



14/2/25

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear parents and carers,



Happy Valentine's Day! It is nice to see the children celebrating in their red accessories today and we look forward to the SA Valentine's Craft Sale later on this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the organisation of this event.

Published today is our new [Communications Policy](#). This is a brand new policy that we have written in response to our communications review that was held back in December. Please take a minute to read the policy, as there are some important issues addressed within it regarding how the school communicates with parents, and vice versa. Also published today is our updated [Complaints Policy](#) and our [Home School Agreement](#).

Most notably in this new Communications Policy, is the notice of our decision to no longer allow pupils to bring smartphones into school, effective from September 2025. Whilst it is parental choice as to whether or not to give your child a smartphone (and when to do this), we hope that this move may be a supportive mechanism in reducing the peer pressure that exists for children to have a smartphone at an early age or before you feel they are ready for it. If parents would like to discuss this decision or any other aspect of the Communications Policy further, a good opportunity to do this will be at our next [Parent Forum](#) meeting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please raise any points for consideration with your Parent Forum Class Rep.

Whilst we are on the topic, we have arranged for Ellen Collins from Turing House to deliver a talk for parents entitled: 'The Anxious Generation'. Amongst other things, this talk examines the impact of social media and smartphone use on children's increasing levels of anxiety. The talk will be held in the school hall at 8.45am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We strongly encourage as many parents as possible to attend, particularly if you are currently contemplating if and when is best to get a smartphone for your child, or will be facing this decision in the near future. We also hope to welcome our community police officer along to this talk as well to talk about some of the safety issues associated with smartphones – this will be confirmed nearer the time. Please click [here](#) to notify us that you intend to come along to this meeting, to help us manage numbers.

Well done to our netball team who have played St. Mary and St. Peters' School and Hampton Hill Junior School in the past week and good luck to our football team who play Chase Bridge later this afternoon. Also well done to our swimmers who took part in the borough swimming gala this week, earning an impressive selection of medals between them. Thank you to Miss Holloway who has organised and facilitated all of these sporting opportunities.

Wishing you and your families a relaxing half term break and a lovely weekend,  
Miss Macklearn



## Attendance

Friendship: 93.92% Endurance: 92.65%, Peace: 94.83%, Forgiveness: 97.04%, Reverence: 96.67%, Service: 95.87% and Justice: 90.33%  
Whole school: 94.45%

## In collective worship this week...

On Monday, we talked about the story of when Jesus called his friends to fishers of people and spread the word of God. On Tuesday, Miss McAvoy spoke with the children about staying safe online, as part of Safer Internet Day. On Thursday, Fr. Kevin visited us and shared the story of The Selfish Giant.

## 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.

### School uniform

A reminder that children are permitted to wear a watch (no smart watches) and one small stud earring in each ear. No other jewellery is permitted (including wrist bands and bracelets) Children will be asked to remove other items as no other jewellery is permitted, unless worn for religious reasons. For safety reasons, children will also be asked to remove their watch during physical education lessons. Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March this year. As usual, we will be celebrating in school by encouraging the children to read a brand new book. We ask that all children choose a book from the [list attached](#) with this newsletter. These books have all been shortlisted for the [SPARK! Book Awards 2025](#). There is a display up in school with all the information about the books, to help the children to make their decision.

The children will read their chosen book at home in advance of World Book Day. On the day they can come to school either dressed as a character or bring in a prop, inspired by their chosen book. During the day, they will gather with all the other children who have chosen to read the same book as them, along with a member of staff, for a book club discussion and activity.

Local libraries are supporting the SPARK! Book Awards, so you will be able to find copies of the books there. We will also have some copies in school for the children to borrow. We will ask the children to let us know which book they have chosen by the end of the week, Friday 28th February, so we can make arrangements for World Book Day.

If you have any questions about this, please ask Miss Macklearn.

## Coram Beanstalk Reading

Coram Beanstalk reading helpers are trained volunteers working with children in school to help them develop a love of reading. The charity has shared some ideas that they use with children to engage them with books and reading that you may enjoy playing together at home. Click [here](#) to find these resources on the school website: Book Chat Chatterbox, Roll to Read dice game, Book Bingo.

If you or a family member is interested in training with Coram Beanstalk to become a reading volunteer in a school, please see their [website](#) for further information.

## Governor News

Congratulations to Mrs Wahida Alladin for re-election to the governing board as a parent governor. The governors were pleased to hear of the recent engagement of the children in supporting events such as swimming galas, football and netball matches. The governors were happy to receive a favourable report from our School Improvement Partner, Marie Newman, following her visit in January. Governors are delighted to hear of the range of School Association events that have been and will be occurring over the next few months. Governors extend their congratulations to Miss McAvoy who recently earned a distinction in National Award for SEND Co-ordination, and to Miss Macklearn who recently gained her NPQH status (National Professional Qualification for Headship).

## Year 1 - Donation Required

Year one would like a toy cash register for their role play area. If anyone has a toy cash register they would like to donate, Year one would be very grateful.

## Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Friendship	Ronin
Endurance	Lucas
Peace	Rian
Forgiveness	Charlie
Reverence	Michaela
Service	Marli
Justice	Maya

## Swimming Gala

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, children from Year 4, 5 and 6 represented the school at the borough swimming gala. It was a positive experience and we all really enjoyed taking part, cheering each other on and winning medals. Everybody did really well and we felt really proud of our achievements. By Rosie, Year 6



## Netball Matches

On Monday, we played against St Mary's and St Peter's and on Tuesday we played against Hampton Hill Juniors. It was very exciting and we really enjoyed it. We feel that we are getting better and playing more and more as team and scoring more and more goals. On Tuesday, we only lost by one goal!! By Isla, Year 6.

