



Bishop Perrin C.E Primary School

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 24th October

Headteacher's Hello

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many Bishop Perrin pupils, past and present, and their families taking part in Junior Parkrun last Sunday morning. It was a fun and sociable event, with plenty of positive participation. Junior Parkrun happens at 9am every Sunday at Moormead Park, and on the first Sunday of every month at Bushy Park. We hope that if your child enjoyed taking part last weekend, you may consider making Parkrun a regular weekend activity. If you didn't manage to get along to the park last weekend but your child would like to go along another time, just follow the instructions in the letter sent with the newsletter last week, and go along any Sunday that is convenient. We currently have 23 members of Bishop Perrin School Parkrun running group and lots of Parkrun successes already logged!

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for our 'Just One Tree' non-uniform day fundraiser today. The children looked fantastic in their array of different shades of green. We have raised £179.25 for this worthy cause – a great achievement!

We've enjoyed a jam-packed week of activities for Wellbeing Week, culminating with a joyous and uplifting 'Big Sing' this afternoon. Thank you to Miss McAvoy for organising the events this week.

We are aware of an issue in relation to making Governors' Maintenance Fund payments via Arbor. Until this is resolved we have taken down the request for payment in Arbor. In the interim, if you would like to make the contribution of £40 per child directly to the [Governors Maintenance Fund](#) account, a reminder of the details are:

Bishop Perrin Church of England School Governors

A/c: 80166103

Sort code: 40-46-30

Bank: HSBC

If you have already made a payment via Arbor (or directly to the bank) please be reassured we are aware of your contribution. If you would prefer to make payment via Arbor, we shall let you know when the requests for payment have been reinstated. Thank you for your continued support of the school through these invaluable contributions.

Our first Parent Forum for this academic year will be held on Friday 5th December, at 8:45am. My thanks to the parent reps who are continuing in their roles this year, and to Ms. Heaven (Year 2 rep) who has volunteered to Chair the meetings. We currently have a vacancy for a rep for Year R and Year 1. Please let me know if you would be interested in volunteering for this. You can find out about our Parent Forum and the role of the parent rep, by reading the terms of reference on the [Parent Forum page](#) on our school website.

Last night, the School Association held their Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the committee who have been voted in for another term. Thank you to them for all their hard work in the past year, and to all the volunteers who have supported the SA events. We're looking forward to another successful year of fun events and fundraising.

Have a lovely weekend and a restful half term break,

Miss Macklearn



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: 97.7%

A reminder that if a child is late arriving at school after the gate has closed, they must be signed in by the adult accompanying them to school.

We have noted a reduction in holidays being taken during term time before / after the autumn half-term holiday. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

In collective worship this week...

This week in collective worship, we talked about how we look after our wellbeing. On Thursday, Rev. Andy led our worship all about the Fruits of the Spirit, focussing on kindness.

School News

Monitoring Attendance

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.

It is standard practice that we send an initial letter to parents and carers when attendance first falls below 90% of the school year so far, to make them aware of the situation and allow time for attendance to improve. Further measures are put in place if absence persists, which may include us having conversations with the EWO (Education Welfare Officer).

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						
365 DAYS A YEAR	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
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	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.

Wellbeing Week

This week was Wellbeing Week. Our Sports Leaders led a skipping challenge and our Wellbeing Ambassadors' posters were all about healthy minds, healthy bodies and healthy hearts which our collective worship on Monday taught us all about this. Every class had a workshop about wellbeing. Many people came to Junior Parkrun on Sunday which helps our healthy body, mind and hearts. This week was full of activities, we hope everyone enjoyed learning something.

