



# Newsletter

***Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love***

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

We held a very productive Parent Forum meeting this morning with some important points raised for discussion. My thanks to all the parent reps who came along to the meeting and gathered feedback from the parent and carer community which facilitated our discussion. Minutes will be circulated in due course.

Last week, the boys' football team participated in the borough football tournament and yesterday our girls' football team took part in a league match against Heathfield School. You can find out more details of both events in our sports report later in the newsletter. We are proud of all of our footballers who showed excellent sportspersonship and enthusiasm playing in wet and muddy conditions. Thanks to Miss Murray and Miss Gunter for their support with facilitating these opportunities for the children.

Next week is assessment week for the children. It is important for children to be in school every day that they are well enough so they do not miss the opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made with their learning this term. So you are aware, we do not refer to the children doing tests to avoid unnecessary anxiety, but rather assessment activities to show-off their learning.

Today, children in Year 5 will be bringing home a letter about a project they will be taking part in next term with charity 'Action Breaks Silence'. The aim of the project is to support children to identify harmful behaviours and how to set boundaries; be empowered to stand up for themselves and others where boundaries are not respected. Please read the letters and complete the permission slip and return to school. If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Good luck to our school choir who will be singing at St. Augustine's Church Christmas Fair tomorrow. The fair is on from 12 – 3pm, and our choir will be performing at 2pm. My thanks to Miss McAvoyn who will be going along to support the choir at the fair.

As we enter the last two weeks of term, please keep an eye on the newsletter as it is a busy time of year and there is a lot going on. A reminder that even though it is drawing towards the end of term, children are still expected to be in school all day, every day that they are well enough to be. We have noticed an increasing number of children being picked up early from school recently. Early pick-ups are very disruptive to the children's learning and the afternoon's activities, and should only be in the case of a medical reason, or exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Excitement is building ahead of the SA Christmas discos this evening! Thank you to the SA volunteers for all their hard work in making this opportunity happen – I hope the children have a wonderfully festive time and a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Macklearn





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## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 96.22%

### Absence due to illness - sickness and diarrhea

Children should be in school everyday that they are well enough. If a child has vomited or has diarrhea, they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout, to avoid spreading the illness bug to others. We have a lot of sickness going around at the moment, so it is vital that parents and carers adhere to this 48-hour rule for the benefit of themselves and others – thank you. For more information, please click [here](#).

### Reporting Reasons for Absence

We are appreciative when parents inform us promptly of the reasons for their child's absence as this helps us to maintain our reporting systems efficiently. We also appreciate the honesty regarding the reasons why. Inevitably, staff will hear from the children themselves if they have been / going on holiday or having a day out during school time, and it puts staff and children in a difficult position if this absence has been reported as an illness / medical issue. Ideally, refraining from taking holidays, days out or picking up from school early for excursions during term time will avoid this uncomfortable situation from occurring and it will mean we can avoid having to start asking for proof of all medical appointments in future. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship we talked about the start of the Advent season. We discussed how at this time of year, it can be easy to be distracted by all the business and preparation for Christmas, but how it's also important to have some calm and quiet time to reflect and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

On Tuesday, Mrs Crinall talked about being a Rights Respecting School, giving the children an introduction to this, and on Thursday, Mr Nimmo talked about the importance of helping one another.

## School News

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks, Miss Sweeney

**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 dhania jeera powder (half coriander powder / half cumin powder)  
300g frozen peas

## Christmas Cards

A reminder that we refrain from encouraging children to send a Christmas card to each member of their class in school. This was an initiative set up by our Eco-team a number of years ago for environmental reasons, as often large numbers of the cards get left strewn in the classroom, thrown away, etc. Instead, children are encouraged to send a card addressed to the whole class and the teacher will display it in the classroom for them. Of course, if you wish for your child to send a card to individual children in the class, please make arrangements to deliver them outside of school. Thank you.

We are an allergy-aware school

## Christmas Events



### Choir at St Augustine's Christmas Fair Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Our school choir have been asked to sing at the St Augustine's Christmas Fair on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We will arrive at 1:50pm to sing at 2pm and we should be finished by approximately 2:20pm.

