Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

Newsletter

Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

1 Corinths 13 v 13 - And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Friday 20th November

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in the life of Bishop Perrin Primary School with it being Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week.

This morning, we held our first meeting for the parent and carer Racial Justice Working Party. It was a very positive and productive meeting, and I am grateful to those who came along for their openness and contributions to our discussions. We talked about the aims and vision for the group; agreed on Terms of Reference and how meetings will be managed to support all members. Please see our website for the Terms of Reference and 'Guidelines for Meetings' which we established today. We hope to encourage more parents and carers to attend our next meeting, which will be held on Friday 29th January at 08:45. If you would like to come along, please send an email to the info account, FAO Miss Macklearn, by Friday 15th January. In a change to original advertised plans, we have decided we will meet every half term.

On Monday, Year 6 went into London to visit the Cenotaph and the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey as part of their learning about the First World War. The children were very respectful and well behaved on this visit. Yesterday, Year 4 visited the cinema as part of our cultural education visits experience offer. Based on the excited chatter upon their return, they all had a good time and enjoyed the film. My thanks to all the staff and volunteers to made these visits possible.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of children across the school not completing their weekly homework. In particular, children's weekly readings (aiming for 5 readings per week) recorded in their reading logs / homework diaries. Homework, particularly reading practice, is an important part of school life for a number of reasons: it helps to consolidate learning in class; it provides a chance for parents to engage in what their child is learning; it prepares older children for transition to secondary school; and it gives pupils an opportunity to develop life skills such as independence and responsibility, organisational skills and accountability to deadlines. Homework expectations are shared with parents on our website, in our Homework Policy and through teacher meetings at the start of the year. Additionally, KS2 children record it in their homework diaries. It is part of our Home School Agreement that parents will support their child to complete their homework and hand it in on time. We are currently reviewing our Homework Policy and this will be shared with parents at the start of the new term. In response to feedback from the parent forum, we are developing a handy guide to homework to share with parents, which will be shared at the same time as the new policy.

Please check in with your child over the weekend, and see what homework they have this week and help them to complete it and to hand in on time. If you are unsure about any aspect of their homework, please speak to your child's class teacher. In the past, for KS2 pupils who did not complete their homework, we have implemented consequences. This is not a measure that we are looking to reinstate, however we may have to reconsider this if homework engagement does not improve. We will be monitoring homework engagement over the rest of this term. Thank you for your support with this.

You may be aware that next Friday (27th November), a major rugby event is taking place, that will continue into the weekend. School times are not affected, and we hope disruption will be minimal, but you may want to leave extra time to manage pick up on time at 3:15pm (3:05pm for Reception), or consider walking if you usually drive, due to anticipated heavy traffic in the area at this time.

We're delighted to be supporting a new charity this year as part of our Christmas charity appeal, for which our families always give so generously. Please see later in the newsletter for details.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Macklearn

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Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 97.1%
The class with the best attendance this week: Year 4

Collective Worship this week

In Collective Worship this week, we talked about Anti-bullying Week (see later in the newsletter) and Road Safety Week. On Thursday, Mr Nimmo led our assembly about children's rights around the world. This links to our learning about being a Rights Respecting School.

School News

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring Term

The extra-curricular clubs for the Spring term have been finalised. The letter is attached to the main newsletter email for this week and can also be found here on our website. We have some exciting new additions including a Tennis Club as well as a new Science and Engineering Club. Please look out for the email inviting you to book clubs for Spring Term, the booking window opens on 1st December 6pm.

Free Extra-Curricular Clubs for Targeted Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Grant Recipients

Those of you who are in receipt of Targeted Free School Meals or we, as a school, receive Pupil Premium Funding for your child, have been sent an early invite to join clubs ahead of the full release to all parents and carers. FSM/PPG Parents/carers please reply to the email by the 27th November to make any club requests.

Free Taster Session – Tennis JA Sports

One of our new clubs, for the spring term, will be a Wednesday morning Tennis Club (07:45 – 08:30am). Tennis club will be available to children in Year 1 – Year 6. JA sports are offering a free taster Tennis Club on the 9th December. Please book your free taster session here. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to try the club ahead of signing up for the full Spring term. Spaces are limited (in both the taster session and Spring term clubs). Signing up to the taster session does not guarantee a space at the Spring term Tennis Club, as a separate booking will need to be made when the booking windows open.