Zoe and Lewis, Year 6 Communications Leaders

We are a allergy-aware school

School Uniform

After half term, all children should be wearing their winter school uniform. Details of this can be found in our [school uniform policy](#). As the weather gets a little colder, a reminder that coats should be of a plain, dark colour, as should hats, scarves and gloves – no football scarves please. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are starting to notice a variety of styles of school shirts creeping in, particularly among the girls. School policy states that this should be a plain white collared shirt, which is worn with the school tie. Additionally, black school shoes or plain black ankle-high boots, no trainers except for PE. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Required Winter Uniform
Children must wear winter uniform from October half term onwards until the Easter holidays. Children may choose to wear winter uniform from September.
School jumper / cardigan Plain white collared shirt School tie (elasticated for infants and non-elasticated for juniors) Grey knee-length skirt / pinafore / culottes / trousers / knee-length shorts Black / grey tights or grey, black or white socks Black school shoes Black ankle-high plain black boots
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

Christmas Lunch

Please see below for details of the children's Christmas lunch, which will be served on Wednesday 17th December. In previous years, we have asked for parents to order in advance in November. However this system does not work well as we often receive many requests after the deadline, which doesn't work for our kitchen in making plans and ordering food.

Therefore, we will work on an assumption that numbers of children who usually have a roast lunch on a Wednesday are likely to have a Christmas lunch from the options advertised, and plan accordingly, unless you inform us otherwise. A special diet menu for milk, egg, gluten-free will be available closer to the time. If your child does not want to have Christmas lunch, then you may choose to provide them with a packed lunch.





Arts Richmond Young Writers Festival

We are excited to share a wonderful opportunity for children who enjoy writing. The Arts Richmond Young Writers Festival 2025/26 is now open for entries and we would love as many of our children as possible to take part.

Children are invited to demonstrate their writing skills by submitting a short story or poem.

Key details:

There are two themes this year – 'My World' and 'Something Extraordinary'. You can choose either of these themes to write a short story which can be any length up to 500 words, or a poem with a maximum of 25 lines.

Deadline for entries: Friday 5th December 2025

Age groups: Entries are judged in four different age categories from KS1 upwards

Prizes: Awards will be given to all winning entries

Celebration event: Shortlisted entrants will be invited to a gala performance at The Exchange Theatre, Twickenham, on Sunday 15th March 2026, where their work will be performed by drama students

Anthology: A professionally printed anthology featuring the 40 shortlisted pieces will also be produced and sold

This is a fantastic chance for children to develop their creativity, confidence and love of writing. As a school, we are setting this as a homework option for anyone interested in taking part.

How to enter:

Please visit the Arts Richmond website for full details and entry instructions: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk>

We would love to see as many of our children as possible involved in this exciting project.

Many thanks, Miss Sweeney



Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will be selling poppies at school. All funds raised will go to the Royal British Legion Twickenham. Stick-on paper poppies with a minimum suggested donation of £1.00, and a limited number of keyring poppies with a minimum suggested donation of £2.00. Children are allowed to wear their poppies in school, but please no wristband, snapbands, etc. Thank you.

Boys' Football Match

On Tuesday, Bishop Perrin School Year 5 & 6 boys' football team played against Heathfield School. They did a brilliant job and played a great game and tried as hard as they could. Unfortunately, our team did not win but they played using fantastic teamwork and Victor scored a great goal out of the box into the top corner. The opposition were strong. We are looking forward to their next match and we hope they do well in the future.

Amara and Ollie, Year 6 Sports Leaders

Year 6 bridges for Design & Technology

Year 6 will be building bridges during the week after half term. They have designed their bridges this week and are aware of the materials that they require. Please collect any appropriate cardboard over the half term holiday and send in to school with your child on the first day back after half term. We **cannot use any cardboard related to any food products** so please do not send these in (e.g. cereal boxes, egg boxes). Cardboard that has been used as a delivery box for non-food items would be perfect (both thick and thin cardboard). The class will share out the cardboard collected. Some children will be making suspension bridges so any balls of string would also be gratefully received, as would rolls of sellotape or masking tape. Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Crinall.

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 6 School on the River

Year 6 will participate in the School on the River project on 13th November. Please note, children will be back at the slightly later time of 3:45pm ready for usual collection or walking home as per agreements. Please complete your child's consent and payment via the ARBOR app, within the trips section to ensure your child can attend by the 1st November. Lunch - Please provide your child with a packed lunch for this trip or order a school provided one [here](#) by 1st November.

