



MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Summer Term

May	
11th – 15th	SATS Week National Tests for all Year 6 children – Year 6 in from 8.20am 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 Reception 2026 Waiting List available
15th	8.40am PTA Meeting in Art & DT room Founders Day Chetwynd Stapleton's Birthday
18th	Year 5 Relationships, Sex Education (Session 2) Year 4 swimming
20th	British Wildlife Photograph Competition deadline – to be judged by Yr 6 Home Captains. Photos on paper please
22nd	Rainbow Own Clothes Day Nursery Fundraiser – bake sale School ends at 3.15/3.20pm
24th	6-9pm Eid Gala Event – Christ Church with St Philip, KT4 8LG. All welcome, register with QR code
25th to 29th May - Half Term	
June	
1st	INSET all staff in school - no pupils
2nd	8.30am Children return to school
2nd – 12th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
3rd	Long Ditton St Mary's visiting Year 6 class
8th	Year 4 swimming
8th – 12th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
9th	Athletics Year 5 and 6
10th	Long Ditton St Mary's visiting Year 6 class 7pm Nursery 2026 Welcome Meeting
11th	Year 4 Swimming Gala at Coombe Hill Junior School 7pm Reception 2026 Welcome Meeting
12th	Year 3 Class Assembly and Egyptian Day 12pm Faith and Spirituality Meeting
15th	Year 4 swimming
16th	Year 2 Country Dancing Festival
17th	Year 2 visiting Malden Manor Primary School for Multi-skills Participation Event
18th	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Southwark Cathedral (TBC)
19th	Sports Day and PTA Family Fun day till 8pm
20th	St John's Fair – MPS performing (12pm Year 3 Maypole Dancing, 12.30pm Year 2 Country Dancing, 1.30pm Street dance)
22nd	Year 4 swimming Year 6 Trip to the Rose Theatre – Barnes Literature Festival
24th	2.30pm – 3.15pm Reception 2026 new starters – story session
26th	Year 2 Class Assembly
29th	Year 4 swimming

Changes to previous newsletters are in green

Mid-morning snack

We've noticed a variety of mid-morning snacks coming into school.

We would like to share a gentle reminder that fresh fruit and vegetables are our designated snacks for mid-morning break. This has always been a school rule to ensure children have the very best fuel for their learning. Fruits and vegetables provide the natural sugars and fibre for sustained energy and steady focus needed to power through until lunch.



Beyond the nutritional boost, many fruits like melon and orange help with hydration, and the essential vitamins in fresh produce keep young immune systems strong. We kindly ask for your support in sticking to this policy, thank you for helping us keep our school healthy and ready to learn!

Collective Worship

We welcomed The Venerable Bridget Shepherd Archdeacon of Wandsworth to collective worship this week and she planted The Rotherham Oak in our Forest School. We also thought about the life and achievements of Sir David Attenborough and the vocabulary associated with him and his skills.

Useful Vocabulary



Achievements

Something impressive that a person has completed successfully by working hard or using their skills.

Out of all his achievements, which do you think is most memorable?

Broadcaster

A person or an organisation that sends out programmes or information to a large audience using media like television, radio or the internet.

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster...

Commemorate

To do something special to remember and show respect for an important person or past event.

A graphic to commemorate Sir David's special birthday.

Conservationist

Someone who works hard to look after the natural world to make sure it stays protected for the future.

David Attenborough is a famous TV presenter and conservationist.

Continent

One of the world's seven main continuous areas of land.

Sir David has visited every continent!

Naturalist

An expert who studies and observes plants, animals, and the environment to understand how the natural world works.

Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster...

Can you use them in a conversation this week?

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Earth Day Own Clothes and Seed Sale

Thank you to everyone for the incredible support shown during our recent Year 2 fundraiser for our 'Earth Day' Own Clothes Day and the enthusiastic response to our Seed Sale. It has been a joy to see the children championing environmental awareness while raising £302 that will directly benefit their learning and school projects. We are grateful for every donation made and for the time spent by those who helped to organise this event.



