
- **Thursday 5th March** - Year 5&6 Netball tournament; Year 2 Scooter training; Years 1 & 2 Boundless performance to parents 4.00pm
- **Friday 6th March** - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite Book character; FoCB Wonder bar sale; Year 2 Scooter training
- **Tuesday 10th March** - Parent Consultations 3.40 - 6.30pm; 4B swimming
- **Wednesday 11th March** - Y3/4 extra rehearsal 3.30 - 4.15pm
- **Thursday 12th March** - Parent Consultations 3.40 - 6.30pm
- **Friday 13th March** - FoCB Year 3 cake sale

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2025-26

- Friday 27th March - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 13th April - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 4th May - **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Thursday 16th July - **TERM ENDS**

## Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **Gigi (Cherry class)** who recently donated 10 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

She and her brother Kai have also donated £50 of their Christmas money to this wonderful charity.



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## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are scheduled for **Tuesday 10th** and **Thursday 12th March**. If you haven't already done so, please remember to make your appointment before the portal closes at **6.00pm on Friday 6th March**.

## Update on school age hearing screening in Richmond

In line with arrangements already in place across other parts of London, Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust will no longer provide a routine hearing screening service for children attending mainstream schools in Richmond.

Parents or carers may contact the Kingston and Richmond Audiology service directly without needing a referral if they have concerns about their child's hearing: [krft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net](mailto:krft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net)  
Hearing can affect communication, learning and confidence so it is important that children are assessed and parents and carers are encouraged to seek specialist advice from our service.

### Spotting signs of a hearing difficulty

Parents, carers and school staff should look out for the following signs of hearing problems in children:

- inattentiveness or difficulty concentrating
- not responding when their name is called
- speaking loudly or turning up the TV volume
- difficulty identifying where sounds are coming from
- mispronouncing words
- changes in school progress or behaviour

If you become aware of any of these, contact us for advice. Your school nursing service can also refer to our service if they have a concern about a child's hearing or would like further information:

Telephone: 020 8714 4108; [krft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net](mailto:krft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net)

## Support for Families with SEND – Upcoming Events & Opportunities

We're pleased to share some important information and opportunities for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

### **Benefits Advice for families with SEND**

**Richmond PCF Benefits Advice Workshop - 10.00am-11.30am or 12.00pm-1.30pm, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, ONLINE via Zoom**

Are you impacted financially by your child or young person's Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND)? Would you like to find out more about what financial support you may be entitled to?

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Richmond Parent Carer Forum will be hosting two online workshops on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March with a benefits advisor who specialises in support for families with SEND. The workshops will cover:

**Workshop One - 10.00am-11.30am**

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Carer's Allowance
- Universal Credit Disabled Child Element

**Workshop Two – 12.00pm-1.30pm**

- Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
- Moving from DLA to PIP
- Universal Credit for 16/17 year olds

You can book your place here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BenefitsAdvice10thMarch>

**Benefits Advice Consultation – Have your say!**

Richmond Council and Achieving for Children have extended the deadline to respond to their benefits advice consultation which will now **close on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. This consultation will be the evidence base the local area considers when deciding whether or not to re-commission a benefits advice service for families with SEND. If you can find a few minutes to complete the survey you can access it here: <https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondafc/pceafc-25/>

## Secondary School Transition Events

**Richmond PCF Secondary Transition Coffee Morning, 10.00am-11.30am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at The Patch, 42 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3LJ.**

Richmond Parent Carer Forum will be hosting a Secondary Transition coffee morning at The Patch, Twickenham **10am-11.30am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. We'll be joined by our friends from Ruils who will be on hand to give general information about the secondary transition process and answer specific queries.

It doesn't matter whether your child has a EHCP or what school year they are in, please come along to share your experiences, get support and ask questions. All of our events are FREE to attend and refreshments will be provided. You can book your place here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SecondarywithSEND2026>

**We need your help!**

We know how important a well supported transition to secondary school is for children with SEND. Please share your experiences of finding, requesting and being offered a secondary school place for your child. We would also value your ideas about what will help your child prepare to move schools, what support your wishes they had been able to access or what worked really well.

You can access the consultation here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SecondarywithSEND2026Survey>

## Year 2 - Great Fire of London

Year 2 had a fantastic time bringing their history learning to life as they recreated the Great Fire of London! After carefully designing and building their own houses, the children gathered outside to watch a demonstration showing how quickly the fire spread in 1666. There were lots of “oohs” and “wows” as the flames took hold, helping everyone understand why the fire had such a huge impact on London. The children showed great enthusiasm, curiosity, and respect for safety throughout the activity. Well done Year 2!



## Year 3 and 4 Art Club

The children have been busy creating funny portraits with crazy hats. They used collage and drawing and were very creative, imaginative and lots of fun.



## Mental Health Week



During the week before half term, we marked Children's Mental Health Week with a range of meaningful activities across the school. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors selected *Space2Grieve* as their chosen charity to support this year.

This was a whole-school initiative. Pupils took part in mental health and wellbeing assemblies led by SLT, alongside age-appropriate activities in classrooms across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The Wellbeing Ambassadors designed and displayed posters to raise awareness of Children's Mental Health Week and enthusiastically promoted our whole-school dress-up day, 'Bring on the Blue'.

We are incredibly proud to share that the day raised an amazing **£547.00** for Space2Grieve. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, while also learning about the importance of looking after their mental health and supporting others.

This initiative strengthened pupils' understanding of mental health, encouraged open and supportive conversations about wellbeing, and reinforced our commitment to caring for both our own school community and the wider community.

We were delighted to receive the following message from Space2Grieve:

*"On behalf of us all here, please can I thank you all for choosing us as your charity to support during Children's Mental Health Week, to both raise awareness of the free bereavement support we can offer to families and to help us sustain these free services to ensure access for all. So very much appreciated."*