



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 23rd January

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultations this week – thank you for coming along. We hope you valued the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to hear about your child's progress, and to look at their work in their books. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work to facilitate these meetings. In the summer term, instead of parent meetings with the class teacher, you will receive a written report detailing your child's progress over the course of the academic year and you will have the opportunity to come into school during the day to see your child while they are learning and to look at their books during Open School.

I sent a letter out at the start of term regarding road safety around the school. We have noticed an improvement in this, however an issue remains concerning children being dropped off at the junction of the Ashley Drive slip-road and Hospital Bridge Road close to the school gate. Please refrain from stopping here so as to maintain a clear, safe sightline for children crossing the road. The following is from the council website:

School 'keep clear' markings

The yellow zig-zag markings often found near schools are there for safety reasons. They are designed to warn motorists that stopping would cause a danger to children and pedestrians. The restriction times are as shown on nearby yellow time plates and while they are in force, motorists must not stop for any reason, including setting down or picking up passengers or loading / unloading goods. Detailed information about road markings and signs is available in [The Highway Code](#).



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children

Extra-curricular clubs have started this week. We're delighted to be able to offer a wide range of clubs, both before and after school. These include a variety of sports including a new offer of archery, as well as the usual favourites such as board games, cooking, French, arts and crafts, coding, drama and film clubs. Thanks to Mrs Chawla who has overseen the organisation of these clubs and to all the staff who are providing a club this term.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Macklearn





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Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 96.87%

We keep careful track of children's attendance at school. The table below is helpful in providing guidance for when attendance levels start to be a cause for concern: please take note of the percentages as we use these as a guide to monitor absence over the course of the year.

For further information, please see our [attendance policy](#). You can keep track of your child's attendance on your Arbor account.

175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	20 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence, over two months missed
190 days for your child's education	180 DAYS OF SCHOOL	170 DAYS OF SCHOOL	161 DAYS OF SCHOOL	152 DAYS OF SCHOOL	143 DAYS OF SCHOOL
365 DAYS A YEAR	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	GOOD	WORRYING		SERIOUS CONCERN	

Is my child too ill for school?

If your child is unwell, they should not be in school. Please see [here](#) for guidance on when it is ok to send your child into school if they are feeling a little under the weather, or when to keep them at home.

In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship this week we learnt about Dr. Martin Luther King, in honour of his birthday and MLK Day on 15th January. On Tuesday, Mrs Beith led us in collective worship all about mutual respect and on Thursday we discussed our emergency drills that we practise in school to keep us safe.

School News

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](#). The deadline for the consultation period is 30th January 2026.

Year 1 Parent Information Workshop – Supporting Your Child with Phonics and Reading

On Tuesday 27th January, 3:30 – 4pm, Mrs Beith will be running an information workshop for parents and carers in Year 1, all about supporting your child with phonics and reading. This workshop will provide practical tips for how to best support your child when learning to read, and will help to provide an enhanced understanding of the school's approach to teaching phonics and reading. Please do come along if you can – supervision for Bishop Perrin School children whose parents are in the meeting will be provided. Please sign up [here](#) if you wish to attend. Thank you.

Year R Information Workshops – Please book via Arbor

Year R parents are invited to sign up for an opportunity to visit Reception Class during their phonics lesson to observe how the children learn phonics.

These sessions are for 15 minutes and will be held on the following dates:

Tuesdays; 3rd February, 10th February, 3rd March, 10th March and 17th March from 09:30 – 09:45am.

If you would be interested in booking into one of these sessions, please book in via your child's Arbor account, within the trips section. Please only book to attend one session. Once the slots are full for a particular date Arbor will prevent you from booking into that slot.

Please note, we can offer this opportunity to one adult per child, a maximum for 3 adults per session. These are opportunities to observe the session, rather than engaging in activities with the children.

KOOSA Kids Breakfast & After School Club

Koosa Kids are open every school day from 7:45am until school starts & from school finish until 6pm. During the January to February half term, children can look forward to taking part in games and activities based around our Epic Explorers theme. Find out more about special dates in the diaries and things to look forward to on our [website](#).

Book single or multiple sessions for the January to February Half Term as needed (subject to availability). Book breakfast club sessions by 1pm and after school club sessions by 6pm the working day before. If you require before or after school childcare for the same days on a regular basis, we may be able to offer you a Permanent Places Agreement, guaranteeing your sessions on a rolling basis. Visit www.koosakids.co.uk or call 01276 21884 for more information or to book now.

Celebrations and Achievements

Children who have earned a certificate this week:

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Ezra
Year 1	Arielle and Elliott
Year 2	Noah and Zack
Year 3	Ben
Year 4	Mehrsa
Year 5	David P
Year 6	Sienna

Infant class of the week: Year 2

Junior class of the week: Year 3



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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 by 31st January.

