# MPS Head's Newsletter

**Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives**

**Autumn Term 2026**

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| **November** | |
| **7th** | **Come and see our artwork and poetry in church for Remembrance Day 9.45am St John's** |
| **8th** | **Last day to order Christmas Card Artwork** |
| 11th | Remembrance service in church – parents welcome<br>Year 1, 2 and 3 Hockey Festival – please make payment via ParentMail |
| 13th | 2027 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am – 10.30am<br>Year 5 Eco Shop launch 8.30am – 9am- with the Mayor of Kingston and BBC |
| 16th | PTA Own Clothes Day – toy/sweet tombola donations |
| 19th | 2.30pm Writing EYFS workshop for parents in school hall |
| 20th | Children in Need wear spots/Pudsey £1 donation on the gate |
| 24th | Pottery Workshop – please make payment via ParentMail |
| 27th | 2027 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am – 10.30am<br>PTA Own Clothes Day – bottle tombola donations<br>**9am ADHD workshop for parents** |
| 30th | Years 3, 4 and 5 Trip to the Rose Theatre (The Wind in the Willows)<br>Year 2 Trip to the Polka Theatre<br>PTA – deadline for Elfridges and Christmas tree orders |
| **December** | |
| 1st | Year 2 Christmas Journey<br>Year 5 Trip to Houses of Parliament<br>Pottery Workshop |
| 2nd | Rev. Lesley Charlton visiting for Collective Worship 9am |
| 3rd | PTA Christmas Tree collection |
| 4th | PTA Christmas Fair – Elfridges (during school), Festive Fair (evening) |
| **5th** | **St John's Christmas Fair – children to sing** |
| 7th-11th | Christmas Baking Week |
| 9th | Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance with Father Michael 2.00 pm |
| 10th | Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children<br>Little Voices Concert to parents 9am |
| 11th | Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 9am<br>Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 2.30pm |
| 14th | Rocksteady Concert 10am |
| 15th | Key Stage 2 Carol Service rehearsal in church 9am |
| 16th | Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service in church 9am – parents welcome<br>Christmas Lunch – for all pupils (see menu on page 7)<br>Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol service 6pm and PTA refreshments afterwards (TBC) |
| 17th | Christmas Parties in class |
| 18th | End of Autumn Term children leave at 2pm - No Night Owls |

***Back to school Tuesday 5th January 2027***

**Year 5 Young Voices – Ordering Issues**

Please be advised there was a technical issues for parents when checking out their orders for tickets and t-shirts. This has now been resolved so all parents are now able to complete their orders for the deadline on 15th November.




We're finalists at the British Judo Awards!




Ippon Judo London has been shortlisted as a finalist at the British Judo Awards 2026! Following selection by a large panel of judges, we have been shortlisted as one of the final three for 'Provider of the Year' for the whole of the UK. We are up against a Judo Club from Manchester and one from Cornwall. We are delighted and also incredibly proud to be the only London finalist across all award categories.

This is a huge opportunity for Ippon Judo London and would open so many doors for our Judo Club, our members, the schools and the communities we work with. Thousands of votes are being cast across the British Judo community and we now need our own community to get behind us. We need our schools, families, members and supporters to help put Ippon Judo London on the podium. Every vote counts equally, and we'd love your support.

It takes just 10–20 seconds to vote:

1. Click the link: Vote for the British Judo Awards 2026
2. Scroll down to the voting pages at the bottom and to the second-last category: *Provider of the Year*
3. Select Ippon Judo London and submit your vote!

Thank you for being part of the IJL journey. We'd love to celebrate this achievement with all the schools and communities that have helped us get here.




Click here for more information and to book your child's place

**(open to KS2 children only)**

# Triple P Teen

Parenting course for parents and carers of adolescents and young people from 11 to 18 years of age, including those transitioning to secondary school.

**Triple P Teen can help:**

- build a better relationship with your young person
- reduce conflict
- Improve communication
- keep your young person safe
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself



This is an accredited parenting programme for parents and carers, topics covered will include factors that influence young people's behaviour, encouraging appropriate behaviour and managing problem behaviour.