Year 4 Into Film Festival

On Wednesday 26th November, Year 4 will visit Hounslow Cineworld as part of the Into Film Festival. The children will be watching: Double Bill: Tiddler & Tabby McTat. Travelling via mini buses via Turing House School staff.

Please complete the mandatory sign up/permission for this trip within your child's ARBOR account by 20th November.

Y4 Roman Museum

Unfortunately due to weather warnings the Y4 trip scheduled for 23.10.2025 had to be postponed. We have been straight onto the museum and re-arranged this for the spring term. **This trip will now take place on the 3rd March 2026. Children will need to be in school for 08:30am as we depart at 08:45am via coach.**

Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm

On Tuesday 4th November 2025 Y3 will visit Butser Ancient Farm. They will travel to and from the venue via coach.

Please complete the overdue payment and permission ASAP within Arbor.

Please provide a packed lunch. **Information regarding dress code:** In line with the workshop guidance provided by Butser Ancient Farm, children are advised to wear warm sports clothing that is able to get dirty on the trip, not school uniform. For example, tracksuit bottom, old shoes, an old t-shirt, a hoodie/sweater and a waterproof coat.

Christmas Pantomime

As part of this term's festive activities we have arranged for the M&M Theatrical Productions to visit our school on 15th December and deliver a pantomime experience, Snow White, for the entire school. The School Association have subsidised the cost of this event. **Please complete the payment by the 5th December within your child's Arbor account.**

Church Visits

Class visits to St. Augustine's Church this term will be as follows:

- Tuesday 25th November – Year 6

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 and Inclusion

National Childhood Measurement Programme and Parent Portal Sign Up - Reception and Year 6

The Richmond School Nursing Team, will visit children in Reception and Year 6 on the 14th January to conduct the National Child Measurement Programme. An email was sent to you this week with details regarding this and information on how to sign up, and opt out if required, via the parent portal.

Introducing the Parent Portal (School Screener)

School Health Services will be using an electronic way of communicating with parents and carers through a secure web-based portal. Parents and carers of children in **Reception** and **Year 6** are being asked to register on the portal to receive information and register on the 2025-2026 National Child Measurement Programme and to opt out should you wish to, using the following link:

<https://wnr009.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/36378/g/hSA S2526>

It's a really quick process and all you need is an email address which you have access to. Using the drop-down menu, select your child's school. Once registered you can login and add your child/ren's details. We request that 4-6 weeks after the measurement has taken place you log into your School Screener account to view your child's result letter.

If you have any questions you would like to discuss or if your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please contact the team using the details below:
Tel: 0330 058 1679

Email: clcht.0-19wandsworthandrichmondadmin@nhs.net

Richmond Family Hubs - Outreach

Local children's centres are places where all families with children under 5 years and expectant mothers and fathers can go to help their children to get the best start in life. Please visit the AfC [website](#) for information about regular activities that are taking place this term. For information about half term activities, see the attached file alongside this newsletter.

Celebrations and Achievements

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

CLASS	NAME
Year R	Dream
Year 1	Joey
Year 2	Jovi and Sienna
Year 3	Max
Year 4	Evelyn
Year 5	Esme and Emily
Year 6	Victor

Infant class of the week: Year R
Junior class of the week: Year 4

Action – Attainment Parent Detectives and Navigating Inclusion

Understanding neurodiverse children with sensory and communication needs

Action-attainment's online workshop programme is for parents of children with hidden, neurodiverse, sensory and communication needs. It examines how we can use vital primary years to implement strategies, plan and prepare for secondary school.

Recordings of the workshops will also be available if it is not possible to attend the live event, as well as concession places.

More information on the [parent detectives newsletter](#).

Talk PANTS

[Talk PANTS](#) promotes simple conversations with young children to keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS introduces child safety messages with the help of PANTosaurus. Children are familiar with this message through their learning in PSHE. Please watch the video for parents and carers to be able to support this language and learning at home in a way that is appropriate for children of different ages.

