



NEWSLETTER

The King's C of E Primary School

Encouraging every child to reach their full potential, nurtured and supported in a Christian community, which lives by the values of love, compassion and respect.



15th September 2023

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A Message from Mr Corke

Dear Parents,

School Life

Our first full week back at school has flown by, and it has been lovely to see on my visits to the classrooms the children settled and enthusiastic in their learning. Our new Reception children are settling in to their routines and this coming week will see them staying for lunch as they build up their knowledge and familiarity with the school. Year 3 got our week started last Monday by heading off for their first set of swimming lessons and Year 6 were our first class to go on an off-site visit when they went to Gunnersbury Museum to immerse themselves in all things Victorian on Wednesday. They looked wonderful in their costumes and outfits and it surprised me how many children appeared to have been up a chimney so early in the morning!

Our whole-school Wednesday Worship last week (excluding Year 6 who were on their trip) focused on "being inclusive", which is one of our twelve Learning Certainties and which are all rooted in Bible teachings and stories. We explored the story of The Good Samaritan, who despite coming from Samaria and Samaritans and Jews not being on the best of terms, stopped and cared for a Jewish man who had been hurt by some robbers. The Samaritan showed inclusivity towards the Jewish man, when others who we would have expected to have stopped and helped walked by on the other side of the road. We finished with a beautifully sung version of "When I Needed a Neighbour", which was very fitting.

Forthcoming School Events

We will share some dates with you soon about some upcoming events. Our first event will be an invitation for you to be able to come and visit your child's classroom straight after school. Our second event will be our Curriculum Evening where we will share our school priorities for the year and a chance for you to attend some teacher-led workshops to help you understand how you can support your child with phonics, reading and maths.

School Uniform

Thank you everyone for responding to the changes in the Uniform Policy. Our uniform is an essential part of our school identity, and in doing so, we want everyone to feel equal and the same. We have noticed that some children are wearing non-uniform jumpers and tops. Staff will be reminding children that such tops are not part of our uniform and I would encourage parents to make sure their child has all the correct uniform before leaving home. Thank you for your support with this.

School Attendance

We are looking to promote good attendance at school this year and will be sharing our updated Attendance Policy with you soon. As part of encouraging the children to be in school as much as they can, taking in to account illness and authorised appointments, we will be publishing a table in our newsletters to let you know the weekly attendance for each class, with a "well done" to the class/es with the highest attendance for each week.

Well done to Oak class!

Class Attendance w/e 15 th September	
Holly	98.80%
Willow	98.84%
Cherry	93.12%
Fir	95.31%
Maple	92.71%
Oak	99.79%
3JB	97.84%
3NB	93.53%
4ER	96.98%
4AC	93.32%
5SC	98.95%
5AM	97.47%
6GD	99.33%
6MS	96.88%

Scooters and Bikes

Please can I ask you to be mindful of your child, and yourself, if you also use a scooter or bike, when approaching the school site. Please can you ensure that your child dismounts and walks their scooter/bike on to the school grounds as already since the start of term we have had a couple of near-misses, and with such a congested entrance area to the school, if we do not see any improvements, we could end up with a serious injury to someone. We will be relying on parents to act as good role models and enforcing the request that the children dismount. Please also be mindful of the congested street at the end of the school day when heading home on bikes and scooters.

Parking

I appreciate that Cumberland Road is a very narrow road and gets congested very quickly. Some parents are choosing to park in dangerous places, which is disappointing. We have requested Parking Enforcement Officers from Richmond Council attend at both drop-off and pick-up times to make sure the road is as safe as possible, taking in to account that there are two schools opposite each other. If parents can walk or cycle to school, it would be of great help in easing the number of cars accessing the road.

And finally...

A relatively positive start for most of the home nations in the Rugby World Cup, so I hope your team, which ever country you support, does well in the next round of matches.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Corke – Headteacher

Ms Verge – Deputy Head

Ms Demir – Assistant Head

After School Clubs

A wide range of after school clubs start on the 18th September and there are still some places left. If you are looking for an activity or after school care, please contact Mrs Mitchell in the school office.

