



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 17th April 2026

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term at Bishop Perrin School! I hope you and your families enjoyed a nice Easter break and had some time to rest, relax and rejuvenate. The children have returned to school keen and ready to learn, and have got stuck into their learning for their new themes. To find out more about what your child will be learning this term, please click [here](#).

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Place back to school this week after her recent absence. We also welcome Mr Crellin from St. Mary's University who will be teaching in Year 1 this term.

We noted that attendance on the first day of this term was 90.4%. We are noticing a trend of increased absence directly before and after school holidays. Whilst we understand that some absences can't be helped due to illness, we do ask for parents' support in not taking children out of school for holidays during term time, or tagging extra days on at the start / end of holidays. Although it may seem a small thing on an individual basis, it is disruptive to learning and does have a significant impact.

Although our School Uniform Policy is not up for review until next year, we have been considering making some changes to be implemented from September 2026. It would be helpful to have feedback from parents on your views of the proposals. Please see later in the newsletter for details, and if you have any comments that you would like to share with the school about the proposed changes, please share these with your child's class Parent Forum Rep (by 24th April please) and we will discuss these at our parent forum meeting on Friday 1st May.

As you may be aware, this summer, Bishop Perrin School celebrates its 90th anniversary. The school opened in 1936. We have a number of events planned to commemorate this occasion. The theme of our Open School morning (Thursday 4th June) will be a celebration of our school and its history; the School Association are planning a Summer Family School Disco, and the sewing group at St. Augustine's Church are very kindly making us a special banner to display in school. We would also like to arrange an opportunity for past pupils to share their experiences of what Bishop Perrin School was like when they attended. If you are a past pupil or member of staff of Bishop Perrin School, or you know someone who is, and would like to share your memories of your time as a pupil at the school, please contact Mrs Chawla in the school office. Memories can be shared by email or sending in photographs which we will use to create to a display in the school. We will be collating these memories over the course of this half term, so please do get in touch if you have anything to share.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Macklearn





Newsletter

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 96.8% (w/c 23rd March)

In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship this week we talked about making the right choices because it's the right thing to do, not to be rewarded or because someone is watching. We talked about always telling the truth, even when this can sometimes be difficult. On Thursday Rev. Andy spoke with us about one of the Fruits of the Spirit: faithfulness.

School News

Year 6 Bowles Parent/Carer Meeting

On Wednesday 20th May at 3.30pm there will be a meeting about the Year 6 Bowles trip for parents and carers. This will be held in the Year 6 classroom. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs Crinall.

Year 4 Singing Festival Rehearsals

On Wednesday 22nd April, Year 4 will be going to Heathfield School to practise their songs for the Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival. We will be walking there, leaving school at 1pm and returning at 3pm. Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat.

Year 4 Singing Festival Songs & Tickets

Year 4 have been rehearsing their songs for the Richmond Music Trust singing festival. I have uploaded the first two songs onto the Google Classroom. Pupils should be able to access this using their Google login. If not, please try using this link: [GoogleClassroomY4](#) or access using the code: **r6fy42r**

Tickets: Please see the attached information for how to buy tickets for the festival; they go on sale on Friday 24th April at 10am.

Spring Term Assessment Papers

In the last week of the spring term, children in Y1 – 6 completed assessment papers for reading; grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS), and maths (please note that some classes do not sit all of the same types of papers; some year groups may use teacher assessment). The children will be bringing these papers home over the next week. There will be a letter or word descriptor written on the front of some of the papers to represent the level / standard your child has achieved for this term.

- **WB = working below the standard for their year group for the autumn term**
- **WTS = working towards the standard for their year group for the autumn term**
- **EXS = working at the expected standard for their year group for the autumn term**
- **GDS = working at greater depth standard for their year group for the autumn term**

As the GPS test papers consist of two assessment papers: one grammar assessment paper and a separate spelling assessment paper, these scores will be combined and written on the front of the grammar assessment paper.

Similarly, there may be more than one maths assessment paper (in some years, there are three papers). Those scores will combine to produce an overall level for maths written on the arithmetic paper only.

If your child's class teacher felt that your child could not access the level of the assessment paper, they will have assessed them using teacher assessment of their class work. If you would like to discuss this, please contact your child's class teacher.

School Uniform Reminders

Please remember that pupils should now be in summer uniform:

Required Summer Uniform
Children must wear summer uniform for the whole summer term. They may choose to continue to wear summer uniform for the first half term of the autumn term, but must change to winter uniform when they return from the October half term holiday.
School jumper / cardigan White polo shirt (logo optional) with Grey knee-length skirt / pinafore / culottes / trousers / knee-length shorts or Either yellow and white striped or checked dress (white cycling shorts may be worn underneath dresses for modesty reasons) White ankle / knee length socks or white tights with summer dress Black school shoes

A reminder that hair accessories should be small, functional and of school or neutral colours, and that skirts / shorts must be of an appropriate length for school. Thank you.

