



MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Save the Date - St John's School Fair

We are delighted to invite all of our families and friends to the St John's School Fair on Saturday 20th June, from 11am until 3pm. It promises to be an unforgettable day filled with an array of entertainment, activities and local stalls for everyone to enjoy. There will be multiple performances from children throughout the day: 12pm Year 3 Maypole Dancing, 12.30pm Year 2 Country Dancing, 1.30pm Streetdance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Summer Term

April	
25th	London Mini Marathon
27th	African Drumming Workshop – paid for by PTA Year 4 swimming
28th	3.40pm Year 6 Girls Football (in-school)
29th	Junior Mathematics Challenge Year 4 and 6 Girls Football
30th	Councillor Diane White visiting
May	
1st	Year 5 Trip to Buddhapadipa Temple
4th	Bank Holiday - no school
6th	Archdeacon of Wandsworth Collective Worship visit
8th	Surrey Cricket Foundation's SEN/Disability Day 2026 – by invitation
11th – 15th	SATS Week National Tests for all Year 6 children No Rock Steady - will be a different day
11th	Year 5 Relationships, Sex Education (Session 1) Year 4 swimming
12th	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Wisley Gardens
18th	Year 5 Relationships, Sex Education (Session 2) Year 4 swimming
22nd	Rainbow Own Clothes Day School ends at 3.15/3.20pm
25th to 29th May - Half Term	

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Netball Club

There are limited places available for our Netball Club during the upcoming summer term. The club is open to all KS2 children and will take place on Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Each session is priced at £6.

If you would like your child to participate, please email the school office as soon as possible to secure a place. Please note that remaining spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shakespeare Week

Bringing Shakespeare to life at Malden Parochial has been a great success. Children now know that Shakespeare is credited with inventing over 1,700 words such as lonely, swagger and eyeball! The children have learned to derive meaning from context and the rhythmic nature of his writing has helped children to understand the "music" and tempo of the English language.

By studying Mid Summer Night's Dream and Macbeth over the last 2 weeks all classes have explored intriguing characters as well as common idioms such as "in a pickle," "break the ice," and "heart of gold." Many thanks to St John's parishioner Alastair Daniel for bringing the stories alive through his story telling workshops this week, free of charge. The children have really enjoyed themselves and developed in confidence through the drama experiences they took part in this week.



In-School Mini Marathon

Yesterday's 'Around the World' mini marathon was a spectacular success! The children showed incredible determination, completing thousands of laps and collectively "travelling" across the globe. Whether they sprinted or maintained a steady pace, every child's effort helped us reach an amazing distance, the exact extent of the kilometres covered to be announced.

We are thrilled to announce that the event raised a fantastic £337. This money will go directly toward supporting the school and improving resources for all our pupils.

Thank you to the families who donated so generously. Most importantly, a massive well done to our runners! There is still time to add your donations via ParentMail.

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the twenty families who joined us this week for our Year 1 Phonics Workshop. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and to feel the shared enthusiasm for supporting our young readers as they navigate this pivotal year of literacy. We hope the session provided a clear insight into the daily structure of our phonics lessons and helped demystify some of the technical terminology we use in the classroom.

By exploring how we teach children to blend sounds for reading and segment them for spelling, we aim to ensure that the support provided at home aligns perfectly with our school approach. Whether it is practicing "pure sounds" or identifying tricky words during a bedtime story, your involvement makes a world of difference to your child's confidence and progress.

Educational Excellence at Malden Parochial What is happening in schools these days?

We've noticed a surge of enthusiasm for the recording of "Nightly Reads."

It might seem like a small window of time, but the "20-minute rule" carries some staggering statistics. Research shows that children who read (or are read to) for just 20 minutes a day are exposed to a massive 1.8 million words per year.

When children encounter this vast "library" of words, they aren't just memorising definitions. Their brains are actually building more complex neural pathways. This exposure leads to enhanced fluency making it easier for children to process complex information in all curriculum subjects. Reading requires children to follow plots and understand cause and effect, which builds critical thinking skills needed for problem-solving. Studies also suggest that reading right before bed helps with memory consolidation.

Don't forget that being read to is just as valuable as reading independently. It allows children to enjoy stories that might be slightly above their current reading level, introducing them to even more sophisticated vocabulary

Keep up the fantastic work, thank you for signing your child's planners.

Dear Year 6 Families,

We are writing to share some important information regarding the upcoming secondary school transitions. Moving to a new school is a significant milestone so we thought we would highlight that the following schools offer a wide range of opportunities to support a smooth transition. Detailed information regarding open days, taster sessions and specific transition programmes, such as summer schools can be found directly on the website for these schools.

- Raynes park
<https://www.rphs.org.uk/page/?title=Year+6+to+Year+7+Transition&pid=153>
- Coombe Boys
<https://www.coombeboysschool.org/join-our-school/year-7-transition>
- Holy Cross
<https://www.holycross.kingston.sch.uk/home/admissions/year-7-transition-timeline>

Additionally, Coombe Girls have sent this information to parents already but have informed us that they are running a summer camp on the 17th, 18th, 19th of August. Southborough High School will be sending out their information very soon.

Attending these scheduled days is a great way for your children to get to know their new peers and their new schools. We highly encourage families to take advantage of these opportunities to build confidence and familiarity with their new environments.

