



Newsletter

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Spring Term Week 15

This week

Reminders

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school, including fidget toys and squishy things. There is an exception for some children if this has been agreed with either Mrs Gale or Mrs Brown.

Homework set needs to be completed and returned on the correct day.

Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery in any Key Stage. Watches (not Smart) are for KS2 only.

Class Reps Feedback

Thank you to those who were able to attend Class Reps today. We will send out feedback from the questions and queries next week.

Weekly Talk Topic

What would be your favourite lunch and how could you make it colourful and healthy?

(Topic chosen by our Head and Deputy Head Girl - Ellie and Kiki in Y6)

We warmly encourage all families to engage with these weekly topics

The conversations don't need to be long or formal – even a few minutes of focused discussion at mealtimes, during car journeys, or at bedtime can make a real difference. Every conversation helps build your child's communication skills and confidence.

By participating our weekly talk activity, you're helping your child develop skills that will benefit them throughout their lives – not just in school, but in their future careers and relationships. Strong communication skills open doors and create opportunities.

Staying Healthy During the Winter Months

As the colder season continues, we want to help everyone stay well and reduce the spread of illnesses. At school, we will keep encouraging good hygiene practices, including regular handwashing.

We kindly ask parents to follow the NHS guidance on when a child is too ill for school. This helps protect the health of all pupils and staff.

Please visit the link below for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Help Needed: KS2 Playground Improvements

We're excited to share that our PTA is supporting funding for improvements to the play mound areas in our KS2 playground. We're looking to repair and resurface these areas to make them safer and more durable for our children. We're exploring options for the surfacing, including astro-type surfaces or wet pour, and would like to compare durability and costs.

If you work in this field, know someone who does, or have any relevant contacts who might be able to help us with quotes or advice, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with the school office if you can help. We're keen to gather information and quotes so we can make the best decision for our children's play areas.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school an even better place for our children.

Free classes for Richmond parents - Guided meditation with breathwork and yoga nidra

Mindfulness and Meditation are shown to positively affect the brain, helping you to remain calm in stressful situations and to improve focus, memory, physical and mental health and sleep.

A wonderful opportunity to enjoy simple breathing exercises and guided meditations to bring some calm and wellbeing into your day. These sessions are suitable for beginners.

[More information on this free classes for Richmond parents flyer.](#)

Drug and alcohol - Parent webinars

Research from NHS Digital shows that parents are the source that young people would turn to the most if they wanted reliable information and guidance on drugs and alcohol - more so than their friends or their phones! - yet the landscape is ever changing.

[View drugs and alcohol webinars available to parents and carers here.](#)

Keep children safe in Winter

Frozen lakes, cracking ice on puddles under feet, frost on the windows, beautiful sunsets and crisp air are all magical, breathtaking scenes in the winter months and are to be enjoyed!

Hidden dangers beneath these scenes are never far away. With storm Goretti, the first storm of the year, upon us and another on the way parents are urged to ensure their children play safely when outdoors.

Public Health in Richmond are asking parents and carers to teach their children not to go on frozen ponds, lakes or rivers – however tempting they may look.

In the UK, ice is unlikely to freeze to a suitable depth to safely walk on. Sadly, young people and adults have lost their lives or been seriously injured when venturing onto frozen ponds or lakes.

Please teach your children not to risk walking on ice. And regularly remind older children and teens who go out on their own about the risks.

[Visit Royal Life Saving Society UK to learn more about ice safety.](#)

[More Winter safety resources here.](#)

DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
Please note these dates may be subject to change			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Fri 6 Feb	All	PTA Quiz and Curry Night	
16 – 22 Feb	All	Half term	
Fri 6 March	All	Class Reps Meeting	
30 March – 12 April	All	Easter Break	
Sun 26 April	All	Earth Day at Meadway	
Fri 1 May	All	Class Reps meeting	
Fri 22 May	All	Staff training day – school closed to children	
25 – 29 May	All	Half term	
Fri 12 June	All	Non school uniform day – jars for the summer fair	
Fri 19 June	All	Class Reps meeting	
Fri 26 June	All	Non school uniform day – bottles for the summer fair	
Sun 28 June	All	Summer Fair	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Tues 24 Feb	Y2	Visit to Strawberry Hill House	
KS2 DATES			
Wed 11 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Thurs 12 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Fri 15 May – Sun 17 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall	
Fri 19 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood trip	

COMMUNITY

The Exchange

See attached flyer for half term activities.

Barracudas

See attached flyer for half term activities.

Richmond Theatre

Taking place Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April 2026, this fun, hands-on course is designed for ages 8-12 and offers an inspiring introduction to the world of theatre. Through practical workshops, guest talks, and creative activities, participants will discover how different theatre roles work together to bring stories to life on stage.

During the course, children may explore a range of theatre areas, including Technical Theatre, Acting and Improvisation, Playwriting, Prop and/or Costume Design, Movement, Musical Theatre, Storytelling and Puppetry. A full schedule will be sent to participants approximately two weeks before the course begins, along with confirmation of the show they will attend as part of the experience.

If your children are curious, creative, and excited by the idea of theatre, whether onstage or behind the scenes, this course offers a fantastic opportunity to explore, learn, and have fun. Please share this amongst any families that might be interested.

You can find out more information and how to book tickets on our [website](#).

Thames Music Theatre

Thames (www.thamesmt.org) is mounting a production of the funny and original BODYWORK by Sir Richard Stilgoe OBE at the Epsom Playhouse in November for which auditions start on 8th February in Tolworth, for young people aged 10 to 18. Rehearsals take place in school holidays and on Sunday afternoons in September and October, so school events should not be impacted. Thames Music Theatre is a very successful theatre group run to high standards by national leaders in Youth Music Theatre for many decades, with involvement from schools all over the SW London and Surrey area, and this a super opportunity to work with us on this fun piece! Click on the links for more information and have a go!

Applications page: www.thamesmt.org/getinvolved.htm

Information pack: <https://thamesmt.org/bodywork.pdf>