### Whole School Pantomime – in-school performance

We look forward to welcoming the M&M Theatrical Productions into school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December for a performance of Snow White. Thank you to School Association whose funds have helped to subsidise this visit. Please complete payment in Arbor today if you have not yet done so.

### Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance

The Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 09:00 – 10:00 and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 14:00 – 15:00.

#### Outfits/Costumes

**Year 2:** we will provide all costumes apart from for the star and the narrators. For the star and narrators, please see the message inside your child's reading diary which says what we would like them to bring in.

**Year 1 (sheep):** Please send in a **labelled** outfit (white or black t-shirt and black leggings/tracksuit bottoms) in a bag by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We will return these to you after both performances have taken place.

**Tickets:** 2 per child, per performance, will be sent home today inside your child's reading record. Entry is strictly by ticket only to help us to manage numbers in the school hall, so please bring it with you for entry to the performance.

Year 5 will be singing Christmas carols on the school forecourt at 1:45pm, ahead of the Nativity performance on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December afternoon. They will be raising money for Homelink, so please bring some spare change to add to the collection bucket if you can – many thanks.

### Reception Christmas Songs

Reception class will be singing some Christmas songs on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 14:30 – 15:00 and again on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 09:00 – 09:30. Tickets will be sent home next Friday, 2 per child per performance.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Minimum £1 donations will be in aid of [Homelink](#). Children can wear a Christmas jumper along with their best Christmas party outfit in celebration of all the Christmas festivities happening that day. This is a non-uniform day. Please be mindful when choosing an outfit for children in Year 1 and 2 to wear on this day, they will need to change into and out of their Nativity outfits for their performance. The simpler the outfit, the better – thank you!

### Christmas Lunch

This will be served on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### End-of-Term Christmas Service

Our end-of-term Christmas service will be held at St. Augustine's Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, **12:30pm – 1:30pm**. The service will include a performance from Year 3 and 4 who will lead us through a Christmas story and Christmas songs, with additional song performances from the school choir, Year 5 and 6, and some Christmas carols for everyone to join in with.

The children will have an early lunch on that day, and will return to school after the service, ready for an early pick-up at 1:50pm (Year R) and **2pm** (Year 1 – 6).

If you would like to volunteer to walk with your child's class to the service, please let the school office know.



## Extra-curricular Clubs – Spring Term

The second round of Arbor / Bishop Perrin Teacher led club bookings will open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at midday, via your child's Arbor account.

If an Arbor Club is not available for you to book, this means there are no spaces left.

Arbor / Bishop Perrin Teacher led clubs:

- Board Games YR - Y6 (**FULL**)
- Tag Rugby Y4 - Y6
- Film Club YR - Y2
- Choir Y3 - Y6

To book with any other club provider please visit their own individual booking links/websites noted within the letter [here](#).

The final booking window will close on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, please make sure any bookings and payments are made by this date and time as final registers will be created.

## Girls and Boys' Football Matches

Last week, The Y5 / 6 boys' football team took part in a football tournament. They scored 2 goals, and won one match. They enjoyed it and played amazingly. Unfortunately they didn't make it to the knockout stages but came second in their group of five teams. We hope they continue to play well in the future.

**Ollie and Amara, Year 6 Sports Leaders**

## Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Lottie
Year 1	William and Annabel
Year 2	Freddie
Year 3	Sophie
Year 4	Dylan
Year 5	Ellis
Year 6	Daisy

**Infant class of the week:** Reception

**Junior class of the week:** Year 5

## 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.

## Christmas Service Rehearsals – Year 3 & 4

As we get closer to the end of term, Year 3 and 4 will be visiting St. Augustine's Church in the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December, to rehearse for their Christmas service performance. As this is a local visit, permission slips are not required.

## Christmas Pantomime – 15<sup>th</sup> December

M&M Theatrical Productions will visit our school and deliver a pantomime experience, Snow White, for the entire school.