Good Work Bags given out last week and this week

Reception

- Phoebe
- Luca
- Enoch

Year 2

- Livvy
- Carys
- Sophie
- Lilah
- Georgia
- Arlen
- Thansiya
- Sophie
- Anaya
- Teddy

Year 3

- Ethan

Year 4

- Erin
- Darcey
- Alissiana-Rose
- Aiden
- Max

Year 6

- Grace

25, 50, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 Reads Completed!

Lyon (2)	Aylan (1)	Taehee (6)
Hana (2)	Isabel (1)	Rosie (6)
Jada (5)	Rhys (1)	Amelia (6)
Ellin (5)	Zara (1)	Mikel (6)
Solene (5)	Sama (1)	Araya (6)
Rosie (5)	Benjamin (1)	Ava (6)
Yielle (5)	Qasim (1)	Tia (6)
Daniel (5)	Hadley (5)	Sammy (6)
Jacob (5)	Marnie (5)	
Josh (5)	Alexa (5)	
Reggie (5)	Heidi (5)	
Erin (4)	Alice (5)	
Erin (4)	Samuel (6)	
Otto (2)	Archie (6)	
Sally (3)	Amelia (6)	
Edie (1)	Isla (6)	
	Anneline (6)	

Celebration Station

Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (Y6) Sammy (Y5) Henry (4) Arya (3) Penelope (Y2) Roman (1) Zara (R) Ayana

We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Jacob, Hugh, Holly, Nathan

Well done everyone!



MPS Feedback Form – [click here](#) if you would like to give any feedback or comments to share with Mrs McMullan. If you would like a response, please leave your name so we can get back to you.

Burlington Infant and Nursery School is looking for a proactive and skilled Site Manager to keep their school safe, secure, and running smoothly.

Interested? View the full job description and apply online here:

[School Site Manager](#)



May Half Term

26th to 29th May 2026

	AM	PM		
Mon	Closed for Bank Holiday			
Tues	Space Cadet	Ultimate Frisbee	Lego Adventures	Dodgeball
Weds	Messy Mayhem	Sports Action	Sublime Slime	Mini Olympics
Thurs	Origami	Cricket	Jewellery Making	Tag Rugby
Fri	Pottery	Sports Action	Fun Day Friday	

Book through our website

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/kingston/>
<https://fun-fest.co.uk/worcesterpark/>

☎ For more information phone 07359380777

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Together Thursdays

**Kingsnympton Youth and Community Centre
Kingsnympton Park, Kingston KT2 7RW**

Thursdays Term time only

A collaborative initiative bringing the communities together. **Free** wellbeing activities and refreshments for parents. Community food supplies, workshops, lunch, warm welcoming environment, confidential support, professional advice and an opportunity to socialise.

**Achieving for Children
Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN)
Parents' Cafe***
9.15am to 12pm

Contact: Sanya, Parent Champion Network Coordinator
WhatsApp me: 07761 448348 or
Email: sanya.walker-batson@achievingforchildren.org.uk

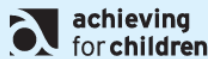


**Migrant Advocacy Service (MAS)
Community Lunch Club**
12.15pm to 2.30pm

Contact: Nadia M'Chaar, Community Outreach Coordinator
Phone: 020 3488 0638 or
Email: info@migrantadvocacyservice.org.uk



More information overleaf



Together Thursdays Pilates classes

At the Parent Carer Champions Network Café

Start the day with a wellbeing activity, then enjoy a cuppa brew and light refreshments, speak with like-minded people or obtain professional advice.

Thursdays, 9.15am to 10.15am

**16, 23, and 30 April 7, 14 and 21 May
4, 11, 18 and 25 June 2, 9, and 16 July**

**Kingsnympton Youth and Community Centre
Kingsnympton Park, Kingston KT2 7RW**

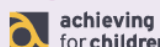
This is a free activity for Kingston parents.
Yoga mats are supplied, just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

Suitable for all levels and open to all parents of children aged 0 to 18, up to age 25 if a child has SEND.

This is a **parents only** session.

Regretfully, we are unable to accommodate children.
Registration is required on the first visit only.

For enquiries, please contact Sanya via WhatsApp: 07761448348 or email: sanya.walker-batson@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Fabulous Fridays Parent Carer Champions Network



The Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB

A warm, inclusive space for Kingston parents to connect, relax, and recharge.

Fridays (term time only)

A space where everything is complimentary, including the welcoming smiles. Start the day with a wellbeing activity, then enjoy a cuppa with light refreshments whilst speaking with like-minded people or obtaining professional advice.

9.30am to 10.30am Yoga

10.30am to 12.30pm Parent group coffee, cake and cuppa chat

Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) provide an interactive, safe, welcoming and non-judgmental "one-stop-shop" for all parents across Kingston and Richmond.

From championing parental wellbeing and enhancement of parenting skills strategies to providing support and advice on housing matters, benefits entitlement assessments, skills development and pathways into meaningful employment.

Open to all parents of children aged 0 to 18 years, up to age 25 if a child has SEND. This is a free activity for Kingston parents.

The Yoga class, activities, refreshments, advice and our welcoming smiles are a complimentary provision.

The sessions are run as parents only to ensure a restful and confidential environment. Regretfully, we are unable to accommodate children.

Membership registration is required on your first visit only.

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