



MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Dates for Your Diary

September

6th	Kingston River Cultures Festival (Celebrating the 1100 th anniversary of the crowing of King Athelstan) – flotilla of boats from Ravens Aid at 12pm to Canbury Garden where there will be activities for families
7th	9.45am Sunday at St John's for the Blessing of the Backpacks – all children invited to sing
8th	Clubs after school begin Key Stage 2 visit to St John's contact your teacher if you can help us walk to church
10th	Back to School service at St John's – parents needed to walk to church
8th - 12th	Heritage Week at St John's Old Malden
19th	Jeans for Genes Day all children wear Jean 5-7pm PTA Back to School Disco
30th	Bishop Martin visiting

October Black History Month

6th	2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning refreshments in the hall
7th	Nasal Flu Immunisation (Rec-Y6)
8th	Harvest Service in church non-perishable donations please
17th	Wear Red for Anti-racism
20th - 24th	Year 5 Bikeability (a.m. and p.m. sessions)
21st	Parents Consultations (face-to-face)
23rd	Parents Consultations (face-to-face)

27th to 31st October - Half Term

3rd	Children back in school in winter uniform
4th	School photographer in
7th	Year 5 Class Assembly
10th - 14th	Anti-Bullying Week: Power For Good Time Tables Rock Star Challenge Week Wear Odd Socks and slippers to celebrate that we are all unique
11th	2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning refreshments in the hall
12th	9.45am Remembrance Service at St John's
14th	Children in Need - bring a £1 and wear spots/Pudsey for spotty dress up
21st	Year 4 Class Assembly
24th	Christmas Making Day 2026 Reception and Nursery Open Morning refreshments in the hall In-class collective worship
26th	Year 3 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' 2.30pm Writing EYFS workshop for parents

28th	St Andrew's Day, children in St Andrew's House wear blue
December	
4th	Reception Parent Talk in school hall (TBC)
5th	Year 2 Trip to the Polka Theatre - 'The Snowflake'
8th	Christmas Baking Week 10am Rocksteady Concert (TBC)
9th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols Rehearsal in church 10.45am Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal (a.m.)
10th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carols in church 9.15am Nursery and Reception Christmas Nativity with Father Michael 2.15pm
11th	Christmas Jumper Day
12th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 9am Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 2.15pm
17th	Christmas Lunch (TBC)
18th	Christmas Parties
19th	End of Autumn Term children leave at 2pm - No Night Owls

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to school! We hope you and your children had a lovely and restful summer holiday. The school feels so much brighter with everyone back in the classrooms.

The children have settled into their new classes wonderfully and are already getting to know their new teachers and classmates. We are thrilled to see them well-rested, happy, and ready to learn.

We are looking forward to a productive and successful academic year, filled with new achievements and great experiences for every child. We thank you for your continued support and partnership.

MPS Stationery Pack

A ParentMail was sent yesterday to Reception – Y6 families to purchase a planner and stationery pack for this academic year, following the success of last year. Payments can be made via ParentMail in the 'Shop', or 'To Pay' part of your payment section.

Uniform

Children are welcome to wear either their summer or winter uniform. After the October half term, all children should be wearing winter uniform.

Lunches

Please ensure you have booked your child's lunches up to 10pm the night before. For any allergies or requirements, please contact the school office to request a special diet form.

Lateness

Child should be in class by 8.40am, when registers are taken. Please ensure your child arrives by this time to avoid lateness marks. If there are extenuating circumstances that you are experiencing, effecting your child's punctuality, please let us know so we can further support you.

Celebration Station

Well done to the following children who received certificates on the first week back!

Star of the Week:

Isla – showing proactive behaviour

Arav – showing kindness and a fantastic attitude

Lennon – showing enthusiasm

Kartigaan – showing wisdom

Teddy – showing great enthusiasm

Ayman – showing great enthusiasm

Values:

Abiel – showing wisdom in his writing

Mikel – who looked after a child at pick up time

Erin and Imogen also showed their medals for completing the summer reading challenge.
Congratulations!



