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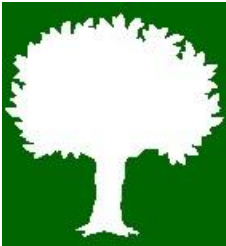
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Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

I cannot believe this is the last newsletter of the academic year! So much to look back on and celebrate:

September saw us welcome our new Reception cohort. We have loved watching them grow into inquisitive, kind and confident little learners.

In **October**, we welcomed parents and carers into school for our first Parent/ Carer eve, sharing the flying starts the children had made to their year.

In **November**, our Year 5 children ventured to Sayers Croft, enjoying new experiences and getting to grips with the outdoors.

In **December**, we sang, danced and acted our way through the festive season and all children from year one upwards enjoyed a trip to the Panto. Oh yes they did!

In **January**, our PTA hosted our annual quiz night giving adults in the community a chance to get to know each other better.

In **February**, our Year 6 children sang at the O2. An experience they will never forget.

In **March**, our Year 3 and 5 children took part in our fantastic history project and then all year groups planted their trees.

In **April**, our Year 5 children sang at the Rose Theatre, performing alongside children from other local schools.

In **May**, our Year 6 children took on the challenge of their SATS with confidence, maturity and conviction. And the results are testament to their work. Our Year 2 children enjoyed a splashing good time at The London Aquarium and our Russell School Beach Day.

In **June**, our Year 4 children tackled their multiplication check and our Year 1 children completed their phonics screening check and both year groups should be exceptionally proud of their performance.

And now we find ourselves at the end of **July**, saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class and there is so much we haven't even mentioned; from class assemblies to sporting achievements and trips and performances. It's been a year of growth and discovery, progress and achievement. As ever, I thank you all for being such an important part of the life at The Russell School. Much as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a village to run a school so thank you for all that you do.

I have tried to plot most major dates for the Autumn term in the calendar section below. I know how frustrating it is to be faced with last minute dates so hopefully this will help with forward-planning!

Do remember that Footyfun4kids will be running a holiday camp all summer and on the 1st and 2nd of September as these are INSET days. Make use of it as it's a great offer!

Have a wonderful, restful summer and to those staying with us, I look forward to seeing you in September. To those of you moving on, thank you for being part of the school and please keep in touch!

Nursery

What a year we have had in the Nursery! We have welcomed new children each term and today we said goodbye to the children moving on the Reception Classes either here or new schools. We had a lovely Graduation Ceremony with parents in our garden where the children sang a song about friendship and were presented with their 'Graduation Certificates'. We then rewarded ourselves with 'Freezepops'. We will certainly miss all the children moving on but we have seen such progress in them all. This year we have enjoyed learning about underground animals, countries around the world and growing seeds. The children have gained independence and made wonderful friendships. We thank all the parents for your support and hope you all have a great summer. We look forward to welcoming many of you back next term for more adventures.

Reception

What a year it's been in Reception. We have had a brilliant time learning and exploring together and making lots of friends along the way. We finished the year with a wonderful trip to Forest School in Ham Common Woods, where children climbed trees, made dens and created nature crowns from leaves and sticks, a perfect end to the year. We are so proud of the curious and joyful learners they have become and long may this continue as they enter Year 1!

Year 1

It has been an absolute delight to teach May class this year. It has been an honour to watch the incredible progress that the children have made, watch them make new friends and simply becoming more confident individuals. Thank you to all the parents, your support has had a huge impact on the success of this year, from supporting with trips to ensuring the children were reading regularly at home. I hope you have a wonderful Summer! Miss Dittrich

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful ending to their year with a celebration at the local playground. They have grown in confidence and kindness this term and it has been a joy to watch them grow academically, Miss Chadwick and I are very proud of them. One of our favourite memories has been their work on Clean Up, The Aquarium and Sports Day. They are all so ready to go on a journey to Key Stage 2. Good luck, I cannot wait to hear about all the amazing things you do in September. Have a wonderful summer!



Year 3

Wow – what a brilliant year it's been! I just wanted to say how incredibly proud I am of all the children in Year 3. They've worked so hard, grown in confidence, and had lots of fun along the way. It's been amazing to see how much they've learned and how kind and supportive they've been to one another.