School Uniform – Proposed Changes to Policy for September 2026

We are considering some changes to our school uniform policy for Reception and Year 1 & 2 from September, that they will no longer be required to wear a shirt and tie as part of their winter uniform. Instead they will wear a white polo shirt all year round. Children in KS2 will continue to wear a school shirt and tie as part of their winter uniform, to maintain this aspect of our uniform that is a distinctive part of our school identity.

We are also proposing to drop the stipulation of dark-coloured coats.

As a trial this term, we will allow Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to wear their PE kits to school on the days when they have PE, which is currently what happens in KS2 classes. If this is successful, we propose to implement this into our policy from September. Children in Year 1 and 2 have brought their PE kits home today.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Dear Year 4 Parents,

Please see the document attached in this week's newsletter email containing helpful information about the Year 4 Multiplication Check. It has some helpful links for websites – particularly this one: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> which replicates the test conditions and is very useful for pupils to practise on.

Class texts

For next term, the key texts for classes are listed below. We do have a supply of these books in school for use in class, but it is very helpful if your child is able to have their own copy. If your child has had their own copy of a class text during the autumn or spring term and no longer has a use for it, please consider donating it to our school supplies for future classes to use – thank you.

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 2	The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
Year 3	The Iron Man – Ted Hughes	Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy – Zanib Mian
Year 4	Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce	Who Let the Gods Out? – Maz Evans
Year 5	Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo	Children of the Benin Kingdom - Dinah Orji
Year 6	Holes – Louis Sachar	Coming to England – Floella Benjamin

Year R and Year 1 will read a range of picture books over the course of the term. There is not a need for them to have their own copy of the book, but they are welcome to bring one in if they have it.



Celebrations and Achievements

Children who have earned a certificate this week:

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Emmy
Year 1	Isobel
Year 2	Ciarán
Year 3	Aarunya
Year 4	Florence
Year 5	Elodie
Year 6	Nathaniel

Infant class of the week: Year 1

Junior class of the week: Year 5 and 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.

Y1– Toys Through the Ages Workshop

Date: 7th May

Destination: Workshop at School

Admin: complete permission and payment by 1st May via [Arbor](#), within the trips section. This will be available from 1st April within your child's Arbor account.

Year 4 – Kew Gardens

Date: Monday 18th May

Destination: Kew Gardens, via private coach

Return time: Normal

Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle and school bag

Wear: School uniform

Admin: payment and permission are now overdue, follow up payment reminders have been sent please make sure this payment is made today.

Year 3 – Allianz Stadium

Date: Tuesday 2nd June

Destination: Allianz Stadium, walking to and from venue

Return time: Normal

Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle and school bag

Wear: School uniform

Admin: Complete permission and payment within [Arbor Account](#), 'trips' section by 24th April

If you would like a school provided packed lunch pre-book one [here](#) by 24th April

Volunteers: Please let the school office know if you can join us, we will let you know if you are needed.

Y5 –Shakespeare w/ Orange Tree Theatre

Date: Monday 15th June

Destination: Richmond Adult Community College in conjunction with the Orange Tree Theatre.

Return time: Normal

Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle and school bag

Wear: School uniform

Admin: complete permission and payment by 5th May via [Arbor](#), within the trips section. This will be available from 1st April in your child's Arbor account. Bring a packed lunch from home, or order a school provided trip lunch [here](#) by the 5th May.

Volunteers: Please let the school office know if you can join us, we will let you know if you are needed.

Y5 – London Literature Festival Author Workshop

Date: Tuesday 16th June

Destination: Richmond Theatre

Return time: Normal

Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle and school bag

Wear: School uniform

Admin: complete permission by 5th May via [Arbor](#), within the trips section.

Bring a packed lunch from home, or order a school provided trip lunch [here](#) by the 5th May.

Volunteers: Please let the school office know if you can join us, we will let you know if you are needed.

Y6 – Bowles Rocks Residential Trip

Date: Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June

Destination: Bowles Rocks, Tunbridge Wells

Return time: Normal

Bring: Kit list to be provided

Wear: Own clothes (kit list to be provided)

Special instructions: Wed 20th May 3.30pm: Parent & Carer Bowles Meeting in the Y6 Classroom – please attend

Admin: Full and final payment is overdue – please settle this immediately via [Arbor](#), within the trips section.

Year R – Bocketts Farm

Date: Friday 3rd July

Destination: Bockett's Farm

Return time: Normal

Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle and hat

Wear: School uniform

Admin: Complete permission and payment within [Arbor Account](#), 'trips' section by 3rd June.

If you would like a school provided packed lunch pre-book one [here](#) by 3rd June.

