



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 9th January

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the new school term at Bishop Perrin School. I hope you and your families had an enjoyable Christmas break and found some time to rest and relax amongst all the festivities.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week, full of excitement with news about their holidays, and also being delighted to see their friends. They have got straight to work with their new themes for this term. You can find out all about what your child will be learning this term by clicking [here](#) and class timetables will be sent home today.

Thank you for your positive response to the letter I sent out earlier in the week regarding road safety around the school. I appreciate your support and co-operation with this.

We welcome Mrs Clare Parrish to our staff team for this term. She is teaching in Year 2 on a Thursday and Friday, covering Mrs Place's temporary absence while she recovers from an operation. Please see the letter sent out earlier in the week for more details of this.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Ellen Collins (Deputy Headteacher at Turing House) to school to continue her workshop for parents about online safety, smartphones and social media. Her talk last summer was very well-received, with a number of parents who had been unable to attend requesting another opportunity to hear her talk, so we're pleased to be able to facilitate this. Last summer, this workshop sparked some very important conversations amongst parents about concerns regarding smartphones and social media, and an opportunity to build a network for you to discuss your concerns and strategies with others who are facing the same challenges. Please do come along to the workshop if you can – Friday 16th January, 9am, in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Macklearn





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Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 96.1%

In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship this week we have talked about Epiphany and about setting ourselves challenges, persevering and being resilient when things don't always go to plan.

In Spanish lessons this week, the children have been learning about Epiphany celebrations in Spain on 6th January ("El Dia de la Reyes Magos" - The Day of the 3 Kings). They have been finding out about the meaning of Epiphany and Spanish traditions of parades, the cake with a hidden lucky charm (el Roscon de Reyes) and how on the Eve of Epiphany, children leave their shoes out for the 3 Kings to fill with treats! We have also been talking about the language and vocabulary associated with this significant Christian celebration.

The younger years also enjoyed singing along to the traditional Venezuelan song [El Burrito de Belen](#) (The Little Donkey from Bethlehem).

School News

Parent Consultations

Our next round of parent consultations will be on Wednesday 21st January and Thursday 22nd January. You will receive a letter about these consultations today, with all the information you need for how to book and for how the consultations take place.

Bishop Perrin School - Public Consultation on the admission arrangements for academic year 2027 / 28

Governors have recently reviewed our Admissions Policy for September 2027 – 28. We are required to share the policy publicly for a six-week consultation. You will have received a letter about this at the end of last term, and all the information can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Uniform Reminder

As the weather is due to remain cold, please ensure that your child is wearing a school jumper or cardigan. School fleeces are considered outerwear so should not be used as a replacement for jumpers/cardigans.

For colder weather, children should wear a suitable dark-coloured coat (black, navy, dark grey). Optional woolly hats and scarves should be a dark colour (no logos) or the school Bishop Perrin hat which is available from School Days and Just Dancing. No football scarves.

No nail polish – if children have gel polish or shellac nails applied during the holidays, please ensure they are removed before returning to school.

Required Winter Uniform

Children must wear winter uniform from October half term onwards until the Easter holidays. Children may choose to wear winter uniform from September.

School jumper / cardigan

Plain white collared shirt

School tie (elasticated for infants and non- elasticated for juniors)

Grey knee-length skirt / pinafore / culottes / trousers / knee-length shorts

Black / grey tights or grey, black or white socks

Black school shoes

Black ankle-high plain black boots

Year 4 – Wider Opportunities

Each year, Year 4 are given the chance to take part in the Wider Opportunities programme run by the Richmond Music Trust. This year, the children will have a clarinet lesson every Monday afternoon. RMT will supply the children with an instrument to use for the sessions.

Class Assemblies – Spring Term

These are held in the school hall at 8:55am. Next term, the following classes will be presenting their class assemblies:

- Thursday 29th January – Year 3
- Thursday 12th March – Year 2

Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please refrain from bringing drinks and snacks into the school hall during the assembly – thank you.

