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#### Dear Families,

It's been another hot and humid week but that hasn't stopped the action!

I start this week's newsletter with an enormous, music-filled thank you to the organisers, performers, sponsors and supporters of our amazing Russell Rocks event. It was the most magical celebration of music, community, collaboration – and all the things that make The Russell School special and it raised a whopping **£ 6,661!** There are a couple of photos below but there will be a separate Russell Rocks newsletter coming out soon.

The events don't stop there – as I type, our Year 4 children are having a whale of a time at Thames Young Mariners and our Reception children are at Ham Common. A selection of photos from Thames Young Mariners are included below. We've got an action-packed couple of weeks as we move towards the end of term. In order to highlight their prominence in the newsletter, I have plotted them out on the next page.

On Wednesday this week, we held a PTA emergency general meeting. Please see the accompanying letter for further information. In September, when families come in to meet their childrens' teachers and visit classrooms, I will share with everyone the current, concerning financial landscape, but the PTA communication will give you a sense of the situation in which we find ourselves. As ever, your support – not only financial but also in terms of your skills – is so appreciated and I certainly think it is part of what makes our school so special.

This year, we will be emailing reports to families. As long as there are no technical hitches, these will be emailed next week and if you would like to pick up on anything, you are invited to make contact with class teachers once you have received them. We have decided to email rather than print to save on the costings of paper and ink and to reduce admin time. If you would like a printed copy, please do request and we will of course oblige.

Thank you very much for your questionnaire feedback. It is a really positive picture and there are some themes to explore – especially around communication! This is always a theme on school questionnaires and I completely agree that there are often lots of emails / last-minute reminders etc. It is a constant area of improvement for us and I do understand frustrations – especially towards the end of term when there are so many things happening! We will endeavour to do better!

I do want to address a point of feedback which has popped up a few times around marketing. Just to make all families aware, we did have a stall at The Ham Fair this year, staffed by some of our amazing PTA members – in fact, the last edition of the newsletter featured some pictures from the event. We put articles into each issue of the Ham and Petersham magazine in which we are given space. Marketing and revenue-building has been, and continues to be at the absolute forefront of my work, supported by members of the governing body and PTA and wider parent / carer group. With that in mind, you will be aware that we had secured a partnership with Camp Beaumont to lease our school and provide holiday camps for children in the area. Unfortunately, due to new ownership, they have pulled out of this partnership. We have worked swiftly to find an alternative and we are delighted to tell you that Footy Fun 4 Kids will be running holiday camps on-site throughout the six week break. They are also offering childcare for our INSET days on Monday and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. These camps are not solely football-based. They will be fun, active and varied and they come to me highly recommended by another Headteacher. The costings are more favourable than Camp Beaumont and they are able to accept FUEL vouchers for families in receipt of the pupil premium. We are excited about this partnership and we are hoping that it is a relationship that will grow and grow. Flyer attached below. Please do have a look. https://www.footyfun4kids.com/holiday-camps/richmond-holiday-camp/

I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Happy Pride weekend to all who are celebrating!

Laura Brooks

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- 1. Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 transition to secondary school day
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Year 3 Create Day Performance for families at 2.15 in the hall
- 3. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July KS2 production 1.45pm
- 4. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July (am) Year R 5 transition to new classroom morning. (Parents / Carers will also be informed of new class teachers on this day. SEN tea parties will take place to support children who need additional transition time.)
- 5. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July KS2 production 5pm
- 6. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July Sports' Day. Please join me in the school hall at 9.00am if you would like to share views on the re-visioning of our school values and then go and find a spot on the school field for sports' day which kicks off at 9.20 for Nursery families and 9.45 for the rest of the school
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July KS1 picnic Parents / carers to meet children at Richmond Park Play Area at 11.00 am
- 8. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July Instrumental concert 2pm (*Mrs Thomas will inform families of those involved.*)
- 9. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Early Years picnic 10.30am
- 10. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July- Nursery Graduation Ceremony 11.00am
- 11. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 leavers' evening 5.30pm
- 12. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July Last day of the term. School finishes at 1.45pm

### We are officially a healthy school!

On Tuesday, I was very proud to take three of our Year Five children, Gabi, Camille and Levi, to collect our Bronze Healthy Schools London Award. This award was given in recognition of the fantastic work done in school to promote planting and growing, to acknowledge the impressive number of children who participate in wider physical opportunities offered, to celebrate the healthy lunches served on-site and in support of the personal development opportunities offered to the children. With huge thanks to Zdenka for her support with our application.