Volunteers: Please let the school office know if you can join us, we will let you know if you are needed.



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

Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Inclusion Supporting your Dyslexic Child

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ADHD Embrace Advice Clinics

ADHD Embrace would like to promote our Advice Clinic for all the ADHD families in schools, either with or awaiting for a diagnosis. Our locally funded Advice Clinics are available to residents of the London Boroughs of Richmond and Kingston at a minimal cost. These private and confidential sessions provide a supportive space to discuss any challenges related to ADHD.

[To book an appointment, please click this link.](#)

Measles cases have recently increased across London - take actions now to protect your family

[Measles cases](#) have recently increased across London. [Measles](#) is very infectious and can spread quickly, especially in education and childcare settings.

You are encouraged to check your family's MMR/MMRV* vaccination status.

The MMR and MMRV vaccines are safe, free and the best protection.

Vaccination is important ahead of travelling abroad as measles cases have increased globally.

Families who have questions or need additional support (e.g. translation services) should contact your school immunisation team on 020 3691 1019

SENDIASS workshops

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[April workshops](#)

[May workshops](#)

These sessions are free, confidential and impartial – no need to book and are for parent carers to empower themselves with knowledge to help with collaborative conversations to achieve the best outcomes possible for their child/young person.

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](#).

Community News

New exhibition at Orleans House Gallery

All The Things: Exploring play and imagination across generations 28 March – 31 August 2026

All The Things is an evolving exhibition brought to life through play, imagination and collaboration. This living show will grow and shift as people connect, experiment and swap ideas. You are invited to explore in your own way: slowly, boldly, quietly or playfully. Follow your imagination and see what sparks your curiosity.

[All The Things: Exploring play and imagination across generations – Orleans House Gallery](#)

A fun-filled summer term of junior activities at our sports centres

From 15 April, our four Borough Sports Centres in Hampton, East Sheen, Teddington and Whitton will be offering a range of exciting activities for children to enjoy throughout the summer term.

Summer sessions include Gymnastics, Karate, Badminton Club and Judo, giving your children plenty to look forward to.

Enrolment for new children commences 6 April onwards.

View each centre's junior programme of activities online at:

[Hampton Sports and Fitness Centre](#)

[Shene Sports and Fitness Centre](#)

[Teddington Sports Centre](#)

[Whitton Sports and Fitness Centre](#)

Sport and Fitness Services London Borough of Richmond upon Thames leisure@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

And finally...

Class timetables will be shared with you via email. Any questions please let us know.

Year 1's class assembly will be on Thursday 30th April, 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.

SUMMER TERM 2026

Thursday 30 th April	Year 1 class assembly
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Tuesday 5 th May – Friday 8 th May	Y5 Residential Trip
Thursday 7 th May	Y1 Toys through the ages workshop at School
Monday 18 th May	Y4 Kew Gardens
Wednesday 20 th May	Y6 Bowles Residential Parent/Carer Meeting at 3:30pm
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term School closed
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – School closed
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y3 Allianz Stadium Trip
Thursday 4 th June	Open School Morning
Thursday 11 th June	Year 5 class assembly
Monday 15 th June	Y5 Shakespeare with Orange Tree Theatre Trip
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 London Literature Festival Author Workshop Trip
22 nd June – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 30 th June	Y1 Animal Encounter – more details to follow
Wednesday 1 st July	Sports Morning – more details to follow
Thursday 2 nd July	Reception Class assembly
Thursday 2 nd July	Y2 Roald Dahl Trip – more details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	YR Bocketts Farm
Friday 10 th July	Y3 – Marble Hill and Twickenham Museum – more details to follow
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Service at St. Augustine's Church
	Last day of term – early finish: 1:50pm – YR, 2pm – Year 1 - 6
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day – School closed



The theme is **Easter** and **Spring!**

In an egg (there are copies on the Spanish board in school), draw and label symbols of Easter and Spring – in a foreign language of your choice! (not English!).

(use the internet / dictionaries to help you find words...).

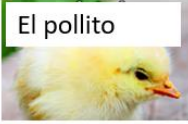
**Entries to Señora Poleviou by
Mon 11th May**

Pasquas y la Primavera!
(Easter and Spring!)

Here's an
example in
Spanish!



Los narcisos



El pollito



El conejo



El cordero



Summer Term Courses and Workshops for Parents and Carers in Richmond

Learn some practical tools and techniques to boost your confidence and support your family. All our sessions are neuro-inclusive, relaxed, and pressure-free; feel free to move, doodle, or just listen! Please let us know if you have any sensory or any additional needs so we can ensure you are comfortable and able to participate.