**Please complete the payment today, as this is now overdue.**

## Y1 Windsor Castle - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Please complete the payment via your child's ARBOR account

**Please complete the payment today, as this is now overdue.**

## Year 4 Hampton Court - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

Please complete the payment and mandatory permission via your child's Arbor account **by 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**. Please provide your child with a packed lunch from home for this trip or order a school provided one [here](#) by the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## Y3 Orleans House – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Trip to Orleans House Gallery for Mark Making and Shadowscares: Heaney, JMW Turner and Quantum workshop. Please pay and complete the mandatory permission via your child's Arbor account by **1<sup>st</sup> February**. Please provide a packed lunch from home or order a school trip lunch [here](#) by 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## Year 5 & 6 Westminster Abbey Trip Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Please note, children will be back to school at the slightly later time of 16:00 - 16:15. They will be travelling via public transport to and from the venue.

Held in the beautiful garden of Westminster Abbey to explore the events, people and animals of Holy Week, this special event is brought to you by Wintershall Education, in partnership with Westminster Abbey. The Wintershall team enable schools to use Biblical drama and the arts to 'experience the story' of Christianity.

Please complete the payment via your child's ARBOR account **by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**. Please provide a packed lunch for this trip, alternatively you can order a school provided packed lunch [here](#) by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

## Year 2 London Landmarks - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 will take part in an educational visit to London as part of their London landmarks curriculum. Children will enjoy a guided river cruise of some of London's famous landmarks, supplied by the London Eye team.

Please complete the mandatory permission and payment via your Child's Arbor account by **21<sup>st</sup> February 2026**.

Please provide a packed lunch from home or book a school provided one [here](#) by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026.

## Community News

### Christmas Charity Boxes

This year, we will be supporting The Hounslow Refugee & Asylum Seeker Service with our Christmas charitable donations. If you would like to support this cause, we will be collecting items for children and women who are refugees and asylum seekers in the local area. We are in the process of finalising details with the charity team, and we will be able to share further details early next week.

Families will be able to contribute individual items to a large collection box that we will make available in school. Alternatively, we will also accept gift bags / (unsealed) shoeboxes made up of a selection of items. Please look out for the letter early next week of which items to donate.





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Be respectful and honest

Be kind

Be safe

Be a role model

Be independent

## Homelink Fundraising

This year, Homelink is taking part in The Big Give's Christmas Challenge—an online match-funding campaign where every pound donated is doubled by The Big Give. The target is £24,000, and they are reaching out to friends, families, and the wider community to ask for their support in making a meaningful difference to the lives of older people this winter.

This campaign offers a powerful opportunity to have twice the impact, with all donations doubled while matched funds are available. If you can give, please donate before the campaign closes at midday on Tuesday 9th December via this [link](#).

## Public consultation by Holy Trinity CofE Primary School on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2027/28

The Governing Body of the Holy Trinity CofE Primary School in Richmond is consulting on the admission arrangements for the academic year 2027/28. The proposed change is a reduction in the Published Admission Number from 60 to 30 from September 2027.

Information about the public consultation and how to provide feedback is available on the [Holy Trinity CofE Primary](#) website.

## Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion SEND resources to support families at Christmas time

Please visit the school website [Wellbeing](#) page for updated resources to support families of children with SEND at Christmas time. This can be a time of changes to routine, unexpected surprises and different events which can be unsettling for children who experience neurodiversity. Please use these resources to support your child to be aware of changes to their routine and to be supported through the festive period.

## Keep warm and well: keeping children safe in cold weather

Cold weather can affect children and young people's health, increasing the risks of respiratory infections, and exacerbating conditions such as eczema, asthma, and mental health problems. With a few steps, we can help protect them from the cold, support families through the season, and prevent avoidable absences. For more information, see the poster included with this newsletter.

## Man and Boy



The charity [Man and Boy](#) who work with local families, currently have capacity to support children in the Richmond area. They work alongside families by encouraging men to be a mentor to the boys in their life offering a diverse programme of opportunities for men and boys to have fun, bond, take part in adventurous activities together and enhance their own and wider family relationships. They have successfully supported a number of families from Bishop Perrin School in recent years and are keen to continue this support.

