



Newsletter

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Spring Term Week 16

This week

Reminders

- Remember to sign up for parents' meetings: Rec – Year 5 10 – 12 February
- If children attend a club before school they need to sign in at the office - unless it is one of Coach Justin's clubs where he collects the children at the gate. Thank you.
- Our playground is a dog free zone.
- Please do not park on zig-zag or double yellow lines, in disabled bays or across neighbours' drives. Thank you for your support with this.

Weekly Talk Topic

Last week's topic was round favourite lunches that were colourful and healthy. I was staggered by how many different and exotic fruits and vegetables were mentioned. And who would have thought that sushi was such a hit amongst our youngest children!

This week the children's assemblies were based around the topic of consent. They learnt about the importance of asking first, clarifying who their 'Five Trusted Adults' are and reinforcing the phrase – "Stop it I don't like it".

What does it mean to keep yourself safe?

(This is our weekly question relating to school safeguarding)

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.

Safeguarding Audit Survey

Next week, our school will be undergoing a safeguarding audit to ensure we are meeting all our responsibilities to keep children safe. As part of this process, we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Attached is a short survey that will be shared directly with our auditor, Emma Clarke. Your honest responses will help us identify what we're doing well and where we can improve our safeguarding practices.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsOezvZv4RYZyOZoPkc5EzK_fdW3lBVT8q_tiu5cd18xPTRg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

The survey will close on Friday 6th February.

Your voice matters in helping us create the safest possible environment for all our children. We really value your input and thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

Important - Medication

Please see the attached medical consent form. If your child requires medication this should be brought in to school along with their medication.

Please note -

We don't normally administer Calpol or paracetamol unless there is an exceptional circumstance and it comes with a prescription from the GP.

All medication should be clearly labelled with the child's name on in a sealed bottle.

 [Medicine Consent Form.docx](#)

Cozy Reading Club

Drop in Cozy Reading Club on Thursday morning at 8.20 am in the KS2 library with Miss Dowling.

Class Reps Feedback

A big thank you to our class reps from Reception to Year 6 for their valuable feedback at our recent meeting. Your input helps us continuously improve our school and strengthen communication with families.

Following your comments, we'll be launching a parent survey before the end of the year about KS1 reading books, including the digital reading platform. As we've received mixed feedback on this, the survey will help us decide whether to continue with the digital version or return to traditional reading diaries.

We've also noted your suggestions about KS2 Christmas performances and events, which will inform our planning for next year. We're pleased to hear fewer concerns about school lunches – please remember our 3-week menu is available on the website.

Finally, we're continuing to monitor the field situation and are hopeful it will be fully available for use in the summer term. We'll update you as soon as we have confirmation.

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.](#)

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	
Tues 10 – 12 Feb	Rec - Y5	Parents’ meetings (NB – separate SEND meetings will be arranged separately).	
16 – 22 Feb	All	Half term	
Fri 6 March	All	Class Reps Meeting	
16-20 March	All	Golden Handwriting Week	
Fri 20 March	All	Comic Relief	
30 March – 12 April	All	Easter Break	
24 April	All	Earth Day at Meadway	
Fri 1 May	All	Class Reps meeting	
Wed 20 May	Choir	Rose Theatre Singing Festival	
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	
Thurs 18 June	all	Whole school photos	
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	
Mon 29 June	Rec	Reception classes assembly	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Scarlet	Class assembly TBC	
Thurs 2 July	Y1	Class assembly TBC	
Friday 3 rd July	Y2 Orange	Class assembly TBC	
KS2 DATES			
Wed 11 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Thurs 12 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Fri 27 Feb	Y6	Evacuee Day	
Wed 11 March	Y5	Instrumental Assembly 9.45 am	
Thurs 19 March	Y5 AJ	Class Assembly 9.05 am	
20 April -1 May	Y6	Cycle Training	
11 – 14 May -	Y6	SATs week	
Fri 15 May – Sun 17 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall 18 May - Juniper Hall Rest day (Y5 Not at school)	
1 June – 12June	Y4	Multiplication Check	

Fri 19 June Mon 22	Y6	Residential to Kingswood trip Tuesday 23 Kingswood Rest Day (Y6 Not at school)
Tues 7, Wed 8 July	Y6	Y6 production
Wed 8 July	Y4	Wetlands TBC

COMMUNITY

Phase Transfer Events

- Transferring from primary to secondary school if you have an EHCP in Richmond
- Transferring from primary to secondary school if you have an EHCP in Kingston

Mega Skip

There will be a mega skip in your community on 7 February at Turner Avenue (near Fortescue Avenue Junction) from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm (or until the skips are full – whichever comes first).

Residents can bring along up to **six** items (including furniture or mattresses, electrical appliances, black bags, etc). Items are then recycled and any furniture that's brought and still in good condition is taken by local charity Richmond Furniture Scheme, who upcycle second-hand furniture and sell on for a discount.

Please find the e-flyer with relevant info attached. Residents can also [refer to our website](#) for further information about what can and can't be brought to the skip.

Musical Madness

See attached flyer for half term club.

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>

Saturday football classes

See attached flyer.