Safe Guarding: Keeping children and young people safe from drugs and gangs in person workshop

Monday 11 May 2026- 11:00 to 12:30

The Powerstation Youth Centre, 121a Mortlake High Street, London SW14 8SN

This free training workshop will help to safeguard Children and Young People (CYP) by raising awareness on County lines, Child exploitation and grooming, and present drug problems within society and the local community.

For parents and school professionals who may like to become more aware of the risks and pressures children and young people may be faced with during leisure time and outside of school and home.

Ideal for parents who are experiencing difficulties (behaviour and communication) with their children. Where the child may be engaging in substance misuse, or at risk of exploitation. Specifically where a parent may suspect their child is already being exploited or misusing, but is too afraid to ask and does not know where to turn for help.

[If you would like to know more, Book your ticket and reserve your place, click here.](#)

PS May half term

PowerStation Youth Centre is coming through with a full lineup for young people aged 8–19

From football @afc_dickerage to baking, dance to going to visit friends @afc_nostraightanswer — plus your favourites like B-Line, TEKKERS and Junior Club... And the best part? It's all free.

Pull up, bring your friends, try something new or just come for the vibes Friday 22 – Saturday 30 May. Don't be the one hearing about it after.

#PowerStation #YouthClub #HalfTerm #RichmondYouth #FreeActivities #CommunityVibes

PowerStation Youth Centre, 121a Mortlake High Street, Mortlake, SW14 8SN

[Flyer here.](#)

Health

Updated UKHSA pages on infectious diseases in children and young people's settings

UKHSA has recently updated their advice pages on infectious diseases in children and young people's settings, to make them more user friendly for parents, carers and educational/early years settings.

These pages can be found on:

- [A to Z of infectious diseases in children and young people's settings](#)
- [Public health exclusion periods in children and young people's settings](#)

Parents and Carers - An opportunity to help us understand your childcare needs and how we can develop the local childcare sector to meet them

[Access Parent and Family Childcare Survey here](#)

Every year councils have to report on childcare in their area to ensure they are meeting the needs of families and their children. In Kingston and Richmond the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report is produced by Achieving for Children, who provide children's services for Kingston and Richmond councils.

To build a clear picture of childcare (for both early years and School age children) across our area, and how well it meets the needs of local families, we are asking parents and carers who either currently use childcare or need to use childcare to complete our Parents and Family Childcare Survey - this survey is anonymous.

Your feedback will help us understand what is working well, identify any gaps and inform how we can better support families and develop local childcare provision.

Parents and carers: please spend time completing this annual survey and share your views and childcare needs - your contribution is extremely valuable, and we hope to receive a wide range of responses representing the needs of all families.

The survey outcomes will be included in our annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessments which are published each Autumn and also shared with the Department of Education. You can view our last year's report here: [Childcare Sufficiency Assessment: Kingston and Richmond 2025](#)

Fun-filled junior activities at our sports centres

Our 4 Borough Sports Centres in Teddington, East Sheen, Hampton and Whitton offer a range of activities for your children to enjoy.

Term time activities cater for a mix of ages and include Gymnastics, Karate, Badminton, Judo, Boxing, Junior Gym and Fitness and more.

View our junior activity programmes online:

- [Teddington Sports Centre](#)
- [Shene Sports and Fitness Centre](#)
- [Hampton Sports and Fitness Centre](#)
- [Whitton Sports and Fitness Centre](#)

Wondering how to entertain your children this half term? Our centres offer casual pay and play sports including tennis, badminton, squash, table tennis and pickleball.

Sign your children up to a [Junior Pay as you Go Membership](#) and enjoy half price junior court hire during holidays and at weekends!

Soft play drop-in sessions also available for under 5's this half term at Whitton and Teddington.

We hope to see you soon.

Sport & Fitness Services

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

leisure@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Safeguarding concern?

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access).