School Individual/Sibling Photos – Free Order Date Extended to 23rd November

Your Free Delivery Period is Ending on 23/11/2026. You can still order after 23/11/2026, but a delivery charge will apply.
To View and Purchase your Images visit:
https://www.imagophotography.co.uk/account/login
Your gallery details will be on your low res contact sheet(s), which your child should have brought home from your School.
Alternatively, your School has a master-list with all gallery details.
Kind Regards,
Imago
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Year 4 Design & Technology - Cooking

This half-term, Year 4 will be trying some different spices and cooking a vegetarian curry. Please see the ingredients below. If you have any concerns about your child eating any of the food or spices, please let me know via the office by Monday 7th December.

Ingredients
300g potatoes
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp oil
½ tsp coriander seeds
½ tsp cumin seeds
425g can tomatoes
1 tsp turmeric
1 inch root ginger
1 tsp chilli powder
½ tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp dhanna jeera powder (half coriander powder / half cumin powder)
300g frozen peas

Year 4 Christmas Concert Parts

Children in Year 4 may have brought home some lines to learn for our Christmas concert. Please help them to practise these at home. There are some parts which have references to costumes/clothing – please do not feel that you have to buy anything special. If you have something at home that they can wear that is suitable, please send it in; if not, we will try to provide something from school.

Governor News

One aspect of our School Development Plan this year, is to help parents and carers understand the role of the governing board in school. Over the coming months, we will include a profile of each of our governors, describing their role and what it includes.
We start this week, with a profile from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Alwyn Williams.

Governor Profile	
Name	(Mrs) Alwyn Williams
Category of Governor	Foundation Governor (representing St Augustine of Canterbury)
Responsibilities	Chair of Governors with additional lead on: • Strategic Group • Pay Panel • Sustainability • Governor Training • Member of Finance Committee
What does this involve?	As Chair of Governors, I ensure that the Board meets each half term to discuss school progress in all areas of its business, but with a primary focus on the impact for pupils; as well as considering the impact on parents/carers. Lots of reading to keep up to date with ongoing changes in education; to ensure the school is in the best possible position to deliver those changes, whilst maintaining an excellent support network for every pupil. Supporting board colleagues and ensuring that we undertake training which enables us to deliver on our objectives. REMEMBER: Governors are not teachers, our role is to provide strategic oversight, constructive challenge, and assurance that the school is meeting its statutory duties and delivering high-quality education for all pupils
What do you enjoy about your role as a Governor?	Visiting the school and listening to the children as they participate in lessons, assemblies and special events. Prior to becoming a Governor, I had no connection to Bishop Perrin. I am proud to be a part of the school and to contribute to their planning for the future.

School Trips Payments / Permissions

Unless otherwise stated, children should wear school uniform for school visits (this includes school shoes). Children should bring a bag (school bag or other) to carry their packed lunch and water bottle in. Packed lunches should not contain any form of nuts (this applies to children and adult volunteers); no fizzy drinks or glass bottles. In the summer term, if the children are likely to be outside during their visit, please ensure that you apply sunscreen before they come to school and they wear a hat. If details vary to this, they will be provided below within the specific trip section. **Tracking devices are not permitted for any children on any school visits / residentials for the safety of all pupils.**

Year 6 The Wind in the Willows Performance at Rose Theatre
Date: 8th December
Destination: Rose Theatre – private coach transfer
Return time: 16:45 – 17:00
Bring: healthy snack – no nuts or sesame (children will have usual lunch at school before they leave)
Wear: School uniform, coat

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Pantomime - Ellie and Starlight's Christmas Adventure
Date: 17th December
Destination: Hampton Hill Theatre – private coach transfer
Return time: Normal
Wear: School uniform, coat
Admin: Complete payment and permission within Arbor Account ASAP as this is now overdue.