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

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.

Community News

Join the Richmond borough wide community conversation

The [borough wide community conversation](#) is an opportunity to meet your councillors to let them know what matters to you and share your ideas for the future of Richmond upon Thames.

The next Community Conversation is: Monday 26 January 2026 at 7pm-9pm.

Doors open 6.30pm

Duke Street Church, Quadrant Road Richmond upon Thames, TW9 1DH

[Richmond borough wide community conversation flyer](#).

RSPB's Big Garden Bird Watch Weekend

This event is organised by the RSPB every year and there is still time to take part! It is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

All you have to do is spend 1 hour looking outside in your garden, on your balcony or in a nearby park. Make a note of all the different types of birds you see and how many of each type.

Register here for the online pack so you can record what you see: [2026 Big Garden Bird Watch](#)



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Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Parental Responsibility – important update

Keeping children safe is a priority of the work we do in our school community. To support us with this, please update the school office and/or the DSL if there are any changes to parental responsibility for your child/children. If a child's parent does not have parental responsibility it is important that school is aware.

Having parental responsibility means you have legal rights and duties relating to your children's upbringing.

If you have parental responsibility, your most important roles are to:

- provide a home for the child
- protect and maintain the child

You're also responsible for:

- disciplining the child
- choosing and providing for the child's education
- agreeing to the child's medical treatment
- naming the child and agreeing to any change of name
- looking after the child's property

You have to ensure that your child is supported financially, whether you have parental responsibility or not.

If you would like to find out more, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities>

Mental Health Support Team



We work closely with the AfC Mental Health Support Team to signpost and provide access to training, education and therapies for children and families. Please click [here](#) to see the support that is available and speak with Miss McAvoy or complete a [self-referral](#). Details of their programme of webinars to support families with a range of concerns can be found [here](#).

Digital Devices and Wellbeing

PHONES, SOCIAL
MEDIA AND THE
IMPACT ON MENTAL
HEALTH



Slides from last week's talk with Ellen Collins from Turing House School: Supporting Young people: Online Safety, smartphones and social media can be found [here](#), and on the school website here.

If you are interested in continuing this conversation more widely to support the families at Bishop Perrin School, please be in touch with Miss McAvoy.

Learning Support Plans

Thank you for working with teacher this week on Learning Support Plans. These will be updated and emailed securely to you (via Egress) during w/b 2/2/26.

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.

Phase transfer events

An information evening for parents and carers of children with education, health and care plans (EHCPs), in Years 4 or 5 of primary school in the Richmond borough.

- [Transferring from primary to secondary school if you have an EHCP in Richmond](#)

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...

Year 3 class assembly - Thursday 29th January in the school hall at 8:55am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please refrain from bringing drinks and snacks into the school hall during the assembly – thank you.

Our school swimming gala is going to be held earlier this year on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th March, Teddington Pool. Please read the email that was sent to you this week.

SPRING TERM 2026	
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 6 visit to Whitton Library Year 1 parents – Phonics and Reading Workshop, 3:30 – 4pm, Year 1 classroom
Thursday 29 th January	Y4 Hampton Court Y3 Class Assembly
Thursday 5 th February	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
Tuesday 10 th February	Y2 Whitton Library
Thursday 12 th February	LDBS Annual Service at St Paul's Cathedral – Faith Ambassadors
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
Friday 27 th February	Y3 Whitton Library
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.
Thursday 12 th March	Y2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 th March	Y2 Trip to London – River Cruise
Wednesday 18 th March	Swimming Gala – Year 3- 6 (12:30pm)
w/c 23 rd March	Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term – early finish



BISHOP PERRIN'S QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT!



A fun-filled evening of food from *Henna's Currys* (Chicken and Vegi), games and friendly competition, hosted by *Interrupt the Routine* – with a high-energy quiz, raffle and prizes to round off the night.

SAT 28TH FEB
7.15– 10.30PM **£17.50 ENTRY** **BYOB**

To book and for more info:



[www.tictattailor.com/events/
bishopperrinsschoolassociation/2019127](http://www.tictattailor.com/events/bishopperrinsschoolassociation/2019127)



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 15th February 2026

Come and join us!



For more information contact:

Whitton Waves



Junior Netball Club

February 2025 Half-Term Netball Camp

Dates

17th & 18th February

Time

10am - 3pm

Cost

£45 per day (2 for £80)

**Location**

Richmond Upon
Thames School
Egerton Rd.

Open To

U10-U15 Age Groups
(max 25 places
per day)

To reserve your child's place, please email whittonjunior.netball@gmail.com