



***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 27<sup>th</sup> February

## Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. The second half of our spring term is a slightly shorter one, so it's going to be a busy few weeks in the run up to the Easter break. To find out what your child will be learning about this half term, please see the [curriculum page](#) of our school website.

On Wednesday, our junior classes went to St. Augustine's Church for a belated Ash Wednesday service. This is part of our plan this year to provide more opportunities for spiritual development and it was a lovely opportunity for the children to experience a church service led by Reverend Helen for this important time in the Christian calendar. Our infant classes held a special Ash Wednesday collective worship in school.

Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Orleans Gallery on Tuesday to learn all about local artist J. M. W. Turner. They enjoyed experimenting with different art techniques, and viewing the painting 'Rocky Bay with Figures'. Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 visited Westminster Abbey to learn about preparing for Easter. We had great reports about their fantastic behaviour, with members of the public commenting to their teachers about how well they represented their school.

We are starting to notice a number of children bringing in toys, stickers, etc. in to school. Toys (including key rings attached to bags), stickers, playing cards (e.g. Pokemon) are not necessary and are not allowed in school as they cause unnecessary distraction. They also lead to upset when they break or when others cannot play with them. We have equipment for playtimes that the children use, so please check that your child is not bringing these items into school – thank you for your support.

You may be aware of the many changes that are currently being brought into education, one of which has been the new OFSTED framework. There are a number of changes which schools are adapting to, but there are also changes that parents need to be aware of. Please see attached with this newsletter a letter from Charis Penfold, Director of Education Services for Richmond and Kingston, explaining some of the changes. One of the key points for parents and carers to note is about the new Ofsted grading system. Ofsted have made it clear that the new grades cannot be directly compared with the old grades as they take a different approach to inspection and a new way of reporting on the performance of schools. So, a grading of 'outstanding' is not the same as 'exceptional', and 'requires improvement' does not mean the same as 'needs attention'. These changes will take time to embed, and we will share more information over the coming months.

Next Thursday is World Book Day. We will be celebrating in school with a variety of reading-related activities. It has been nice to hear the children discussing the book they have chosen to read from the list we have published in previous newsletters. Please note, this is not a non-uniform day, unless your child decides to come into school dressed as a character from their chosen book. If children would prefer not to dress up that's fine as there is no expectation to do so. Instead they are invited to bring in a prop inspired by their book, to support discussion in their book group activity on World Book Day. Today your child will bring home a WBD book voucher, which can be used to buy a free book at a selection of retailers.

Good luck to all the teams taking part in the SA 'Quiz and Curry Night' tomorrow evening. Thank you to SA for all their hard work preparing for this, it's sure to be a fun night for all involved.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Macklearn



## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 96.83%

## In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship this week we talked about Shrove Tuesday and preparing for Lent. On Tuesday, we explored respect and consent as part of class worship and on Wednesday we had a special Ash Wednesday services.

## School News

### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2026](#).

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 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 this week, so we can make arrangements for World Book Day.

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

### Royal Academy of Arts – Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

Bishop Perrin Church of England Primary, has registered for the Royal Academy of Arts 'Young Artists' Summer Show 2026.' The Young Artists' Summer Show is an opportunity for UK based young artists to make and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice.

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes are awarded each year for inspiring artworks and are generally a gift voucher for art materials. Parent/Guardians can submit artwork on the student's behalf online.

- The deadline to submit artwork is 4 March 2026 at 5pm.
- A teacher must first register your child's school before you can submit. - *We have registered and can be found under our full name: Bishop Perrin Church of England Primary School.*
- You can submit one artwork per student
- For each submission you'll need one image of the artwork plus details including a title, medium and a short description
- You can save your submission as a draft and submit it at a later date if you need more time.

Please visit [here](#) to submit your child's artwork. Select the parent/guardian button and register for an account. Once registered, you will be able to upload the art via the Bishop Perrin Church of England Primary School registered school.

Take a look at the last years' Young Artists' Summer Show [here](#). Happy art making and good luck! Mrs Chawla

## Outdoor Play and Learning at Bishop Perrin School

Just before half-term, we asked parents and carers to donate items to help us improve our current playtime provision. Thank you to those who kindly sent in arts and crafts materials. It would be lovely if anyone is able to donate more of the following so that we can get the arts and crafts area up and running before Easter:

- Pencils/colouring pencils (can be lightly used but not broken)
- Washable felt-tip pens (if not new, then in good useable condition)
- Paper (any colour)
- Colouring books (can be slightly used – please just rip out used pages before sending in)
- Origami books/paper
- Uno cards/Top Trumps cards
- Chess sets
- Unwanted suitcases (ones with wheels if possible) for storage
- Storage boxes with lids

Any donations would make such a difference to the provision of creative play we can offer at playtimes.