School Fund

Dear Families,

As a small Church of England primary school, we are committed to providing the very best environment for our children to learn, grow, and flourish. One way we are able to do this is through the **Governors' School Fund**, which we invite you to support.

This fund plays a vital role in helping us contribute to the **Southwark Diocese's development and maintenance scheme**—a scheme that supports the upkeep and improvement of our school buildings. Thanks to generous contributions from families like yours, we've been able to complete important projects such as a **new school roof, repairs to the waterworks**, and the creation of a wonderful **art and design classroom**.

Any surplus from the fund is used at the discretion of the school governors to support other projects that directly benefit our children's education and wellbeing.

We are extremely grateful for your contributions. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a real difference. For further details of the fund please see the school website [here](#). If you have not already done so you can set up a one-off or monthly payment via Justgiving using the link [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its mission.

With kind regards,

Trish Brown

Chair of Governors

STEM

Calling all people in STEM! This year in our science lessons we will be exploring people in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the wide range of jobs that fall within this bracket. If you work in one of these fields, we'd love to have you come in and share your knowledge and career with the children. This will be an amazing way of getting children excited about STEM and I'm hoping will inspire the next generation of brilliant minds!

If you're interested in coming in, below are the topics we cover across the school, please complete the Google Form below:

[Parents and Carers in STEM](#)





Tickets and further information available on PTA Events

All children must be accompanied by an adult

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'Helping children with...' Webinars for parents 2025/26

Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children. The 'Helping Children with ...' series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 6pm
Worries and anxiety	The 'Helping children with worries and anxiety' webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries, and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	Tuesday 28th October	Tuesday 20th January
Friendship difficulties	In this webinar we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	Thursday 20th November	Tuesday 27th January
Challenging behaviours	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The 'Helping children with challenging behaviours' webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	Thursday 6th November	Tuesday 3rd February
Digital wellbeing	In this webinar we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage the use of screens	Thursday 13th November	Tuesday 13 January



	In your home.		
Self esteem	In this webinar we will explore what self-esteem is, how low self-esteem can develop and be maintained, and will introduce some practical techniques to support you to improve your child's low self-esteem.	Thursday 27th November	Tuesday 10th February
Transition to Secondary	In this webinar we will explore the main worries children may experience when moving from primary to secondary school. We will help parents/carers think about the different ways to help to support and get their children prepared for the transition.	Thursday 7th May	Tuesday 19th May

*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.
*Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.

How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by scanning the QR code or using the link below:

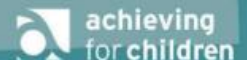


https://info-self.achievetraining.com/service/MHST_Helping_Children_Webinars_Primary

You can choose the date you would like to attend, and will need to provide your email address, the school your child attends, and their year group.

Who to contact

If you have any questions, please contact the school Mental Health Lead, who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.





Study on the Brain Signals of Attention and Self-Regulatory Skills in Children

Recruiting

Children, ages 7 to 14, for a research study looking at brain signals related to attention and self-regulatory skills during development

Participation involves:

- behavioural assessments
- brain activity assessment (EEG)

at Kingston University (free parking available)

Benefits of participating:

- £10 Amazon voucher as a thank you!
- Help scientists better understand brain activity in children



For more information, or to enroll,
Contact **Lauren Dacorro:**

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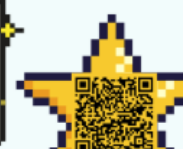
Exergaming Intervention Study for Self-Regulation Skills in Children with Traits of ADHD

Recruiting

Children, ages 7 to 14, with traits of ADHD for a research study on the effects of videogame-based exercise on self-regulation skills.

Participation involves:

- 6 weeks of exergaming sessions at Kingston University (free parking offered)
- behavioural assessments
- brain activity assessments
- fitness assessments



Benefits of participating:

- Family will receive £40 as a thank you!
- Certificate of completing exergaming programme
- Help scientists better understand the effects of lifestyle intervention for ADHD
- Co-work with scientists on a fun learning exercise experience to boost attention

Scan the QR code to sign up!



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