

# NEWSLETTER

30th January 2026



## Bringing Learning to Life



We are now halfway through Spring 1 and it has been a really positive and productive few weeks. The children have been working hard in class and we have been very proud of the focus and effort we are seeing across the school.

Over the last week, we have also had lots of learning beyond the classroom, which has really enriched the curriculum and brought learning to life. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed energetic dance workshops, building confidence, coordination and teamwork. In assembly, we were delighted to welcome Ricky Pound from Twickenham Museum, who helped pupils learn more about our local history and heritage, including Alexander Pope's Grotto.

Year 5 also took part in workshops exploring Islam, giving pupils a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of different beliefs and communities. Year 1 enjoyed a toy workshop, linking brilliantly to their learning and sparking lots of curiosity and great discussion.

Experiences like these are so important, they help children make meaningful connections, build confidence and broaden their understanding of the world around them. Thank you for your continued support in making these opportunities possible.

Finally, please continue to support maths fact fluency at home through Times Tables Rock Stars; just a few short sessions each week make a real difference.

With very best wishes,  
Hannah Gilbert  
Assistant Headteacher and SENCO

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 2nd February** - Netball Match vs SRRCC at home. A and B teams
- **Tuesday 3rd February** - 4B swimming; Year 1 Phonics Screening Check presentation to parents online 5.00pm; Book Fair on this week
- **Wednesday 4th February** - Nursery to Little Street
- **Thursday 5th February** - Year 1 Dance workshop; Nursery PM to Little Street; Football Match vs Nelson Boys and Girls. Away fixture 2pm KO
- **Friday 6th February** - Year 2 Great Fire of London Drama workshop; FoCB Quiz night
- **Tuesday 10th February** - Swimming Gala
- **Wednesday 11th February** - Year 1 Toys assembly
- **Friday 13th February** - Nursery tour for prospective parents 10.30am; FoCB Year 4 cake sale

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

- 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 BREAK**
- Thursday 16th July - **TERM ENDS**

## Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **Emily (4B)** who recently received her RAD Level Award in Grade 1 Ballet with the Royal Academy of Dance. What a wonderful achievement.



## Book Fair



Our next Book Fair will run every day after school from **Tuesday February 3rd - Friday February 6th**.



By running the Scholastic Book Fair, Chase Bridge earns Scholastic vouchers to spend on new books for our children to enjoy.



Scholastic offer up to 50% of the money we raise back to the school in book vouchers, and we invest all of this directly into more high quality texts for our children to learn and benefit from.

Following our successful book fair in the summer term, we have been able to purchase lots of exciting new books for children from Nursery all the way to Year 6. See the photos for a peek at just some of the exciting titles we have added to our collection!

Thank you so much for all your support with our summer Book Fair and we hope to see you next week!

## Late Arrivals

Did you know that arriving late can affect your child's attendance?

### Late Arrivals

**5 minutes late = 3 days lost each year**

**10 minutes late = 6.5 days lost each year**

**15 minutes late = 10 days lost each year**

**20 minutes late = 13 days lost each year**

**30 minutes late = 19 days lost each year**

### What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.

### If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- This can cause anxiety and a pressure that is largely not the fault of the child.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
- It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.

If you need any help or support with Attendance please contact Mrs Pyke who is very happy to help. Thank you for your continued support

# Chase Bridge Community Choir

Chase Bridge Community Choir is a friendly, energetic, all-ages adult choir based in Twickenham. We warmly welcome parents, carers, school staff and teachers from the school community to join us — no previous singing experience needed.



We meet every Tuesday from 8–10pm in the Chase Hall at the school. For further information, please email [chasebridgecommunitychoir@gmail.com](mailto:chasebridgecommunitychoir@gmail.com)

## Friends of Chase Bridge



The Friends of Chase Bridge have a number of fun and exciting events planned for the spring and summer terms to raise money for the school. Please save these dates in your diaries and look out for further information via class WhatsApp groups and on the poster boards around the school grounds. We hope you can join us!

## Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week takes place from **9th February**, with the national theme this year being "This Is My Place." This theme focuses on the importance of belonging, feeling safe, valued and accepted in the spaces that matter most to children and young people, such as home, school and the wider community. Having a strong sense of place can play an important role in supporting children's emotional wellbeing.

This year, we are supporting **Space2Grieve**, a local charity that provides free specialist support to children and young people who have experienced bereavement. The charity offers safe and supportive spaces where children can talk about their feelings, share experiences and receive guidance during challenging times.

The work of **Space2Grieve** links closely with the theme of “*This Is My Place*,” as it helps children find a place where they feel heard, understood and supported, particularly at times when they may feel most vulnerable.

More information about activities and how families can get involved will be shared soon.

For more information about Space2Grieve, please take a look at their website here.  
<https://space2grieve.org.uk/>

## Year 5 History workshop

Last Friday, Year 5 took part in an engaging history workshop exploring life in the early city of Baghdad. The session focused on why Baghdad became one of the most important cities in the world over a thousand years ago and what made it such a successful centre of trade, learning, and culture.

Pupils learned that Baghdad was carefully planned and built along the River Tigris, making it an ideal location for travel and trade. They discovered how goods, ideas, and people travelled from many different parts of the world into the city, helping it grow rich and influential. The children were particularly interested in finding out about the *House of Wisdom*, where scholars studied subjects such as maths, science, medicine, and astronomy.

Through a range of interactive activities, Year 5 explored how knowledge was shared and preserved in early Baghdad and how many important ideas from this time still influence the world today. The workshop helped pupils understand why historians describe Baghdad as a key centre of learning during the early medieval period and why it remains significant in world history.

## Year 1 Toys workshop



Year 1 had a fantastic time today taking part in a toy workshop with the Chertsey Museum, learning all about toys from the past. The children enjoyed an engaging talk about old toys, explored how children used to play, and even made their own thaumatrope. They also had lots of fun playing with a selection of traditional indoor and outdoor toys. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought history to life!

## It's sportstastic at Chase Bridge this term!



The football, rugby and netball teams are all striving to complete their league fixtures. The netball team has grown from strength to strength and are currently unbeaten. Their desire to win and ability to move the ball seamlessly across the court with precision is impressive. We wish them luck in their final game next week.

The mixed boys and girls rugby team continued to impress, showing great skill and hard work developed through their training sessions. They competed in a mini league tournament, recording one win, one draw, and two losses. More importantly, the team has really gelled and is growing into a cohesive, skillful, and hardworking group.

The boys and girls football team have shown outstanding togetherness and relentless work rate against some very tough opposition. Their positive attitude and commitment to giving 100% in both league matches has been impossible to miss. The energy, unity, and team spirit they've displayed has been exceptional and a real credit to them.