**Saturday 21st and 28th November 2026**

10.00am to 2pm

The Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, KT3 5NB, the centre is at the bottom of Lawrence Ave

For more information and to enquire about availability, please contact Karen Williams:
email: karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk
or phone 07771974388

Attendance at all sessions is required.

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NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

# Missed your flu vaccine?

**Do you live or attend school in the borough of Kingston? Aged 4 - 16?**

Book an appointment at a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Saturday 14 November
10:00 - 15:00
The Bentall Centre, KT1 1TP

**Call 020 3903 3641 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment**

# Free school meals

**From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.**

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

## Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

**Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)**

### Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

### This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

### Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

## Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

**New criteria from September 2026**

### Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

### This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

### This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

### Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

## Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

### Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

### This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

### This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

### Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

**If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk**

## What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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**Good Work Bags given out this week**

**Reception**

- Laurie
- Zainab
- Enrique
- Isabelle
- Baden
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**Year 6**

- Charlie
- Mariella
- Heidi
- Jada
- Solène
- Jacob
- Henry
- Alice
- Reuben

**25 and 50 Reads Completed!**

**Mariella (6)**
**Keyule (6)**
**Jacob (6)**
**Rosie (6)**
**Henry (6)**
**Eden (6)**
**Charlie (6)**
**Hadley (6)**
**Alice (6)**
**Marnie (6)**
**Reggie (6)**
**Luke (4)**
**(75 reads!)**
**Hugh (4)**
**Mabli (1)**
**Clara (1)**
**Noah (1)**
**Verity (1)**
**Oscar (1)**
**Aydin (1)**
**Phoebe (1)**
**Elise (1)**
**Owen (1)**
**Enoch (1)**
**Erin (5)**
**(75 reads!)**
**Darcey (5)**
**(75 reads!)**
**Lana (2)**
**Joshua (2)**
**Maddie (R)**
**Jada (6)**
**Amaar (R)**
**Harriet (R)**
**Callie (R)**
**Edwin (R)**
**Maila (4)**
**Ida (4)**
**Gayeong (4)**
**Kiara (4)**



**Celebration Station**

**Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (6) Solène (5) Aiden (4) Nicole (3) Roman (2) Musa (1) Alba (R) Enrique (N) Mila**

**We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Olly, Cjey, Callie, Nicole, Delilah, Thomas, Isabel.**

**Tidy Cup Judges this week – Thiago, Matt and Ethan. Reception won!**

**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, Solène, Year 6!**

**Souls move on, spirits stay,**
**the only things left are the poppies that lay.**
**They sit so silently, hear whispers from the dead,**
**gunshots and bullets being fired overhead.**
**Memories coming back, voices from the past,**
**friends and families die, one has to be the last.**
**You can still hear echoes of soldiers marching feet,**
**like a song rhythm and stomping to the beat.**

**Injuries happening everywhere,**
**soldiers falling here and there.**
**Soon to be found and put in a grave,**
**sad and lovely, like being trapped in a cave.**
**People alone, people crying,**
**all because soldiers are dying.**

**When a loved one dies, it's like a stab in the heart,**
**even though you're not apart.**
**The sun's golden rays, shone down on the field,**
**where soldiers once stood, clutching their shields.**
**Memories pass on, to the people who survived,**
**but don't forget the ones who sacrificed and died.**



**Surbiton High School Theatre Production**

Every year, our musical production showcases the phenomenal achievements of staff and pupils through their commitment, creativity and collaboration. It far surpasses any school performance you will have ever seen; endorsed by two award shortlisting's this year for Performing Arts. We are, therefore, delighted to invite you to this year's musical '**Guys and Dolls**' performed on stage at the New Wimbledon Theatre from 19 - 21 November, 7.30pm.

One of the most popular and enduring Broadway musicals, Guys and Dolls is set in the vibrant world of 1950s New York, Guys and Dolls follows a colourful cast of gamblers, nightclub performers and unlikely romantics. Filled with larger-than-life characters, memorable songs and plenty of heart, Guys and Dolls is a story about taking chances, following your heart and discovering that love can appear in the most unexpected places.

**Tickets**

Equally, we would be delighted to welcome your pupils to see the performance, and we have arranged a discounted ticket price of just £5. If you wish to book your tickets, please click the link below

BOOK HERE.