Year 4 & Year 5 Christmas Pantomime
Date: 14th December
Destination: Twickenham Exchange – Cinderella, walking to and from the venue
Return time: Normal
Bring: Packed lunch. Please also pack some extra snacks as we may not eat lunch until we get back from the performance. Snack items that can go in coat pockets etc. to be eaten during performance.
Wear: School uniform, coat with hood
Admin: Complete payment and permission within Arbor Account ASAP as this is now overdue.

Year 4, 5 and 6* Weekly Catch Up Swimming Lessons – Spring 2027
Who: *Select children were invited, based on previous swimming assessments. Invite sent via email and will be present for sign up/payment within your child's Arbor trips account.
Date: Every Monday, from Monday 11th January 2027 up to, and including, Monday 22nd March 2027
Destination: Isleworth Swimming Pool
Return time: Normal
Bring: Swimming costumes on under their PE kit, swimming, towel and underwear in a small bag with their name on to take to the pool (a small, drawstring bag is ideal). Please make sure that your child brings a warm coat to school with them
Admin: Complete payment and permission within Arbor Account by 1st December 2026.

NEW! Year 4 Hampton Court
Date: 14th January 2027
Destination: Hampton Court via private coach
Return time: Normal
Bring: packed lunch from home, if you would like a school provided trip lunch please book one here by 11th December
Wear: School uniform
Admin: Complete payment and permission within Arbor Account 11th December
Volunteer: We will require some adult helpers to join us on if you are available please let the office know ASAP. We will confirm your attendance ASAP.

NEW! Year 1 Windsor Castle
Date: 4th February 2027
Destination: Windsor Castle via private coach
Return time: Normal
Bring: packed lunch from home, if you would like a school provided trip lunch please book one here by 4th January.
Wear: School uniform
Admin: Complete payment and permission within Arbor Account 18th December
Volunteer: We will require some adult helpers to join us on if you are available please let the office know ASAP. We will confirm your attendance ASAP.

Year 5 Isle of Wight
Date: Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th May 2027
Destination: Isle of Wight
Admin: Instalment plan: Initial deposit of £75 by Friday 28th September 2nd payment of £101.25 by end of October 2026 3rd payment of £101.25 by end of November 2026 4th payment of £101.25 by end of January 2027 Last payment of £101.25 by 1st March 2027

Year 6 Bowles Residential
Date: Monday 21st June and Friday 25th June 2027
Destination: Bowles Activity Centre, Tunbridge Wells
Admin: Instalment plan: Initial deposit of £100 by 1st October 2026 2nd payment of £126.25 by end November 2026 3rd payment of £126.25 by end December 2026 4th payment of £126.25 by end January 2027 5th and final payment of £126.25 by end February 2027

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Celebrations and Achievements

Well done to the children who have earnt a certificate this week:

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Thomas
Year 1	Emily
Year 2	Michael
Year 3	Finley
Year 4	Aarunya
Year 5	Zarnish
Year 6	Esme

Infant class of the week: Year 1
Junior class of the week: Year 5

Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Support for parents and carers of children with SEND

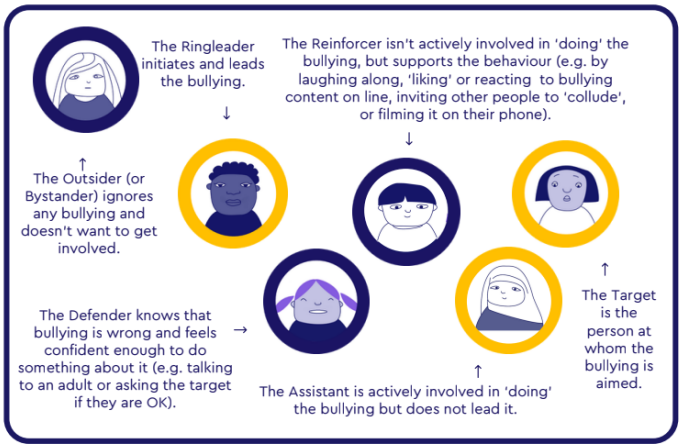
There are a number of parents in the school community who have expressed an interest in being part of a group where you can support one another and share experiences around SEND in addition to the regular coffee mornings and workshops which are open to all families.
Please let Miss McAvoy know via email if you would be willing to be part of a group that would work to establish a time and place to meet on a regular basis.

