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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025, WEEK 3

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

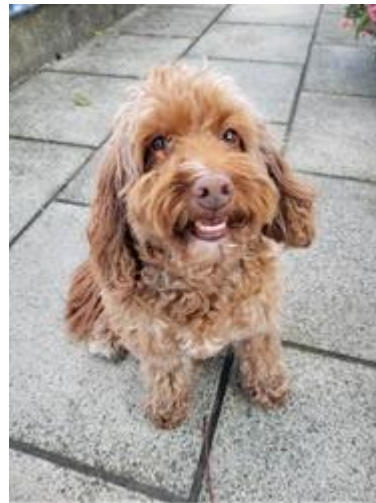
Headteacher

What a special anniversary service we had this week! The children were magnificent and retold the fascinating story of the school's humble beginnings through poetry, dance, drama and song. Our guests were The Lord Mayor, Helen Ridding (Deputy Director of the Diocese), our trustees and governors, FoSM's Chair and Vice Chair and all our class reps. They all left with smiles that lasted all day long. The film is being edited and we will get it to you as soon as possible.

The children went on from the service to a tea party and as always you didn't let us down; beautiful home-made cupcakes delivered to each site. Have a look at Instagram to see what they looked like and how much they were enjoyed. Thank you to our bakers.

Therapy Dog

For a number of years, we have been on the waiting list to receive visits from a therapy dog. I am delighted to let you know that very soon we will welcome Ava, a wonderful little red coloured cockerpool. We have already identified children who would benefit from the visits and we will be getting in touch to seek your permission in advance of the visits. I know many of you will want to access this service for your child, but we have had to set clear boundaries when creating our list as Ava can't meet too many children each week. Here she is 😊:



Weekly attendance: w/c 20th January 2025

Well done to Year 5 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Year 3 and 5 for the least lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	9	96.46%
Year 1	7	96.78%
Year 2	4	98.08%
Year 3	2	98.31%
Year 4	3	97.01%
Year 5	2	99.28%
Year 6	4	95.57%
Whole School	31	97.36%

Parking

A reminder that there is no parking permitted at the Junior Site nor in the Orleans Park car park. Both pose a safety risk to children.

OTHER NEWS

SEND system – Public consultations

The government are seeking to reform the SEND system and as a result there have been a lot of public consultations. Two important consultations close next week: the [Solving the SEND Crisis Inquiry](#) call for evidence (closes Thursday 30th January) and the Law Commission's [Review of Disabled Children's Social Care](#) (closes on Friday 31st January).

To help Richmond Parent Carer Forum submit consultation responses that accurately reflect the experiences of Richmond families, a survey has been created with questions on key consultation points. The survey can be accessed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RPCF2025>

Parent/carers can also contact information@richmondpcf.org to ask questions or share feedback.

E-Safety: Parents and Carers Toolkit

Please follow the link below to the Childnet Parent and Carers Toolkit that offers practical tips and advice on different aspects for keeping your child safe online:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

Cycle Lane at the Infant Site – Update

The Council have confirmed that there are still outstanding works to be completed in order to finish the Amyand Park Road Cycle Lane. These should be completed during the February half-term in order to minimise the impact to parents and children at St Mary's.

Messy Church – next session

The next Messy Church session will take place on Friday 28th March at St Mary's Church in Twickenham. Further details will be sent in due course.

Messy Cathedral 2025

Messy Cathedral is a free event for families, with activities specifically aimed at 5- to 12-year-olds. The theme is peace and reconciliation as we reflect on the anniversary of the end of WWII.

Advance bookings must be made. To register for your free tickets, please go to the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/messy-cathedral-2025-tickets-1055038300959>

Willow Wood Competition Winners! Message from Kevin

It has been a privilege looking at all the different types of artwork which were submitted for the Willow Wood logo competition. I would like to congratulate Betty in 6KG for winning first prize, Jack in 5M for second prize and Marcella in 4M for third prize. Thank you to everyone who has made the time to submit their beautiful drawings.

Congratulations also go to Isabella Mosqueira Boza in Year 2 Willows for winning the Willow Wood raffle and who now has a voucher for four hours of survival tuition for up to ten people (children/adults) on Monday 2nd June 2025.

Many thanks for all your entries. All proceeds will go to building a new Willow Wood shed.

Weekly School Social Media Posts



Reception were visited by a 75-year-old bus from Brooklands this week as they explore 'What is the best way to travel?'. They loved hearing the horn and getting their tickets punched by the conductor.

FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for this wonderful world you created for us and letting us be able to live in it with you. Thank you for being with us even through the hardest times and pushing us to be the best we can be. We all appreciate what you have done to make us enjoy life. Thank you for all the knowledge that our brain can hold and for all the staff and teachers at school that help and support us when we need it. Help us to see how lucky we are! Amen.

Louisa R, 6C

Reminders:

Thursday 30th January

9am – Year 3 Poplars class assembly
(link class Reception Blackbirds)

Tuesday 4th February

9am – Year 2 Oaks class assembly
(link class 6N)

Thursday 13th February

9am – 6C class assembly
(link class Year 1 Puffins)

Monday 17th February

Half-term week

Monday 24th February

Inset Day for the whole school

Your sincerely



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