If you have a son who is aged 8-12 years old and you would be interested in a referral, please visit their [website](#) and contact Miss McAvoy to find out more.

## Coffee mornings for families

As part of our commitment to supporting families, coffee mornings with different themes for discussion are planned for the school community over the course of the year.

The next coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December when Arleta, our MHST Children's Wellbeing Practitioner who is known to many of our families and the children at school, will deliver a short session about supporting your child to build healthy relationships. Please come if you can to meet other parents, share experiences and ask for advice. All are welcome.



<https://forms.gle/V3smBzVeHPBHg8tX8>

## Young Carers

Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who are taking on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities normally expected of an adult, and can include anything from cooking, shopping and housework to administering medication, assisting with personal care such as washing or dressing, interpreting, physical support such as lifting and even emotional support or looking after younger siblings.

If your child is a young carer a referral can be made via [Richmond Carers Centre](#) who can provide one-to-one mentoring; information, advice and support; and access to a range of extra-curricular and enriching activities.

Please see Miss McAvoy for further information. If your child is a young carer and school are not yet aware, please also be in touch.

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 out of hours or during the school holidays, contact SPA directly on 020 8547 5008 or call the police if the child is in immediate danger.

## And finally...

Extra-curricular Clubs for the Autumn term have now ended.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of the autumn term. School will be closing early at **1:50pm (Year R)** and **2pm (Year 1 – 6)** on this day.



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AUTUMN TERM 2025	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Pantomime in school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Christmas Carols performance, 2:30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity Performance (Y1 & 2), 9am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	YR Christmas Carols performance, 9am Infant Nativity Performance (Y1 & 2), 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at St Augustine's Church @ 12:30
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term, school closing early: Year R – 13:50 Year 1 – 6: 14:00
SPRING TERM 2026	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School term starts for children
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	YR & Y6 NCMP Checks – NHS School Nurse
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Extra-Curricular Clubs Start Spring Term
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Hampton Court
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>February Half Term – school closed</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Orleans House
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 & Y6 Westminster Abbey Holy Week Trip
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Trip to London – River Cruise
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term



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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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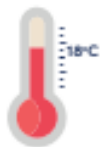
### Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# Keeping warm and well this winter

## Top tips for keeping warm and keeping well

Heat rooms you spend the most time in to at least 18°C.



Don't let your home get cold, but do open windows regularly to prevent damp and mould.



Reduce draughts by closing curtains and using draught excluders.



Eat well and stay hydrated.



Make sure appliances are safe and working well.

(Checked by a Gas Safe registered engineer)



Reduce condensation. Wipe down windows, cook with lids on pans and use extractor fans.



Wear multiple layers of thin clothing and shoes with good grip.



Check the weather forecast and news. Stock up on food and medication before bad weather.



If eligible, get vaccinated for flu and covid-19.



If you're worried about your own or someone else's health, contact your local pharmacist, your GP or NHS 111.

## Local support to help you stay well this winter

### Winter Warmth Home Service

Free advice to help you stay warm and reduce your energy bills.



### South West London Energy Advice Partnership

Call 0800 086 2706 for free, impartial energy advice.



### Warm Home Packs

Eligible residents can get a free pack to help save up to £200 a year on energy bills.



### Community spaces

Find warm, welcoming places for support and company.



Details of all services are available on the website.



Winter advice and local services  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/winter\\_weather](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/winter_weather)



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# Wellbeing Coffee Morning Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Arleta – AfC Children's Wellbeing Practitioner

## Healthy Relationships

**8:45 - 9:30am in the school library: all welcome**

Build your understanding of how to support your child to build and maintain friendships, develop emotional awareness and empathy, and empower your child in their relationships.

<https://forms.gle/V3smBzVeHPBHg8tX8>





**BISHOP PERRIN'S**



**SECOND-HAND & CHRISTMAS  
UNIFORM & BAKE**

**SALE**



**FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**3.15PM** In the  
playground



Gingerbread, mince pies, cookies, cakes  
and more. Buy Christmas treats such as  
hot chocolate and popcorn gifts

**Please bring baked donations  
in on Friday 12th at drop off**



**Supporting the School Association**



**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**

# **All Age Eucharist**

The All Age Eucharist is a family oriented service for all ages where we worship together in a simple and playful way.