Many thanks, Miss Sweeney

## Update on school age hearing screening in Richmond

In line with arrangements already in place across other parts of London, Kingston and Richmond NHS Foundation Trust will no longer provide a routine hearing screening service for children attending mainstream schools in Richmond. Parents or carers may contact the Kingston and Richmond Audiology service directly without needing a referral if they have concerns about their child's hearing: [kft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net](mailto:kft.richmond.audiology@nhs.net).

Hearing can affect communication, learning and confidence so it is important that children are assessed and parents and carers are encouraged to seek specialist advice from our service. **Spotting signs of a hearing difficulty:** Parents and carers should look out for the following signs of hearing problems in children:

- inattentiveness or difficulty concentrating
- not responding when their name is called
- speaking loudly or turning up the TV volume
- difficulty identifying where sounds are coming from
- mispronouncing words
- changes in school progress or behaviour

If you become aware of any of these, contact KRFT for advice.

## Bishop Perrin School Amazon Shopping List

In response to feedback at Parent Forums, we have set up an Amazon wish/shopping list, listing items we frequently use, and also frequently run out of! There is no obligation to, but if you would like to help support the school by purchasing any of these items please visit the list [here](#). You can have items delivered directly to school or have them sent to your home for you to hand in personally. Thank you very much with your help and support.





- Be respectful and honest
- Be kind
- Be safe
- Be a role model
- Be independent

## Celebrations and Achievements

Children who have earned a certificate this week:

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Jaelynn
Year 1	Nimisha
Year 2	Kelly
Year 3	Samara
Year 4	Maha
Year 5	All of Year 5 and David P
Year 6	All of Year 6

**Infant class of the week:** Year 2  
**Junior class of the week:** Year 5 & 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. 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.

### Year 4 Rescheduled Verulamium Museum Trip – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Y4 will be visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This a rescheduled trip that unfortunately couldn't take place in the Autumn term due to adverse weather. Previous Arbor permissions and payments have been transferred to the new trip date.

**Please provide your child with a packed lunch for this trip.**

**Please can all children be in school for 08:30am on the day of this trip as we need to leave promptly.**

### Year 2 London Landmarks - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 ASAP as this is now overdue.**

Please provide a packed lunch for your child, unless you have pre-booked a school trip lunch.

### Year 1 Seasonal Walk – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 will visit Heathfield Rec for a seasonal walk where they will be looking for signs of seasonal change.

We need some adult volunteers to help us. We will be leaving school at 1:45pm and will be out for about an hour before returning to school. If you can help please let the office know. Thank you.

### Junior Swimming Gala (Y3 – Y6) – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Our KS2 (Y3 – Y6) swimming gala will be held at Teddington Pool on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 13:30.

**Please complete the permission and payment within your child's Arbor account by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, thank you.**

**Spectators:** Teddington Pool have a limited number of 60 spectator spaces on their balcony. Thank you to those who have requested a spectator ticket via the previously advertised google forms, and within the timeframes we requested. You have been sent a ticket confirmation email for your 1 adult ticket per child in Y3 – Y6.

We have a limited number of spectator tickets still available, if you would like a ticket and you have not yet requested one, or you would now like to request a further spectator ticket, please contact Mrs Chawla in the office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The remaining tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis until we reach maximum capacity.

### Year 4 - Kew Gardens Trip – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Y4 will visit Kew Gardens as part of their Summer Term curriculum learning. Travelling via private return coach.

Please complete **payment by 31<sup>st</sup> March** via your child's Arbor Account. This trip has been slightly subsidised if you are in receipt of means tested free school meals.

**Packed Lunch** - Please provide your child with a packed lunch for this trip from home, alternatively the school can provide a trip lunch, to book one please click [here](#) and order by the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

We may require adult volunteers to help with this trip. If you are available please let the office know ASAP, we will let you know if you are needed.

### Year 5 – Isle of Wight Residential Trip

**The full and final balance is now overdue**, please visit your child's Arbor account and complete the outstanding payment today as were settling the invoice with the supplier, thanks to those who have already actioned this.

### Year 6 – Bowles Residential Trip

If you're paying via instalments, for the Y6 Bowles Rocks Activity Centre Residential Trip the 4<sup>th</sup> payment is due tomorrow, the 29<sup>th</sup> February. Please visit your child's Arbor account to make this payment.

The full payment plan is noted below, but the balance can be paid in full at any point by the end of March 2026.

