



Celebrating learning together in faith, hope and love

Isaiah 40 v 31 - but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

24/1/25

Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,

On Monday, we welcomed Marie Newman (our School Improvement Partner) into school. She joined myself and Miss McAvoy on a learning walk, looking at how the children are getting on with their reading in class. It was lovely to see so many children genuinely enjoying the books they are reading and the related learning activities, and we were all very impressed by the children's learning behaviours across all the classes.

Yesterday, we held an RE focus day, with all classes learning about the timeline of the Bible. Each class took a different aspect of the timeline and have created some beautiful art work that will contribute to a whole school display. We look forward to seeing the finished product. Thank you to Mrs Crinall who organised the day.

I have met with the School Council today. They have been gathering ideas from their classmates for ways to improve playtimes at school, and ways to spend the funds donated to the School Council by the School Association. They had a multitude of ideas, which we will spend some time considering and decide which ones we are able to implement.

We have received many more kind contributions of items for the classroom including pens, glue sticks, felt tips, etc. - thank you to everyone who donated an item. Also, thank you to everyone who rallied around this week and helped out with the washing of stocks of second-hand uniform after a burst pipe in the SA cupboard almost ruined all of its contents. If it wasn't for the quick action of our SA Chairs, a lot of the items stored in there could have been ruined. See later in the newsletter for details of the SA 'Quiz and Curry Night' taking place in March.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Macklearn





Newsletter

Attendance

Friendship: 93.54% Endurance: 99.26%, Peace: 95.22%, Forgiveness: 88.69%, Reverence: 98.15%, Service: 92.65% and Justice: 95.42%
Whole school: 94.68%

In collective worship this week...

On Monday, we discussed how helping someone to solve a problem can help to transform their day for the better. We read the Bible story of the Wedding Feast at Cana.

On Tuesday, Miss Sweeney led worship about mutual respect and tolerance for all faiths.

On Thursday, Mr Nimmo led us in worship, learning all about the Bible and setting the day up for the focus day learning.

School News

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 4 Design and Technology

In Design and Technology this half term Year 4 will be designing and making a purse. To start the unit we will be looking at a variety of purses/wallets. We will look at the materials used to make purses, fastenings, patterns and colours. Please could your child bring in an empty purse/wallet on Tuesday 28th January.

Election of Parent Governor

We have another vacancy for a parent governor. A letter was sent out recently with details of how to apply for this position if you are interested in becoming a member of the governing board. The deadline for the application is 12pm Tuesday, 28th January.

Packed Lunches at School

A reminder that we encourage children to make healthy choices at lunchtimes and ask that you support our Healthy School status when preparing [packed lunches](#). We do not permit chocolate bars, sweets, or any kind of fizzy drinks in packed lunches.

We have members of our school community who suffer from severe food allergies, which may lead to anaphylactic shock. Anaphylactic shock is a life-threatening condition.

The following items must not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts / coconut
- Peanut butter and Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes / other products made with nuts

Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Friendship	William
Endurance	Whole class
Peace	Elif and Saran
Forgiveness	Sufiya S
Reverence	Mustafa
Service	Finley
Justice	Whole class

Correction: Last week, the Year 4 certificate went to Elias – well done.

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. Please wear school uniform, bring a waterproof or warm coat, and a snack and packed lunch. The cost of this trip is **£18.45**. 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 **Tuesday 11th March**.

We need two parent helpers to join us on this trip. If you are able to help, please let the office know.



Newsletter

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**.

Library visits

Year 5 will be visiting Whitton Library next Wednesday, 29th January. If your child has a library card, please ensure they bring it along. They will be browsing books and listening to a story from the library staff.

Spring term church visits

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

Tuesday 28th January – Year 4

Tuesday 4th February – Year 3

Tuesday 25th February – Year 2

Tuesday 4th March – Year 1

Tuesday 11th 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](#):

- Wednesday 12th March – Understanding attachment and trauma for children

This session will be very informative and is being led by a member of the school community.

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.

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](#).

Acceptable Use Policies

In class this week, children have been reminded of our Acceptable Use Policies when using devices at school. It is strongly advised that you familiarise yourself with these expectations and reinforce similar messages at home to prevent misuse of technology or unkind behaviour online towards or between children. AUPs for EYFS and KS1; KS2; and for children with SEND, can be found on the [Online Safety page](#) of the school website. These are displayed in classrooms and routinely referred to when children use devices such as Chromebooks at school as part of their learning.

Community Information

Who's your local hero? Nominate them today for the Richmond Community Heroes Awards

Richmond's Community Heroes Awards are BACK! These awards celebrate the local people, businesses, groups and organisations who selflessly volunteer their time and efforts to improve their communities and people's lives, without expecting anything in return. Help show them how much their hard work means to our borough by submitting your nominations and spreading the word to your networks!

[Click here](#) to read more.



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 6th February
- Year 2 - Thursday 13th March

Bishop Perrin School Association presents...

Curry and
**QUIZ
NIGHT**

**SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025
SCHOOL HALL | 7:30PM**

Quiz starts 8pm

**£15 ENTRY PP (£20 WITH VOLUNTARY DONATION)
ADULTS ONLY
B.Y.O.B (DONATIONS FOR CORKAGE)**

Tickets on sale soon!



**DELICIOUS CURRY | RAFFLE | GAMES | AMAZING PRIZES
[BRING CHANGE]**