Phone 020 8547 5008. [You can make an online referral here.](#)

2 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze awarded to the Year 6 children who took part in the **Junior Mathematical Challenge 2026!** Aiqi has been invited to the next round. Well done to:

Aiqi
Reena
Amy
Sienna
Abiel
Taehee
Valentina
Grace
Rosie
Tia



Good Work Bags given out this week

Reception

- Penelope

Year 6

- Abiel
- Maisie

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

Amira (4)
Maryam (4)
Max (4)
Anjenan (4)
Imogen (4)
Shanaya (4)
Lucas (4)
Penelope (3)
Flora (3)
Ida (3)
Hugh (3)
(250 reads!)
Ayman (1)
Musa (1)
Joseph (1)

Celebration Station

Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (Y6) Emily (5) Rosie and Marnie (4) Imogen (3) Finnian (2) Arlen (1) Misha (R) Alexander

We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Ayman, Eleanor, Joshua, Wilhelm, Maia, Emily, Maisie, Edan, Araya, Aiyla, Amelia

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.

Work of the Week**Well done, Abiel, Year 6!****Friday 17 Mary****LO To write a diary entry as Lady Macbeth***Dear Dairy**I thought today might be the core of our everlasting glory, yet it was everlasting humiliation.**All of the Scottish Nobles were with us and he was acting like a stupid baby. I had to threaten him, telling him, he is a man, a man! Still he is as weak as a candle losing its own flame. Macbeth has made us a laughing stock, our respected reign is over. I am a queen soon we will not 'do' April fools, we will be called the fools in April!**I am distraught, what a failure as a king.**LM***Abiel year 6**


Malden Parochial
Nursery Class Fundraiser

Bake Sale



Friday 22nd May 2026
3:15pm

Location: School Playground
Cash and cards accepted



AMZ
Soul Kitchen
— AND EVENTS —

From a mother's kitchen to
unforgettable celebrations

EID GALA 2026

A CELEBRATION FOR EVERYONE

Join us for a joyful evening of
culture, community, and celebration.
All are welcome! ♡

VENUE
Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Dr,
Worcester Park, KT4 8LG

DATE & TIME
Saturday, 23rd May 2026
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

**DELICIOUS
FOOD**

**CLOTHING
STALLS**

JEWELLERY

**FUN
GAMES**

**BEAUTIFUL
HENNA ART**

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

SCAN ME

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SET UP
A STALL OR HAVE ANY QUERIES,
PLEASE CONTACT US.

CONTACT US

Tel:
07514 785888

Instagram:
@AMZSoulKitchen

*Come celebrate,
connect & create
beautiful memories
with us!*



‘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 13th 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://afc-self.achieveservice.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.

Michelle Cyril, a specialist in neurodivergent children's sleep, is running a 1-hour free masterclass, **Three Steps to Make Bedtime With Your Neurodivergent Child Easier** on **Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm**: <https://welcome.familysleepspecialist.co.uk/masterclass-page>

In this 1-hour session, parents and carers will discover:

- Why their neurodivergent child finds bedtime and falling asleep so difficult
- Why traditional sleep advice often doesn't work
- A simple, practical strategy they can use that same night

Michelle explains that when bedtime becomes easier, neurodivergent children often:

- Get more sleep, helping with focus, regulation and readiness to learn
- Begin the day in a better place emotionally, which often leads to fewer late starts and easier school drop-offs

Parents and carers can tap this link to sign up for

FREE: <https://welcome.familysleepspecialist.co.uk/masterclass-page>

FAMILY SLEEP SPECIALIST

FREE SLEEP MASTERCLASS ONLINE

12th May - 7.30pm
1 hour

THREE STEPS TO MAKE BEDTIME WITH YOUR NEURODIVERGENT CHILD EASIER

with Michelle Cyril

Specialist in Neurodivergent Children's Sleep

Discover

- Why your neurodivergent child struggles at bedtime and cannot fall asleep easily
- The reason why traditional sleep advice hasn't worked for your neurodivergent child
- Walk away with an easy practical strategy you can try that same night



Join LIVE and ask me a
question in the Q&A

SIGN UP



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY AT THE OLD VIC



FIND OUT MORE

Applications are now open to join 12 Choirs

12 Choirs supports mental health and wellbeing by partnering community groups for people aged 50+ with primary schools across London to create 12 intergenerational choirs.

Each choir is supported by a musical director and assistant facilitator and have three rehearsals before they perform a festive concert at The Old Vic. The concerts are free to attend and open to friends, family and the local community.