AFC Parenting Support

Tom Maybey (AfC Parenting Lead) is offering self-bookable one hour 1-1 Parenting Consultation appointments to families in Richmond or have children at a Richmond school - these can be booked at this link: Parent 1-1 Consultation along with a range of other courses available: Autumn Term 2026 - Richmond Family Hubs - Request for Parenting Support docs.google.com

Anti-Bullying Week – different roles

This week, children revisited their understanding of the different roles of people involved in bullying. These roles are not fixed and are constantly shifting depending on who is present and the context: a person can be a 'ringleader' at one time and become an 'outsider' or 'target' very quickly as people come into and out of the group dynamic. Understanding these roles can be a powerful reminder for children on the impact they can have by take a small action and breaking the silence. This might look like checking in or sending a supportive message to someone who's been bullied, reporting bullying, or starting a wider conversation about bullying and how to stop it.



Little Moments, Big Steps

At the recent AfC SEND Futures conference the AfC Children's Portage Team shared tips for parents to support parents and carers to support your child's development at home; you are your child's first and most permanent educator. See here for their slides which share practical advice.

If you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of children who attend Bishop Perrin Primary School, these should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss McAvoy. In her absence, concerns should be reported to the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who is Miss Macklearn.
The school's safeguarding governor is Mrs James.
If you have concerns about the safeguarding of a child during the school holidays, contact SPA directly on 020 8547 5008 or call the police if the child is in immediate danger.

Community News

Christmas Charity Appeal 2026

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS
SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

This year, we have chosen to help and support the Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal.

"*The Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal is a UK-based charity (registration number 1185739), which collects donations of brand new pyjamas, from the public, which are then donated to hospitals, hospices and women's refuges across the UK. These are then given to poorly or less fortunate children who are inpatients… the Pyjamas are donated and sent with love, so that each child who receives a pair, knows that someone is wishing them a speedy recovery and is thinking of them.*"

How to get involved:
Brand new pyjamas only please – thank you!

1. **Donate new pyjamas in School** – bring in your new pyjama donation(s) into school by Monday 7th December. We will then arrange for the donations to be sent to a local collection point working with the charity.

2. **Donate new pyjamas via the charity's Amazon wish list route** – these are ordered by you online and sent directly to the charity: order here via Amazon.

3. **Donate new pyjamas via an alternative collection point local to you/your place of work etc:** locate collection point here.

4. **Send new pyjamas yourself directly to the charity head office**: Challenge House – Suite 3-5, 616 Mitcham Road, Croydon, CR0 3AA.

Brand new pyjamas only please – thank you!

And finally…

Rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas Service and Nativity Plays. Please see key dates and more information will follow in the next few weeks.

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Key Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
Monday 30th November	Y6 Twickenham Cemetery visit
Friday 4th December	**INSET Day – School closed to pupils**
Tuesday 8th December	Y6 Wind in the Willows, Rose Theatre trip
Monday 14th December	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Pantomime trip packed lunch required
Tuesday 15th December 14:30	Reception Class Christmas Carol Performance
Wednesday 16th December 9:00 and 14:00	Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance
Thursday 17th December	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas Pantomime Trip, Hampton Hill Theatre
Friday 18th December 12:30 – TBC	Whole School Christmas Carol Service at St Augustine's Church
Friday 18th December	Last day of term, **early closure. Reception 13:50 and Y1 – Y6 14:00**
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4th January	**INSET Day – School closed**
Monday 11th January	Catch up swimming lessons start
Thursday 14th January	Y4 Hampton Court Palace **packed lunch required**
Wednesday 20th January 15:30 – 18:30	Spring Term Parent Interviews
Thursday 21st January 14:30 – 18:00	Spring Term Parent Interviews (early finish on this day at 2:05pm Reception, 2:15pm Year 1 - 6)
28th January at 08:55am	Year 3 Class Assembly
29th January, 08:45	Parent and Caer Racial Justice Working Party (please email FAO Miss Macklearn to confirm attendance by 15th January)
4th February	Y1 Windsor Castle **packed lunch required**
15th – 19th February	**Half Term – School closed**
25th February at 08:55am	Year 4 Class Assembly
11th March at 08:55am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 22nd March	Last catch up swimming lesson
Thursday 25th March	Last day of term, **early closure. Reception 13:50 and Y1 – Y6 14:00**
Summer Term 2027	
29th April at 08:55am	Year 1 Class Assembly
Monday 3rd May	**Bank Holiday – School closed**
4th – 7th May	Y5 Isle of Wight Residential
27th May at 08:55am	Year 5 Class Assembly
31st May – 4th June	**Half Term – School closed**
Monday 7th June	**INSET Day – School closed**
8th June	YR Bockett's Farm Trip – more details to follow **packed lunch required**
17th June	Y2 Roald Dahl Museum Trip – more details to follow **packed lunch required**
21st – 25th June	Y6 Bowles Residential
1st July at 08:55am	Year R Class Assembly
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term, **early closure. Reception 13:50 and Y1 – Y6 14:00**

