



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

*Job 11 v 18 - You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety.*

17/1/25

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, thank you for the many generous contributions of items to classes from the gift list we shared with you last Friday. They have been most gratefully received and passed on to the class teachers to be put to good use in the classroom. There are still a few items left, so if this is something you would like to help with but haven't had a chance to yet, the list will be available again in the playground at the end of the day today. Thank you.

Last week you will have received your child's assessment papers so you could see how they are getting on in class. One of the most impactful things you can do to help with your child's progress at home, is to support them to read regularly, no matter what age or stage they are at. Regular reading of their reading practise books (ideally daily, or as close to this as possible) for short sessions at a time, is preferable to long sessions once or twice a week. Little and often helps the children with their short and long-term memory, helps with fluency and avoids reading becoming a chore. Similarly, modelling good reading practise by reading to your child as often as possible and enjoying their sharing book from the library together, will not only support progress in reading, but also their language development, creativity and development of imagination.

We shall be holding our spring term parent consultations on Wednesday 5th February (2.30 – 5.30pm) and Thursday 6th February (3.30 – 7.30pm). All appointments will be face-to-face in the school hall. Year 5 and 6 children are invited to attend alongside their parents/carers. The booking system will open on Monday 20th January at 6pm. Booking is made using your ScoPay account. You will be receiving a letter today with more information about parent consultations and when the booking system open. We look forward to seeing you there.

We held our first set of swimming lessons for this term on Monday. Well done to Year 2 who went swimming with their class for the first time – they did a great job getting to know all the new routines and expectations.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Macklearn





# Newsletter

## Attendance

Friendship: 94.83% Endurance: 98.57%, Peace: 95.54%,  
Forgiveness: 94.78%, Reverence: 94.44%, Service: 98.33% and  
Justice: 97.16%  
Whole school: 96.12%

## In collective worship this week...

On Monday, the children learnt about St. John the Baptist.  
On Tuesday, in class worship, children discussed the concept of 'Big Questions' that may be inspired by some of collective worship themes.  
On Thursday, Rev. Andy Watkins led us in worship all about the gifts of the Holy Spirit including love, patience, forgiveness, hope.

## School News

### Year 1 Castle-Making Materials

As part of our Spring 1 topic, A Knight's Tale, Year 1 children will be making castles. We kindly ask parents to send in empty cereal boxes and cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls. Please note, materials will be shared among the children, so items brought in may not be the ones used by your child. Thank you for your support!

### Kew Archives Online Workshop

On Tuesday, 27th February, Year 2 will participate in an online workshop with Kew Archives. This interactive session will introduce children to historical documents and show how archives help us uncover stories from the past. The workshop will encourage curiosity and critical thinking about history in a fun and engaging way.

### Year 2 Design and Technology

In Design and Technology this half term Year 2 will be designing and making a miniature cushion. To start the unit we will be looking at a variety of cushions. We will look at the materials used to make cushions, fastenings, patterns and colours. If your child would like to bring in a cushion for our first D&T lesson please could s/he bring it into school on Wednesday.

### Curriculum Information

You can find out what you child will be learning this half term by visiting the [curriculum page of our school website](#), clicking on your child's year group and selecting their theme for spring 1.

### Election of Parent Governor

We have another vacancy for a parent governor. A letter was sent out on Monday with details of how to apply for this position if you are interested in becoming a member of the governing board.

## Extra-curricular Clubs – Spaces available

There are spaces available for the following after-school clubs. If you would like to secure a place for your child please do so via SCOPAY by **12pm, Monday, 20th January**, this will be on a first come first served basis.

Please refer to the [Club Information](#) before signing up.

Chess	– 1 spaces
Colouring and Lego Club	– 8 spaces
Choir	– 8 spaces
Dance Club	– 4 spaces

## Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Friendship	Harriet
Endurance	Jovi
Peace	Sophie
Forgiveness	Mahbod
Reverence	Elias
Service	Tommy
Justice	Declan



## 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. If details vary to this they will be provided below within the specific trip section.

### Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle

Year 1 will be visiting Windsor Castle on **Friday, 31st January**. They will be travelling by bus, leaving at 9:00am and returning by 3:00pm. They will need to wear school uniform, a waterproof / warm coat and bring a snack and packed lunch. The cost of this trip is **£11.75**. Please log in to your child's SCOPAY account to complete permission and payment for this trip. Please click [here](#) to order a school packed lunch by **Monday 27th January**.

### Year 2 Tour of London

Year 2 are going on an open top bus tour of London on **Tuesday, 18th March** so that they can see the London landmarks that the children learn about. They will be travelling by train from Whitton Station to London Waterloo. Further details will follow soon.

### Year 4 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

On **Friday, 7th February**, Year 4 will visit Hampton Court Palace to discover its fascinating history and take part in engaging activities that support their classroom learning. They will be travelling by bus, leaving at 9:30am and returning by 3:15pm. They will need to wear school uniform, a waterproof / warm coat and bring a snack and packed lunch. The cost of this trip is **£20.70**. Please log in to your child's SCOPAY account to complete permission and payment for this trip. Please click [here](#) to order a school packed lunch by **Monday 3rd February**.

### Faith Ambassadors from Year 3-6

On Thursday 30th January, 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 at around midday.

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 SCOPAY.

## Spring term church visits

Each class will visit St. Augustine's Church this term. Please see dates below:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 5  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year Reception

If you are available to walk with the classes on any of these dates, please contact the school office. Classes leave school at 9am and return by 10:30am.

## Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Inclusion

### Cases of chickenpox in school

We have had two cases of chickenpox in school recently. You can find out about symptoms to look out for [here](#). Children need to remain home for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until the blisters have scabbed over.

### Spring term wellbeing coffee mornings

Building on the success of the autumn term coffee mornings, please keep put these dates in your diary. All are welcome to attend for informal networking and sharing of experiences and advice. If you would like to attend, please book a place [here](#):

- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 8:45-9:30 – Co-production and preparation for parent consultations – how to support your child and their class teacher
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Understanding attachment and trauma for children

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### Squid Game

With themes of horror and violence, it is important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the Netflix show – Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. Please see the attachment below for a guide to help parents and carers to understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

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.



# Newsletter

## Flu and Norovirus

With flu and norovirus cases on the rise, here are four simple steps to help keep your child healthy this winter.

1. Teach good hygiene habits: Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes to stop the spread of germs.
2. Know when to keep your child at home: Children can still attend school with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, but should stay home if they have a high temperature, diarrhoea and vomiting. Read [NHS guidance](#) to help you decide.
3. Stop the spread of stomach bugs: Stomach bugs spread easily in schools. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, wash hands with soap and warm water regularly and clean surfaces with bleach-based products. **Keep children away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.**
4. Get vaccinated: All school-aged children are eligible for a free nasal spray flu vaccine, which is painless and quick to administer. An injectable vaccine is also available for some children, such as children that cannot consume pork gelatine.

If your child misses their school vaccination session, you can visit a community clinic. For more information, visit the [CYPCIS website](#).

## Community Information

### Volunteering and training opportunity with local bereavement charity

space2grieve is a local charity, supporting Richmond Borough residents who have been bereaved, no matter when or how.

Are you passionate about children, and keen to develop the breadth of your skills? Join our fantastic team of volunteers offering one to one psychological support to bereaved children in the Richmond borough.

Deadline for applications: 14 February 2025

[Click here](#) for more information.

## And finally...

### Class Assemblies – Spring Term

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

- Year 4 - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 2 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

### Vacancy – Part time Administrator role

Homelink Day Respite Centre are currently recruiting for a permanent part time administrator. Should you be interested in applying please follow the link below to the Homelink website where the role is advertised along with details confirming how to apply.

[Work for Us | Homelink \(homelinkdaycare.co.uk\)](https://www.homelinkdaycare.co.uk)



# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what is the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid Game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

## Meet Our Expert

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<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>, <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0989420/parentalguide?tab=advisory-violence>



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## HALF TERM DEVELOPMENT CAMP FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS

17th  
-21st

February



Receive a **FREE KIT** if you book  
a full week of camp! \*



**Suitable for children  
of all abilities**

### Timings

Monday to Friday: 10am - 3pm  
9:30am drop off and 3pm collection



**Fun individual and team  
challenges and games**

### Address

Teddington Lock All Weather Pitch,  
Broom Road, TW11 9NW



**1V1 and team tournament  
on Friday**

### Price:

**£160 full camp (5 days)**

**£38 per day**

**£30 half day**

**Girls only camp also available**

\*Offer only valid at Teddington February half term camp

**Find out more or book at**

[wemakefootballers.com/holiday-camps](https://wemakefootballers.com/holiday-camps)

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## Format of the day

9:30am - 10am	10am - 10:45am	10:45am - 11am	11am - 12pm
Welcome and registration	Fun games and basic technical tutorials	Drink break	More fun activities and small sides matches
3pm	2pm - 3pm	1pm - 1:45pm	12pm - 1pm
Pick up and good bye	Games/Matches and tournaments	Theme of the day	Lunch

### Why attend a We Make Footballers Holiday Camp?

We have a highly **experienced coaching team** who will ensure all children are kept safe and entertained throughout their time with us. This is going to be a great opportunity for children to **get outdoors, make friends and keep active**. We are very excited to offer this opportunity.



### What to expect at a We Make Footballers Holiday Development Camp

Our camps are all about **every child having fun whilst developing** their football skills! With specific themes each day, players have the opportunity to work with other players and coaches on specific elements of the game by **participating in fun activities** that allow them to do so. At the end of each week, players then have the opportunity to showcase everything they have learned in our **highly anticipated tournament day**. This day consists of small-sided games and the opportunity to take home the **winning trophies!**

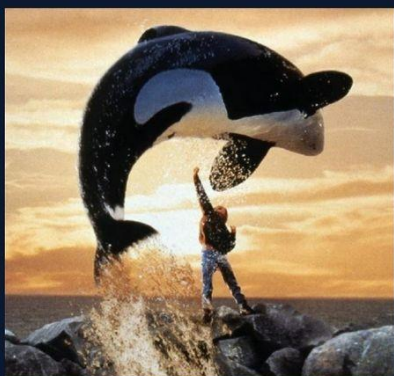
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**FAMILY FILM**  
**Free Willy**  
**15 February**



**20 February**

# THE EXCHANGE

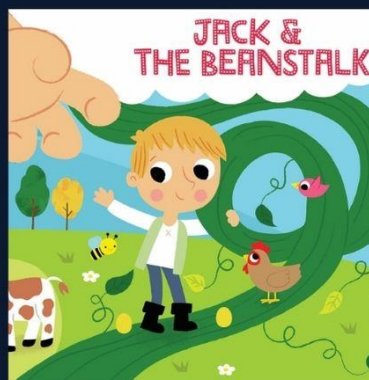
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