One of the big highlights this term and today was our trip to the Thames Water Project. The children were so engaged and curious – asking great questions and really getting stuck in. They learned loads about the River Thames and why we should look after the river. It was such a fun and valuable day out - thank you to all the people who helped make this happen.

Now it's time for a well-earned break. I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all when you come back in September as Year 4s.

Year 4

What a fantastic year we have had in Year 4! We finished it off with some fantastic events, like Thames Young Mariners and the KS2 performance, and are now looking ahead to Year 5. The children have worked so hard and made great progress, and we are so proud of them - I couldn't have asked for a more wonderful first year at The Russell. I can't wait to see the children continue to flourish and thrive as they move through the school. I hope you have a fun and restful summer!

Year 5

It has truly been an amazing year! We've had a lot of fun but importantly we have managed to squeeze in so many things in Year 5, so it's no surprise the end of this journey is suddenly upon us!

Amongst many other things during this busy year, we have journeyed into space with our Stargazing topic, endured the freezing waters and sailed the high seas - and even travelled back in time with our history topics! One of the highlights of the year must be our School Journey to Sayers Croft where we experienced new things and demonstrated many of our school values including 'teamwork', resilience, courage and independence. The children had great fun piecing together their assembly to show you all the things they got up to on their adventures and to follow that with their Titanic themed assembly.

Your children have truly worked hard this year; they should be very proud of all their achievements. We have been relentless in our drive to work hard, be kind, caring and respectful. It has been a real privilege working with your children and I have enjoyed our time together. I will miss them all and wish them well for the future. I hope they settle well into Year 6 and enjoy the next stage of their learning journey, and continue to show what amazing individuals they are!

Thank you for all your support this year and many thanks for all your kind messages. I wish you all a healthy, enjoyable and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing everybody upon our return in the Autumn.

Year 6

What a year it has been! Year 6 you have been an absolute delight to teach this year, I have particularly enjoyed watching your personalities blossom over the year. Your independence and perseverance have developed continuously, leading to great work. I will miss you all very much but I am excited for you all to continue your journeys. Best of luck Fanshawe Class, keep TRYING and please visit!

The Reception Class Cookbook is here!



This charming collection of recipes has been lovingly created by the families of our Reception class. Packed with family favourites, fun foodie ideas, and a sprinkle of childhood joy, every dish helps support our school community.

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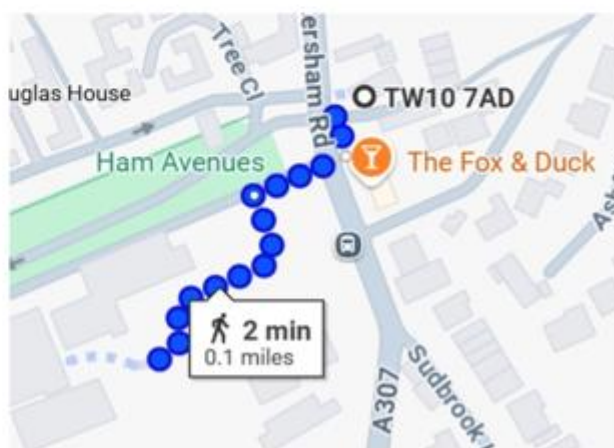
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- 30 minutes lessons
- 14 week term