Class assemblies usually start at 08:55am in the school hall and last for approximately 15 minutes. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. **Please refrain from bringing drinks and snacks into the assembly and be aware that filming / photography of any of the children during the assembly is not allowed – thank you.**

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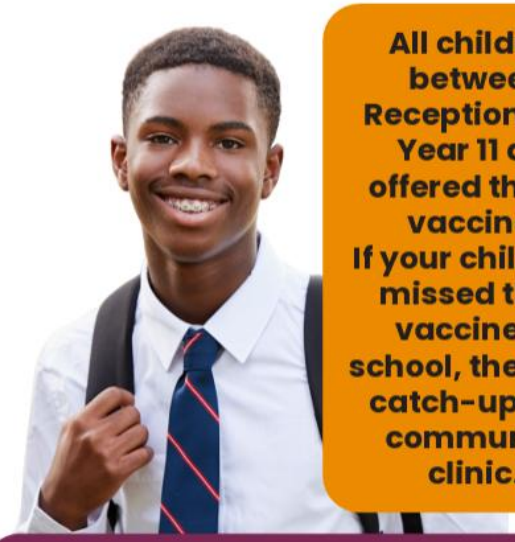
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NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Has your child missed their flu vaccine at school this winter?



All children between Reception and Year 11 are offered the flu vaccine.
If your child has missed their vaccine at school, they can catch-up at a community clinic.

Use our link to book an appointment or for more information:
http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/book

Talking Teens

THE CENTRE FOR EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Understand the teenage brain, improve communication, and set healthy boundaries

The teenage years bring exciting milestones alongside unique challenges. Talking Teens is a four-session accredited programme for parents and carers of teenagers, focusing on understanding adolescent brain development. We explore how to break down communication walls, manage conflict calmly, and set consistent, healthy boundaries. Suggested donation of £5 for a copy of the Understanding Teenagers booklet that accompanies the course.

Created by The Centre for Emotional Health

Monday 23rd November – 14th December
9.30am – 11.30am
Powerstation Youth Centre, 121a Mortlake High Street, SW14 8SN

To book your place on to this course, please scan the QR code or visit https://forms.gle/zd9v3NCdkXen7x6Q8.

To find out more, contact Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead.
Email: tom.maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk
Phone: 07864 609913

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Teen Life

Specialised support for parents of autistic young people

Teen Life is a specialised, accredited six-session programme developed by the National Autistic Society (NAS). It is designed specifically for parents and carers of children and young people aged 10 to 16 who have an autism diagnosis. The course covers key topics including understanding autism in adolescence, supporting communication, and promoting independence.

Created by The National Autistic Society

Fridays, 6th November – 11th December
12.30pm – 3.00pm

Ham Children's Centre, Ashburnham Road, TW10 7BG

To book your place on to this course, please scan the QR code or visit https://forms.gle/zd9v3NCdkXen7x6Q8.

To find out more, contact Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead.
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