- 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



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## Community News

### Spring sounds: a day of music and discovery

A Day of Music & Discovery – a free, inclusive event on Sunday, March 22, 2026 (10am–5:30pm) at Kingston University's Town House (Penrhyn Road, KT1 2EE).

Supported by Arts Council England, this drop-in day celebrates community music-making with hands-on tasters, workshops (e.g., gamelan, composing for video games), talks (e.g., benefits of ensembles), and singing and instrumental performances.

Divided into family-friendly zones, it is ideal for students (all ages/abilities), encouraging creativity, confidence, and cultural engagement – aligning with curriculum goals in music, wellbeing, and community.

[Continue reading about Spring sounds: a day of music and discovery.](#)

### Free training, upskilling and new employment opportunities

Are you a parent who wants to get back into work and have a flexible job which supports demands of childcare? Would you like to learn new skills? Do you want to earn more or get a better job? Find out how Belina Grow Kingston can support you; provision of free accredited courses, preparation for work, CV building, interview practice, childcare advice, help with job search etc. Join them during Fabulous Fridays, enjoy complimentary refreshments. On: 20 March 2026, 11:00am

At: The Old Malden Family Hub, (Former Old Malden Children's Centre) Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB

[Information flyer here.](#)

## Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion

### 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.](#)

## PSHE



It is important that all children learn to use proper, anatomical names for body parts to improve safeguarding, reduce stigma and help them to understand privacy and consent. This is embedded into our curriculum for PSHE which includes Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). The correct language for body parts is used routinely from Reception but is also taught as part of Year 2's PSHE learning this half term.

Children are also routinely taught about consent and personal space as appropriate for their age. This week in class worship children talked about the meaning of respect: having due regard for someone's feelings, wishes or rights and about consent (as appropriate for their stage of development). More information from the [NSPCC](#) can be found here to support conversations at home around consent.

## 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. Families have recently been supported with 1:1 coaching, play therapy and CBT for children and signposting to other AfC courses. Please click [here](#) to see the support that is available and speak with Miss McAvoy or complete a [self-referral](#). Current referrals are being processed and families are accessing support within 6-8 weeks. Details of their programme of webinars to support families with a range of concerns can be found [here](#).

## County Lines Parental Webinar

This is a free parental/carer webinar regarding County Lines which is being delivered by myself (Project Adder – Met police) and Lived Experience Consultant Sosa Henkoma during County Lines Intensification Week.

The webinar will be held on MS Teams on 4 March from 1:30-3pm. Participants can sign up on eventbrite using the following link:

[County Lines Parental/Carer webinar.](#)

The webinar will be open to any parent/carer, regardless of geographical location.

## Measles Vaccinations

There has been an increase in measles in London recently and we have a small number of confirmed cases in young children in Kingston. This is of concern given the rising number of cases across London. The London outbreak has led to some children having to be hospitalised.

Measles spreads very easily between people who are not vaccinated. Measles can be prevented by vaccination. All parents and carers want what is best for their child – if your child has missed any of their doses or you're unsure, get in touch with your GP surgery. It's never too late to catch up.

See: [NHS vaccinations and when to have them](#)

For more information about measles, see the [nhs.uk](#) website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>.

## Health – related behaviours questionnaire

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be completing an online survey to support the local authority and our school to learn more about children's health behaviours and contribute to development of the PSHE curriculum. Families of children in Year 4, 5 and 6, please read the letter that has been emailed to you for further information.

## Spring term coffee mornings

Please join us for two interesting coffee mornings over the coming weeks: 'Understanding attachment' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March with Mrs Weir and 'Boundaries and Beyond' with Tom Maybey – AfC Parenting Lead on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. See later in the newsletter for more information or sign up [here](#).

## And finally...

### Year 2 class assembly – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

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.

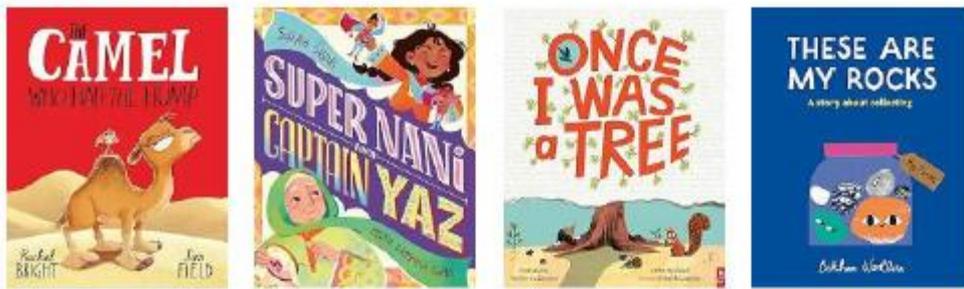
**SPRING TERM 2026**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Trip to London – River Cruise
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Gala – Year 3- 6 (13:30pm)
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Last week of Extra Curricular Clubs Spring Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at St. Augustine’s Church, 12:30 – 1:30pm Last day of term – early finish: 1:50pm – YR, 2pm – Year 1 - 6
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday – School closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return from Easter holiday
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 class assembly
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Residential Trip
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Toys through the ages workshop at School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Kew Gardens
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term School closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day – School closed
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y3 Allianz Stadium Trip – more details to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 class assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> June – 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Sports Morning – more details to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception Class assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	YR Bocketts Farm – more details to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 – Marble Hill and Twickenham Museum – more details to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers’ Service at St. Augustine’s Church Last day of term – early finish: 1:50pm – YR, 2pm – Year 1 - 6
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – School closed