December Assessment Papers

In December, children in Y2 – 6 completed various assessment papers for reading; grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS), and maths (please note that some classes do not sit all of the same types of papers; some year groups may use teacher assessment). The children will be bringing these papers home today. There will be a letter or word descriptor written on the front of some of the papers to represent the level / standard your child has achieved for this term. The letter codes are as follows:

WB = working below the standard for their year group for the autumn term

W = working towards the standard for their year group for the autumn term

E = working at the expected standard for their year group for the autumn term

G = working at greater depth standard for their year group for the autumn term

As the GPS test papers consist of two assessment papers: one grammar assessment paper and a separate spelling assessment paper, these scores will be combined and the level descriptor/letter code to show your child's current level will be written on the front of the grammar assessment paper only. Similarly, there may be more than one maths assessment paper (in some years, there are three papers). Those scores will combine to produce an overall level for maths; this will be written on the front of the arithmetic paper only.

If your child's class teacher felt that your child could not access the level of the assessment paper, they may not have completed the test. You can discuss this at the next Parents' Evening.

Y3 bread tasting lesson - Tuesday 13th January 2026

As part of year 3's bread making Design and Technology topic, they will be tasting some different bread products. This includes white bread, wholemeal bread, wraps, baguette and pitta bread. Miss Gunter is aware of any allergens, but contact her if you have any questions or concerns about the lesson.

Year 4 Design Technology

If your child has a purse at home, ideally with a coin compartment, please can they bring this in (empty) on Friday 16th January to support their D&T class. Thank you.



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Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Polina
Year 1	Harriet
Year 2	Finley
Year 3	Kiera
Year 4	Clara
Year 5	Michaela
Year 6	Tommy

Infant class of the week: Year 2

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.

Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On Thursday 12th February, the Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6 will attend the LDBS Annual Service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service is from 2-2:45pm and we will be travelling by train and tube. We will be leaving school late morning.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch that can be eaten on the train (with rubbish that can then be disposed of to prevent having to carry bags into the cathedral). Children will also need to bring a water bottle (also preferably disposable). Due to the finish time of the service, we will not return to school until 4:15-4:30pm.

Please provide consent via Arbor.

Y3 Orleans House – Tuesday 24th February 2026

Trip to Orleans House Gallery for Mark Making and

Shadowscapes: Heaney, JMW Turner and Quantum workshop.

Please pay and complete the mandatory permission via your child's Arbor account by **1st February**. Please provide a packed lunch from home or order a school trip lunch [here](#) by 1st February.

Year 5 & 6 Westminster Abbey Trip

Thursday 26th 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.

Please complete the payment via your child's ARBOR account ASAP as this is now overdue. Please provide a packed lunch for this trip.

Year 2 London Landmarks - Tuesday 17th March

Y2 will take part in an educational visit to London as part of their London landmarks curriculum theme. 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 **21st February 2026**.

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

Year 5 IOW School Journey 2026

If paying via instalments for this trip, the next instalment of £103.25 is due by end of January 2026.

Reminder of the payment options for this trip:

Payment plan 1: Initial deposit of £52.00 by Friday 20th September 2025

Remaining balance by 24th February 2026

Or

Payment plan 2: Initial deposit of £52.00 by Friday 20th September 2025

2nd payment of £103.25 by end of October 2025

3rd payment of £103.25 by end of November 2025

4th payment of £103.25 by end of January 2026

Last payment of £103.25 by 24th February 2026

Year 6 School Journey 2026

If paying via instalments for this trip, the next instalment of £121.25 is due by end January 2026.

Reminder of the payment options for this trip:

Payment plan 1: Initial deposit of £100 by 1st October 2025

Remaining balance of £485 by 28th March 2026

Or

Payment plan 2: Initial deposit of £100 by 1st October 2025

2nd payment of £121.25 by end November 2025

3rd payment of £121.25 by end January 2026

4th payment of £121.25 by end February 2026

5th and final payment of £121.25 by end March 2026

Extra Curricular Clubs

Extra curricular clubs will start the week commencing the 19th January. Some clubs still have a few spaces left, please contact the providers directly to book on.





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Community News

Places available on a number of parenting groups starting next term in Kingston

There are places available on free parenting groups which will be starting next term in the Kingston borough.