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Headteacher – Mr Corke Ms Verge (Deputy Head)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: - Ms Demir (Assistant Head) & Ms Watkinson (Senco)

SPA - If you are concerned about a child's well-being you can make a referral or seek advice from Richmond

Single Point of Access - 0208 547 5008

Out of Hours Duty Social Worker - 0208 770 5000

National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247

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EYFS

[Coming soon....!](#)

Year 1



Cherry Class



Fir Class

This week year 1's maths lessons have been centred around sorting items by various characteristics including colour, shape, and size as well as counting and writing numbers to 10 and 20

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Year 2

[Maple Class](#)



[Oak Class](#)



Year 3



Year 3 really enjoyed their first trip to swimming and are looking forward to next week already.

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Year 4

Year 4 are back in the swing of things playing the ukulele with Mrs Noyes



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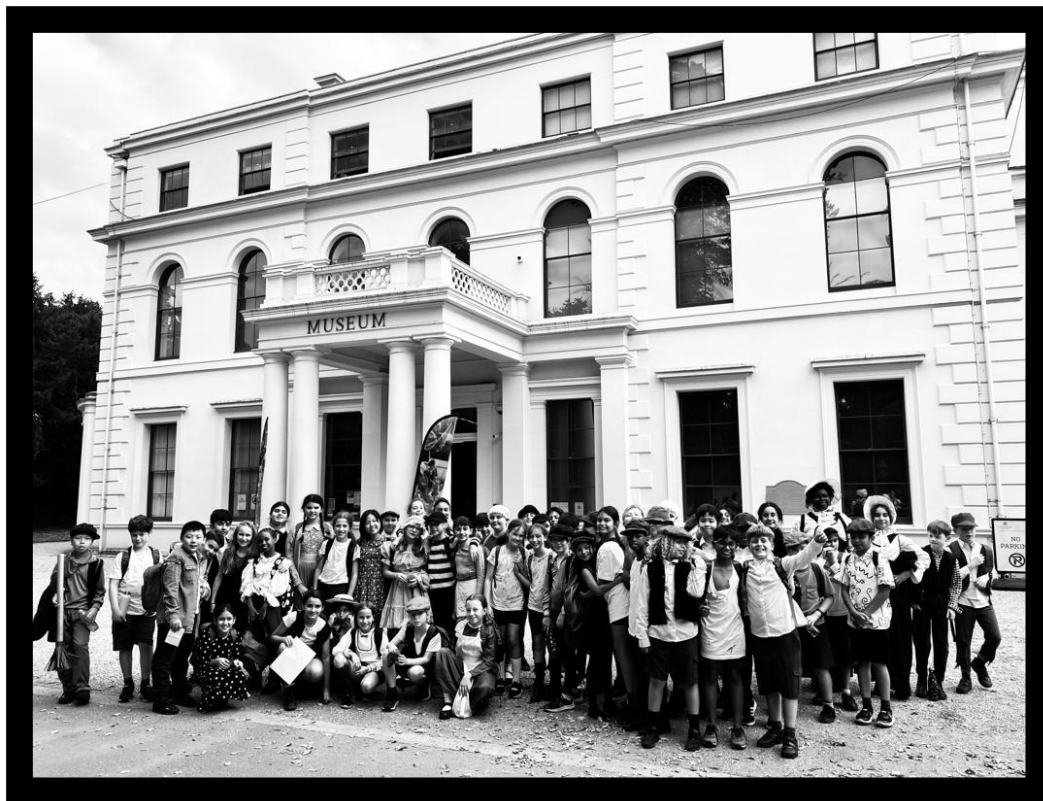
Year 5



Year 6



First and last year at The King's School! Ready for the challenge!



Year 6 took a step back in time to the Victorian Age, visiting Gunnersbury Museum

Miscellaneous

Messages from the School Nursing Team:

Measles cases are rising in London. Make sure your child is up to date with their Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations

Measles is highly infectious and can make your child seriously unwell. One in five children who become unwell with measles will require a hospital visit.

Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell.

You can check that your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines in their red book. If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice or your [local school age immunisation service team](#) to book an appointment.

For more information visit the [NHS website](#).

Covid

Cases seem to be on the increase. The [DfE guidance](#) states that staff who test positive should stay at home for 5 days and children should stay at home for 3 days.

Vaccines remain our best weapon against this virus, so please continue to encourage staff and students to be fully up to date.

Schools should reinforce good hygiene practices and ensure that occupied spaces are well-ventilated. Remote education should be provided for children who test positive but are otherwise well.