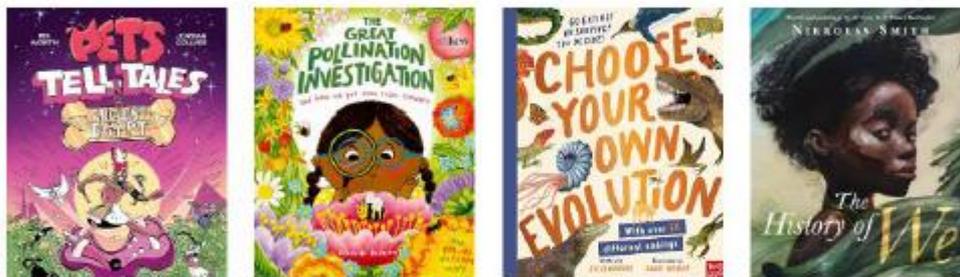
# WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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)





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sign up

## Wellbeing Coffee Mornings Spring 2026

A space where you will be welcomed to share experiences and advice in a safe space. Please come if you would like to be part of building a network of support.

**8:45 - 9:30am in the school library: all welcome**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Understanding attachment**

*Build your understanding of how relationships are formed and nurtured within families*

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Tom Maybey – Parenting Lead for AfC: Boundaries and Beyond**

*How to implement safe and secure behaviour strategies at home*

**BP WONDER BARS ARE COMING!**



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**BISHOP PERRIN'S SUMMER FETE**

**2026**

**SUN 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**12 - 3PM**



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**Call for entries**

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4-18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

**Open for submissions**  
5 January - 4 March 2026

Find out more and enter [royalacademyarts](https://royalacademyarts.org.uk/youngartists)

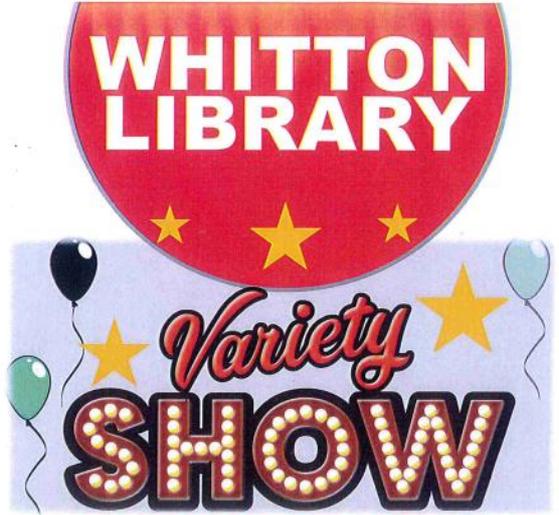
**Young Artists' Summer Show**

**2026**

**Royal Academy of Arts**

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# Harpsichord Day 2026

Sunday 15 March

12.00 - 16.00

St Mary Magdalene Church, Richmond

An opportunity to explore the harpsichord guided by an early music expert

Bring your piano piece along and hear how the composer originally intended it to sound

Open to pianists  
Grades 3+

£25 per participant

**REGISTER NOW**

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# KEYBOARD DAY 2026

Sunday 1 March

10.00 - 16.00

Waldegrave School

This is an exciting day for pianists/keyboard players to get together and play together!

This course is designed for pianists/keyboard players to work on their musicianship skills whilst making friends and having fun!

Open to Y3 - Y7 students

Beginner (minimum 2 terms) - Grade 3+

£35 per participant  
**REGISTER NOW**

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# RECORDER DAY 2026

Sunday 8 March

10.00 - 16.00

Waldegrave School

Celebrating everything we love about the recorder, our Recorder day will offer you the chance to experience ensemble playing whilst learning new ways to create music using your recorder.

Open to Y2 - Y6 students

Beginner - grade 5 standard

£35 per participant  
**REGISTER NOW**

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