The programme is open to any primary school or community group for people aged 50+ in London. You don't have to be an existing choir, just a class or group who like to sing.

Applications are now open and will close at 5pm on Fri 29 May 2026.

Visit our website to learn more about the project or click the button below to apply now. If you have any further questions, please email 12choirs@oldvictheatre.com

APPLY NOW

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For more details, please see e-flyer attached or visit our [website](#). Any further questions, please email 12choirs@oldvictheatre.com.



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OPEN EVENTS

Book NOW for our OPEN EVENING event and OPEN MORNING TOURS in June and July!

Coming soon! Tickets for our Open Morning Tours in September

- **Fri 19 June - Meet the Head & Tour**
- **Mon 29 June - Meet the Head & Tour**
- **Thurs 2 July - Meet the Head & Tour**
- **Weds 8 July - Open Evening**

www.coombegirlsschool.org

More info & tickets





JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY LONDON

MAY HALF TERM 2026 CAMPS COOMBE WOOD GOLF CLUB



CAMP A AGES 5 - 11 YEARS GOLF CAMPS (Aimed at Beginner to Intermediate Level)	CAMP B AGES 11 - 16+ YEARS GOLF CAMPS (Aimed at Beginner to Intermediate Level)	CAMP C AGES 9 - 16+ YEARS PLAYING CAMPS (Intermediate standard or above, not suitable for beginners)
<p style="text-align: center;">Regular Golf Attire Preferred £45 per child, per class (10% discount for current Junior Academy Members)</p> <p>Our popular early morning camps are the perfect way to learn the game or sharpen your skills in a fun, supportive, and secure environment. Each session includes a mix of practice, learning, and competitions — making full use of the facilities. Led by professional coaches, the camps are designed to help you improve your golf while enjoying a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere. Plus, there'll be fun challenges throughout.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATES & TIMES Tuesday 26th May 8:30am - 11:30am Wednesday 27th May 8:30am - 11:30am Thursday 28th May 8:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regular Golf Attire Preferred £45 per child, per class (10% discount for current Junior Academy Members)</p> <p>Our late morning/early afternoon camps are designed for juniors looking to elevate their game. Each session focuses on refining swing mechanics and mastering short game shots, providing a structured yet relaxed environment for skill development. Participants will engage in targeted practice, receive professional instruction, and competitive play—all aimed at taking their golfing abilities to the next level. Whether your child is aiming to improve their technique or gain more experience, our camps offer a supportive setting to thrive. Fun challenges and skill-building activities throughout each class ensure an engaging experience.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATES & TIMES Tuesday 26th May 12noon - 3pm Wednesday 27th May 12noon - 3pm Thursday 28th May 12noon - 3pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Regular Golf Attire Preferred £45 per child, per class (10% discount for current Junior Academy Members)</p> <p>Our Course Camps give juniors the chance to take their game from the practice area to the course, gaining valuable real-world playing experience under expert guidance. Each session begins with a focused practice session, where players work on essential scoring skills such as chipping, pitching, and putting. After the clinic, participants head out for 6-10 holes of guided play, learning course strategy, shot selection, and pace-of-play skills along the way.</p> <p>These camps are ideal for juniors who already have some on-course experience and are ready to develop their confidence and independence in real playing situations. To ensure the best learning experience for everyone, suitability will be confirmed before booking if you are unsure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DATES & TIMES Tuesday 26th May 3pm 6pm Wednesday 27th May 3pm 6pm Thursday 28th May 3pm 6pm</p>
<p>We provide all the equipment your junior golfer needs — including clubs professionally fitted to suit them — at no extra cost. No need to bring your own, just come ready to play and have fun! <i>Regular golf attire is preferred.</i> Course time can change due to inclement weather.</p> <p>To secure your spot, please book in advance. This ensures we can prepare the best possible experience for everyone. Spaces are limited, so early booking is highly recommended!</p>		

Bookings & Information: Dean Jeeves PGA Professional
 Coombe Wood Golf Club George Road, Kingston KT2 7NS Email caron@juniorgolflondon.co.uk Tel: 07969 558525

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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