Scheduled Courses & Workshops

Date	Time	Course Name	Location	Details
Tue, 21 Apr – 19 May (5 Weeks)	9:30am – 11:30am	1-2-3 Magic	Heathfield Children's Centre	For families with children under 7 with ADHD or suspected ADHD. ADHD specialist advisor present in week 1. (No creche)
Wed, 29 Apr – 8 Jul (10 Weeks)	12:30pm – 2:30pm	The Nurturing Programme	Heathfield Children's Centre	Parenting through praise and empathy from the Centre for Emotional Health. (No sessions 20 & 28 May. Creche to be confirmed).
Mon, 11 May (2 Hours)	10:00am – 12:00pm	Making Sense of Big Feelings	The White House Family Hub	Brain science and practical strategies to de-escalate big emotions in children of all ages. (No creche)
Fri, 15 May (2 Hours)	10:00am – 12:00pm	Making Sense of Big Feelings	Barnes Children's Centre	Brain science and practical strategies to de-escalate big emotions in children of all ages. (No creche)
Tue, 2 Jun – 16 Jun (3 Weeks)	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Parents In Conflict	Ham Children's Centre	Shift from destructive arguments and disagreements to positive co-parenting teamwork for parents who have separated or are still together. (Creche to be confirmed)
Mon, 6 Jul (2 Hours)	10:00am – 12:00pm	Digital Parenting Workshop	The White House Family Hub	Manage screen time, set boundaries, and handle online-world conversations. (No creche)
Tue, 14 Jul (2 Hours)	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Digital Parenting Workshop	Ham Children's Centre	Manage screen time, set boundaries, and handle online-world conversations. (Creche to be confirmed)

Coming Soon (Dates to be Confirmed)

Course Name	Location	Details
Making Sense of Big Feelings	Online (2 hour evening workshop)	Brain science and practical strategies to de-escalate big emotions in children of all ages. (Delivered via Google Meet)
Digital Parenting	Online (2 hour evening workshop)	Manage screen time, set boundaries, and handle online-world conversations. (Delivered via Google Meet)
Triple P	TBC	Practical behavior management.
Triple P Stepping Stones	TBC	For families of children with additional needs.
The Incredible Years	TBC	Strengthening parent-child interactions.
Playful Parenting	TBC	Build attachment with your children through play.
Teen Life	TBC	Course from The National Autistic Society. For parents of autistic children and young people aged 10 to 16.
Talking Teens	TBC	Understanding the teenage brain & behavior.

How to Book & Get in Touch

If you want to secure a place, ask a question, or live in Richmond and would like to arrange a **1-1 appointment** for parenting support and advice, please get in touch:

- **Contact:** Tom Maybey, Richmond Parenting Lead
- **Email:** Tom.Maybey@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- **Phone:** 07864 609913





Time to think about confirmation

Confirmation is for all who are baptised and want to learn how this can be a positive resource in your life. Confirmation is to affirm your baptism and continue exploring a life in faith in relationship with God and each other.

Adults and children in school year 5 and up are invited to join this year's confirmation course.

Please note, that if you are not baptised yet but curious about Christian faith and life, you are more than welcome to join.

Day: Thursday **Time:** 5-6 pm for children
7-8.30 pm for adults

Dates: 23rd and 30th April and 7th, 14th and 21st May

For children: All sessions in person at St Augustine's church.

For adults: First and last session in person at St Augustine's church.

The session in between will be on Zoom.

For both children and adults: Rehearsal Saturday 30th May at 2pm.

Confirmation: Sunday 31st of May at 10 am.

Contact The Reverend Helen Calner for more information and to sign up

vicar@staugustinewhitton.com



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.

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Sunday 14th of June

Sunday 12th of July

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Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera Programmes.

We are inviting young singers aged 8–11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our **Young Voices** programme and **Youth Opera Company** this September. Applications close at **midnight on Sunday 10 May**.

Both programmes are **free** and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.



Young Voices (Ages 8-9)

A six-month singing training programme developing vocal skills and musical understanding and vocal skills, with performance opportunities in showcases at the Royal Opera House.

Youth Opera Company (ages 9–11)

A multi-year programme offering all-round training in the performing arts. Members develop vocal technique, language, stagecraft, musical literacy and creative skills. They also have opportunities to create and perform their own new operas, and to audition for the Children's Chorus, who perform in productions on the Royal Opera House main stage.

Current members say:

"It has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Before I joined YOC, I was a bit hesitant about opera, but I now really enjoy it!"

— **2025 Youth Opera Company member**

"YOC is really special because I've met lots of other young people who like singing, like me. I've also loved performing on the Royal Opera main stage in The Magic Flute and in Hansel and Gretel."

— **2026 Youth Opera Company member**

Find out more and apply here: [RBO Youth Opera Programmes](#)

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May. If you have any questions, or run into any issues completing the application form, please do get in touch at youthopera@roh.org.uk.