## 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 2 Tour of London

Year 2 are going on an open top bus tour of London on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Spring term church visits

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

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Reception won't be going to the church, Rev Andy will visit them in class instead.

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

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45-9:30 in the school library – Understanding attachment and trauma for children

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



## Acceptable Use Policies

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.

## 'I wish I'd known' workshops for parents

A workshop for parents and carers about young people, drugs and decisions by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs foundation.

[Click here](#) to read more.

[Click here](#) to book your place.

## Headlice

Please read the [NHS advice](#) about what to do if your child has headlice. If we are made aware that a child in a class had headlice, you will be informed via email. Please check your child's hair for headlice regularly.

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



# Newsletter

## MHST – ‘Helping Children With...’ workshops

Please see below for details of upcoming MHST webinars for parents to support children with a range of topics including worries, resilience, friendships, challenging behaviours, screentime, sleep and transitioning to secondary school. You can use the QR code to register your interest and to receive the online links. If you do attend a session, please share your experience with Miss McAvoy to support building awareness.



<b>Worries</b>	– 25/4 9am
<b>Resilience</b>	– 20/3 6pm
<b>Friendships</b>	– 29/4 6pm
<b>Challenging behaviours</b>	– 3/3 6pm
<b>Screentime</b>	– 14/2 9am and 2/5 6pm
<b>Sleep</b>	– 2/5 9am and 8/7 6pm
<b>Transitioning to secondary school</b>	– 20/5 6pm, 22/5 9am and 10/6 6pm

## The Anxious Generation

### Talk for parents

On Thursday 24th April, we are delighted to have been able to secure the opportunity for parents at Bishop Perrin School to hear Ellen Collins, the deputy headteacher at Turing House deliver a talk based on the book 'The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood Is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness' by Jonathan Haidt. Many of you will be very interested to attend and hear about this. The book is widely available but the talk will be a chance for our school community to better understand the lasting effect that increased access to smartphones and social media is having on this generation of children. It will also provide ideas and suggestions for steps parents and schools can take to collectively promote a healthier childhood for our children. We encourage as many of you to attend as possible. Please sign up for a space using the QR code / [link](#).



## Community Information

### New Family Connections Cafe in Hampton

Connect with other parents and carers of toddlers to teens! Have questions about bedtime routines, behavior boundaries, or finding fun activities? Join this friendly group for coffee, cake, and conversation. They'd love to see you there!

Mondays 9.30 - 11.30am, The White House Family Hub, 45 The Avenue, TW12 3RN

Contact [Tom Maybey](#), Richmond Parenting Lead for more information.

[Click here](#) to view flyer.

### Special Offer - 10 Indoor Cycling Classes for £30

Offer runs from Monday 3 February to Sunday 16 March 2025. Offer valid for: Instructor led classes at Teddington Pools and Fitness Centre and Shene Sports and Fitness Centre. Virtual indoor cycling classes at Shene Sports and Fitness Centre

Purchase via the [online booking portal](#), or by calling us on 020 3772 2999. [Click here](#) for more information.

## And finally...

### Class Assemblies – Spring Term

These are held in the school hall at 8:55am. Year 2 will be doing their class assembly on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.





# BP SA NEWSLETTER

14TH FEBRUARY 2025

## INFANTS & JUNIOR MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date for Infant and Juniors movie night, Saturday 1st March, this will be managed by the SA.

As no teachers will be on site and there will need to be parents present and we will need some volunteers. More details to follow.....

## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day flowers and craft sale.

After school Friday  
28th March,  
volunteers needed  
2.45-4pm.

## PLUS ROOMS T-BEARD

Plus Room have once again generously agreed to sponsor BP SA and therefore we are requesting volunteers to display boards this time between 10th March and 21st April, please sign up here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZU8x4YyIR8hIMRtZ8dfRWTyKHkBbXlj5Of9My3c\\_ewDZUOA/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZU8x4YyIR8hIMRtZ8dfRWTyKHkBbXlj5Of9My3c_ewDZUOA/viewform?usp=sharing)

## SA REQUESTS:

Are there any parents who could help us with asking for raffle prizes / donating raffle prizes for the Quiz Night and Summer Fete?

## QUIZ & CURRY EVENT

Reminder Adult Quiz and Curry Night - Saturday 15th March, volunteers needed to help out .

Volunteers are also able to participate in the quiz if they wish to do so

Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions, ideas and feedback:

**[sa.bishopperrin@gmail.com](mailto:sa.bishopperrin@gmail.com)**

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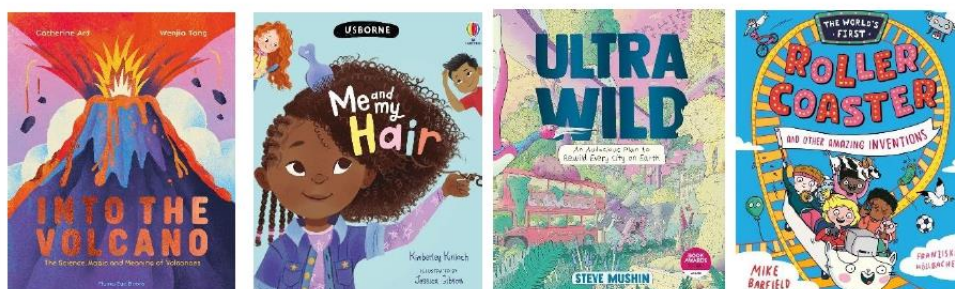
## WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Picture fiction, age 4 – 7 years, (Years R, 1 & 2)



Guest category: non-fiction, age 4 – 11 years, open to all year groups



Fiction, age 7 – 9 years (Year 3 – 4)



Fiction, age 9 – 11 years (Years 5 – 6)