**Always at 10 am.**

**Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Come and join us!**



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5-7, 8-12 & 13-18 YEAR OLDS

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**SPRING TERM STARTS W/C 5TH JANUARY 2026**

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## **Guitar Lessons with RMT**

### **Are you interested in learning guitar?**

RMT Lessons are available at your school!

Lessons take place weekly in term time with an accomplished and enthusiastic Guitar Teacher.

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For more information & to apply, go to:  
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# THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



## Girls and Boys

in Y2-3 are invited to apply to attend one of our

## Chorister for a Day

events to be held on

**Sunday 18 January & Sunday 25 January 2026**

from 12.30pm to 6.30pm at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ

Advance booking is essential, with priority given to children in Year 3.

Closing date for applications: Sunday 11 January 2026

Please contact Francesca Alden Email [cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org](mailto:cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org)

[www.stgeorges-windsor.org/events/cfad2026](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org/events/cfad2026)

*Chorister for a Day* is a wonderful opportunity for girls and boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents and carers to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of children and professional adult singers. New choristers typically join the choir at the start of Year 4 and this event is designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of auditions in February. The programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.



Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The Choristers are educated and board part-time at St George's School on generous scholarships, and limited means-tested bursaries may be available. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices, and receive instrumental and theory tuition. More information on all aspects of being a chorister will be available at *Chorister for a Day*.

The Choir was founded in 1348, and is now a choir of mixed girl and boy choristers and adult lay clerks (both male and female who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts). The choir sings regularly in the presence of His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal family, at annual events such as Garter Day and Easter Sunday Mattins, and at special events. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In September 2022 the choir sang at the Committal Service for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St George's Chapel. The choir released a CD of Christmas music in 2019 on the Hyperion label which was met with critical acclaim, and a recording with the Band of the Household Cavalry was released in November 2022. The choir has also broadcast on radio, most recently in May 2024 with Choral Evensong (BBC Radio 3), and given concerts in the Windsor Festival and the Thaxted Festival.



It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for children between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

[www.stgeorges-windsor.org](http://www.stgeorges-windsor.org)

[www.stgwindsor.org](http://www.stgwindsor.org)

## **Are you raising the child of a relative or a friend?**

Whether you have a special guardianship order, child arrangement order or no legal order in place, you and your child are eligible for support and advice to help with education.

This could include:

- Pupil Premium funding
- advice and support from AfC Virtual School
- advice and support from other organisations



For more information, please contact Rebecca Lloyd at AfC Virtual School or the designated teacher in your school.

Email: [rebecca.lloyd@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.lloyd@achievingforchildren.org.uk)





For family or friends who  
step up to raise a child.

## **Buckingham Primary School Kinship Peer Support Group**



**Join Our New Peer Support Group**

We invite you to be a part of our newly established peer support group! Enjoy a cup of tea while connecting with fellow kinship carers in your community.

**2 December**

**First Tuesday of each month**

**9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**\*Note:\*\* Available during term time only.**

**Join us for our coffee morning – a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Kinship carers in your community. Come together to chat, share experiences, listen, and offer support to one another.**

- All kinship carers and special guardians are warmly invited.
- Tea and coffee will be available, along with a play area for younger children.

To secure your spot, please confirm by emailing [inclusion@buckingham.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:inclusion@buckingham.richmond.sch.uk).

**Buckingham Road Hampton TW12 3LT**

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- Tournaments for older and younger players
- For boys and girls aged 5–12
- Led by coaches Mark Fabian and Martyn Spong



A medal given to every player taking part in the tournament



Trophy awarded to the Junior and Senior player of the day

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For any further enquiries, please contact Mark.

## To bring:

Please wear sportswear and bring warm or waterproof clothing. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.

## Location

St Edmund's Catholic School,  
Nelson Road, Whitton, TW2 7BB.

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