[The Parenting Puzzle/Nurturing Program](#) for parents and carers of primary school aged children

[Workshops for parents of children aged up to 10 years](#)

[Teen Life](#) for parents and carers of children aged 10-16 years with a diagnosis of ASD

Please see attached posters for more information about each group [please contact Karen Williams](#).

Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion

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.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) register - AfC

AfC are excited to announce the launch of a new online customer platform for our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) register. This new service is designed to make signing up and managing personal details easier for local families and young people.

What is the SEND Register?

All local authorities must keep a Special Educational SEND Register, as mandated by the Childcare Act 1989. Kingston and Richmond's register helps us and health services understand the number and types of needs of children and young people with SEND in our area. It also allows us to gather feedback from children, young people, parents, and carers to plan and improve services.

Those on the register receive information on support, services, activities, and events, as well as opportunities to influence service development. The register is a valuable resource for co-production and engagement throughout the organisation.

Click [here](#) or scan this QR code to sign up.



Supporting Young people: Online Safety, smartphones and social media – Ellen Collins (Turing house School)

Friday 16th January 2026 9-10am

Following Ellen's very well-attended talk last summer, she will be returning to Bishop Perrin School to continue the conversation and support the school community to take positive steps to support children's online engagement. This talk will explore issues around online safety, smartphone and device use and social media. [Please sign up to be part of the conversation.](#)



<https://forms.gle/64GYmNLsu3dDf3jf8>

Richmond Family Hubs

The schedule for groups and activities at the Richmond family Hubs for the Spring term can be found [here](#). There are a range of classes available to support children and families, particularly those with younger children.



Operation Encompass

Our school works alongside the Metropolitan Police to support families where domestic violence has been reported. Please see [later in the newsletter](#) for a letter which explains how we work together.

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...

In this cold weather, please ensure all coats, scarves and gloves are named so they can be returned to their rightful owner if lost. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2026	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th January	School term starts for children
Wednesday 14 th January	YR & Y6 NCMP Checks – NHS School Nurse
Friday 16 th January. 08:45	Social media and mental health for children and young people – workshop for parents, Ellen Collins (Turing House)
w/c 19 th January	Extra-Curricular Clubs Start - Spring Term
Thursday 29 th January	Y4 Hampton Court
Thursday 5 th February	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th Feb	February Half Term – school closed
Tuesday 24 th February	Y3 Orleans House
Thursday 26 th February	Y5 & Y6 Westminster Abbey Holy Week Trip
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.
Tuesday 17 th March	Y2 Trip to London – River Cruise
w/c 23 rd March	Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term



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



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is to inform you that our school continues to work in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service as part of their legal commitment under Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18 years of age) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This includes incidents where the child/young person was not present but is part of the household. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Rachael Macklearn
Headteacher



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 11th January 2026

Sunday the 15th February 2026

Come and join us!



For more information contact:



Languages Competition December 2025

Let's Go Shopping!

(Richmond and Merton Primary Languages Network Competition!)



Create a poster, booklet, mini book or short video, **write** a story or poem. You could even **perform** a song or role play related to the shopping theme (naming clothes, foods, gadgets, prices etc).



One rule – Your entry must be in a foreign language!



There will be prizes in school for the best entries, and external prizes too!

Closing Date: Wednesday 21st January

Please give your entries to me (**Señora Poleviou**) or your class teacher!

RIS:E YOUTH CLUB

RESPECT, INSPIRE, SOCIALISE: EDGAR

Edgar Road Community Centre, Edgar Road, TW4 5QP

For ages 9 to 16 years

We're back but this time on **Saturdays!**

1:30-3:30pm...



Pop in for some arts and crafts, team games, jewellery making and much more...

There will be youth workers available every week to give support, advice and guidance whilst facilitating activities and providing resources.



So if you want to chat about life, school or simply have some fun we have something for everyone!



For more information, contact Richmond Youth Service:
youth.service@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Bring a friend to junior parkrun

Sunday 11 January

We want you to share the magic of junior parkrun with a friend!

Find your local junior parkrun event at: parkrun.com/junior



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