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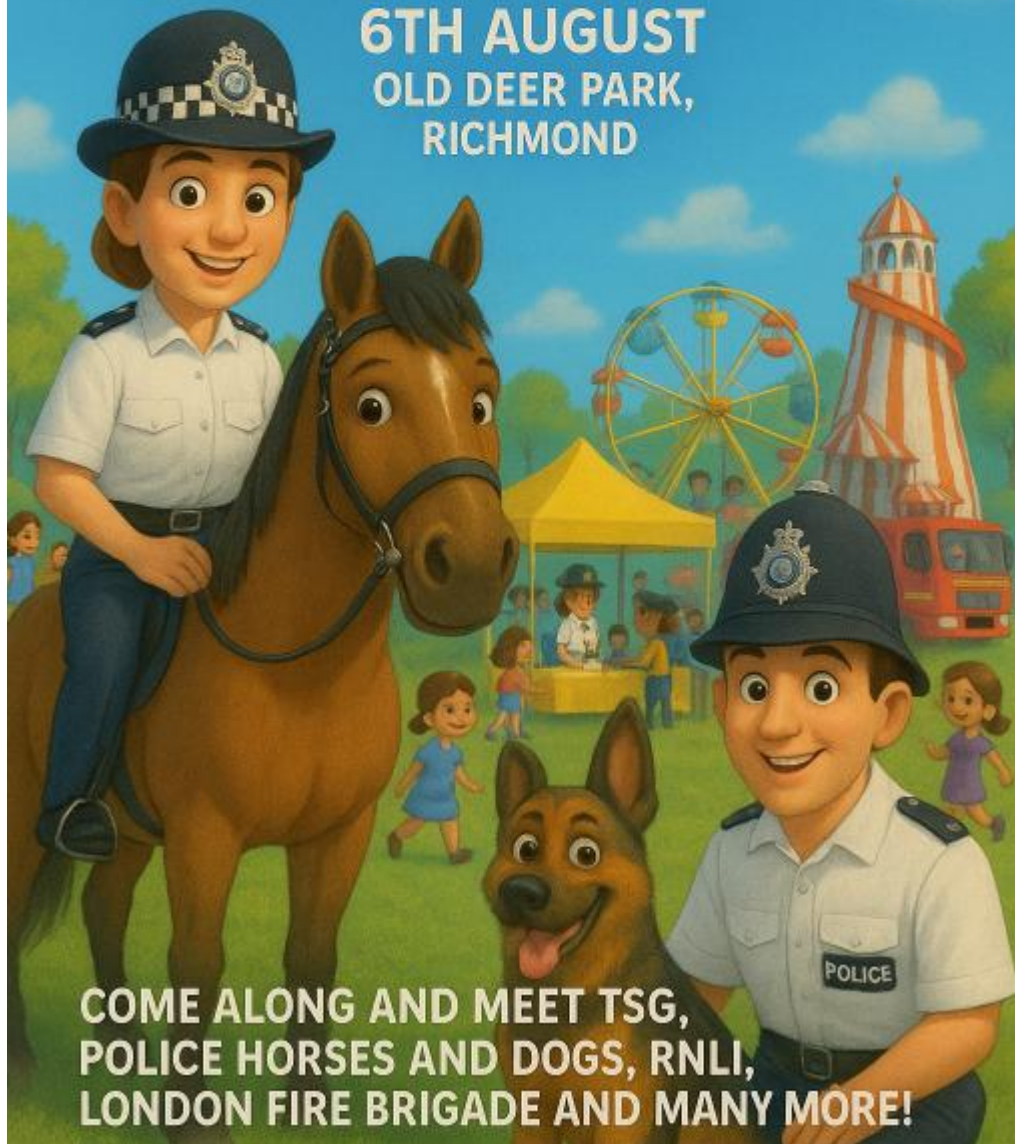
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Upcoming dates for Autumn term

3.9.25	Children return to school. Gates open 8.30am
8.9.25	Reception children starting. Staggered start through the week
15.9.25	First full week for Reception children
1.10.25	Black History Month starts
13.10.25	NSPCC <i>'Talk PANTS week'</i>
23.10.25	Individual photos
27.10.25	Half term week
3.11.25	Children return to school
10.11.25	Anti Bullying Week
12.11.25	Yr 5 Sayers Croft. Return on Friday
17.11.25	Road Safety Week
10.12.25	YR 3 – 6 Panto trip
12.12.25	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day EYFS Singalong
16.12.25	Carol Concert at St Peter's (TBC)
17.12.25	KS1 Festive production (timings TBC)
18.12.25	KS1 Festive production (timings TBC)
19.12.25	Final day of term. Finish at 1.45pm
5.1.26	INSET day – school closed for children
6.1.26	Children return to school. Gates open 8.30am

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.

Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.

Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!