[Talk PANTS Information Session Parents/carers](#)



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.

Borrowed Clothes/Underwear

When a child has a toilet accident in school, they are cleaned and changed. If your child has borrowed anything from the medical room, please could it be returned. We are now desperately short of knickers, pants and socks. If you have any at home, we would be really grateful if you could return them. We also appreciate donations of spare clothes to replenish the stocks for use in emergencies. Thank you. Also, it would be really helpful if all infant children had spare underwear in their PE bags please. Thank you for your understanding. Mrs Sandell/Ms Ruslan

Medical Tracker

When a child bumps their head, parents will be sent an email notifying them. There is a link to acknowledge that you have seen the email which should only take a couple of seconds to do. We would ask that if you receive an email with a link in, you acknowledge immediately which will save us calling you.

And finally...

We are grateful to Brite Boxes who provide recipe kits for some of our families each week. See later in the newsletter for their latest recipe for families to try out at home.

Please note, Friday 28th November is an INSET day, school will be closed to pupils.

Wishing all our families and enjoyable and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	October Half Term – school closed
Monday 3 rd November	Y1 Seasonal Walk, please remember your coats.
Tuesday 4 th November	Y3 Trip Butser Ancient Farm Trip
Wednesday 5 th November	Y5 Royal Albert Hall Trip (They will return to Bishop Perrin School at the slightly later time of 3:45pm - 4:00pm for collection.)
Thursday 13 th November	Y6 School on the River Trip (Please note children will be back at the slightly later time of 3:45pm ready for usual collection or walking home)
Friday 21 st November	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop (in school)
Tuesday 25 th November	Y6 to St Augustine's Church
Wednesday 26 th November	Y4 Into Film Festival - Cineworld
Thursday 27 th November	Year 6 class assembly
Friday 28th November	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Friday 5 th December	Parent Forum, 8:45am
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Pantomime in school
Tuesday 16 th December	YR Christmas Carols performance, 2:30pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Infant Nativity Performance (Y1 & 2), 9am
Thursday 18 th December	YR Christmas Carols performance, 9am Infant Nativity Performance (Y1 & 2), 2pm
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Service at St Augustine's Church @ 12:30
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term, school closing early: Year R – 13:50 Year 1 – 6: 14:00
SPRING TERM 2026	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET Day – school Closed
Tuesday 6 th January	School term starts for children
Wednesday 14 th January	YR & Y6 NCMP Checks – NHS School Nurse
Thursday 5 th February	Y1 Windsor Castle Trip
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th Feb	February Half Term – school closed
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 Re-scheduled Roman Museum Trip All children to be in by 08:30am as early departure time.

The Nurturing Programme



Talking Teens

Four week parent group

The Talking Teens Parent Group helps deal with your challenges over four sessions, so you can have a calmer, happier family life.

1 Being a parent of a teenager

- The role of parents for teenagers
- Responding to difficult feelings

3 Communicating with your teenager

- Talking and listening
- Communicating clearly
- Handling difficult issues

2 Understanding your teenager

- Understanding teenage development
- Parenting styles
- Praise and criticism

4 Managing conflict

- Rules and boundaries
- Choosing how to respond
- Problem solving

Starting - Tuesday 4th November for 4 consecutive weeks from 1.30pm-3.30pm

**At Kingston Library, Fairfield Rd
Kingston, KT1 2PS**

Contact details

Karen Williams, Parenting Officer

E: karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk

T: 020 8547 6965

M: 07771 974388





 **SERVES 4-5**

 **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 tbsp olive or vegetable oil*
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp chilli flakes
- 1 tbsp ginger powder
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- 400g tin chickpeas
- 2 sweet potatoes (350g), peeled & cut into small cubes
- 200ml of a tin of coconut milk (400ml tin provided)
- 1 tbsp dried coriander (optional)*
- 300g basmati rice
- 600ml water*
- Pinch of salt*

* Not provided

 **EQUIPMENT**

Chopping board, knife, large frying pan with lid, wooden spoon or spatula, large saucepan

 **ALLERGENS**
NONE

 achieving for children

 Voices of Hope

 Harlequins FOUNDATION

STEP ONE

- Prepare all the vegetables as instructed.



STEP TWO

- Heat the oil over a medium heat in the frying pan. Add the onions and fry for 5 mins until soft. Add the cumin seeds and cook for 3-4 minutes to release their flavour.



STEP THREE

- Put the rice in the saucepan, add 600ml water and a pinch of salt. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, put the lid on and cook gently for 10 minutes.
- Keep the lid on and remove the pan from the heat to steam the rice for 10 minutes.



STEP FOUR

- Add the garlic, ginger, coriander and chilli flakes.
- Fry gently for another 2-3 minutes.



STEP FIVE

- Add the cubed sweet potato and the chickpeas and stir well to ensure everything is coated in the spices and the onions.
- Cook for 2-3 minutes, ensuring the spices don't burn.



STEP SIX

- Add the tomatoes.
- Open the tin of coconut milk, give it a good stir in the tin and then add half the tin of coconut milk to the curry and stir to mix in well.



STEP SEVEN

- Cover the pan and simmer for 15 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are soft when tested with a knife.



STEP EIGHT

- Take the lid off the rice and drain off any excess water.
- Enjoy your curry served with rice.



I didn't think
I could...



Fostering

...but
now I am

Enquire or check out the website
for more information

E: info@lafosteringse.org.uk

T: 0300 131 2797

W: [achievingforchildren.org.uk/
contact-fostering](http://achievingforchildren.org.uk/contact-fostering)



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October Football & Multi-Sport Camp

SOCCER COACHING CENTRES

27th → 31st October [Book now](#)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

£110 for 5 days or £25 per day

- Sessions include football and multi-sports
- For boys and girls aged 5–12
- Led by coaches Mark Fabian and Martyn Spong, with 25+ years' experience
- Daily medal awards

How to book a place:

To book a place, email Mark Fabian at markfabes@live.co.uk with your child's name and your contact details. Mark will then send you the payment information for the course.

For any further enquiries, please contact Mark.

To bring:

Please wear sportswear and bring warm or waterproof clothing. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.

Location

St Edmund's Catholic School,
Nelson Road, Whitton, TW2 7BB.

✉ markfabes@live.co.uk

☎ 07956 863419

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FAMILY FUN AT THE EXCHANGE



HALF TERM - FAMILY FILM CLUB:
JUMANJI 1 & 2 DOUBLE BILL

28 October

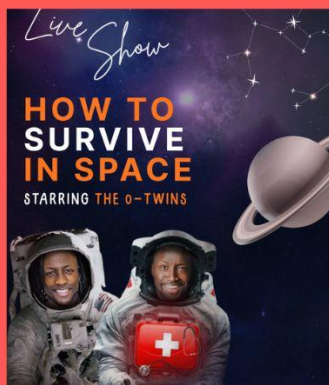
12.00 & 14.15



**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE PANTOMIME**

18 - 21 December

various timings



NEW SHOW ANNOUNCED!

HOW TO SURVIVE IN SPACE

With CBBC Operation Ouch! presenters
Dr Dan & Dr Ralph

20 February 2026

11:00 & 14:00

BOOK AHEAD!

Popcorn & soft drink combo: £5.50



NEW! Hotdogs now at select shows.

Standard/Veggie & soft drink combo: £5



BOOK AT WWW.EXCHANGETWICKENHAM.CO.UK

OR CALL THE BOX OFFICE ON 020 8240 2399

Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of
Richmond? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself!

Saturday 29 November, 09:30 – 13:00
Southborough High School, KT6 5AS

Saturday 13 December, 09:30 – 13:30
Sheen Lane Community Centre, SW14 8LP

Tuesday 16 December, 15:30 – 17:30
Sunray Community Centre, KT5 9QP

Wednesday 17 December, 14:30 – 16:30
White House, Hampton, TW12 3RN

**Call 020 3691 1019 or scan
the QR code for more
information or to book
an appointment**



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