### **Russell Rocks Rocked!**

Thank you to everyone involved and a special thank you to Nico, Year Six, for compering the event! More photos to come in our special Russell Rocks Newsletter







### Year Four Making a Splash!



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### Nursery

We can't believe we're nearly at the end of our school year! We have enjoyed so many opportunities to play, grow and learn and for those of us moving up to Reception, we look forward to sharing our Graduation Ceremony with you all on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### Reception

We hope you enjoyed our assembly this morning. We worked so hard to learn our lines and our songs and we loved having the opportunity to perform on the big stage! We have also had the best afternoon on our trip, exploring and creating at the Common. We will all sleep well tonight!

### Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful couple of weeks. We have been busy immersing ourselves in our new book Lila and the Secret of Rain and we are preparing to write our very own version! In music we have been enjoying exploring different instruments and we even had a go at playing the violin! We have also been continuing exploring our topic of summer by creating some wonderful art work.

### Year 2

We have had a busy few weeks, we are working hard! In science this week, we have been investigating whether bananas can make us run faster – and the results are in...yes, they do! Our young scientists had great fun testing this tasty theory! In geography, we've been learning about the four countries of the UK. We are looking forward to using the information we have gathered in our upcoming non-chronological reports in English. In maths, we've been exploring position and direction, using lots of practical activities to help us describe movement and turns with confidence. In DT, we have been practicing our weaving skills, ready for our final design. Look out for the owl which will be winging its way to you all soon! A big thank you to Ms Menard who has been helping the children in class to speak French and Turkish!

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	Relay Time BEFORE BANANA	Relay Time S AFTER BANANAS
Group 1	1 min 3s	598
Group 2	1 min 1s	55s
Group 3		1min 1s
Group 4	$1 \min 4s$ $0 \min 56s$	59's 15
Group 5	U min 965	555

### Year 3

This week our learning has been based around our animal puppet creations! In English, we have been planning and writing instructions for how to make our puppets and in DT, we have been perfecting our sewing skills. Our marvellous creations will be coming home soon!

### Year 4

We have had the best two days at Thames Young Mariners! The weather was perfect, the water adventures were fun, the food was good and we even slept a bit! Apologies to any residents who heard us from their gardens last night!

### Year 5

In Year 5 we have been working hard to practise our songs (and dance) for the Year 6 production next week. We have been continuing work on our business plans (to create our own theme park), and working out how much we should charge our visitors for each ticket, to ensure we can make a profit each week. We have worked collaboratively to create an advert to launch our theme park and have been using persuasive techniques to encourage our audience to buy! In addition, a small group of children had the opportunity to attend a similar event at Tiffin Girls' School – lots of transferable skills!





### Year 6

The past fortnight in Fanshawe Class has been full-on! We had certificates for Bikeability, swimming lessons, propmaking and the class have been working hard on their performances. It has been lovely to see different children shine in different areas such as prop making, producing, singing and acting. The children should be very proud of their hard work. Parents and carers should get ready to be wowed and amazed for next week's performances! School of Pop... Let's Rock!

### 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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- 30 minutes lessons
- · 14 week term

#### SUMMER COURSES

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- Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August
- Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August
- Tuesday 26th August to Friday 29th August
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### Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Summer 2025 touch typing courses for 7 - 16s

Twickenham Prep School, Hampton TW12 2SA

Monday 14 - Thursday 17 July

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Monday 21 - Thursday 24 July

Monday 28 - Thursday31 July

Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 August

Sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily\*

\*Full day care/ sports camp available

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Flip crazy skate ramps, zap aliens and collect super hero movie outfits while learning an amazing skill. Typing proficiency will significantly boost your child's academic attainment in today's digital world.

Prior to setting up *Typing's Cool*, Sarah Holt worked as a teacher at Weston Green School and Nick Holt was a secondary school Head of English.

Cost: £176.00 per place

OFSTED registered - childcare vouchers accepted

10% discount for siblings/ bring a friend

Duke of Edinburgh skills assessor



Wednesday 16th July 2025

9.30am to 2.15pm

Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton, KT5 9HU

#### About the Seminar

"Understanding Autism' is one of the Autism Seminars for Families which provides information and advice to parents and carers of children who have received a diagnosis of autism or are on the pathway for an assessment of autism.

#### The seminar will help families to:

- > develop an understanding of autism
- > discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis
- > identify how autism can affect families
- > explore practical ideas for developing communication strategies

#### Seminar cost?

Families can book a place on the 'Understanding Autism' seminar for £5 (cash please) each, which includes a full resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines.

Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.

#### How to book a place

Please complete the registration form by following this link -

https://forms.gle/mqQ7WDoKpvw4WuDV7

or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.

Name: Jane Pidduck

Email: jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk

Telephone: 020 8399 5344



# Are you raising the child of a relative or a friend?

Whether you have a special guardianship order, child arrangement order or no legal order in place, you and your child are eligible for support and advice to help with education.

This could include:

- Pupil Premium funding
- advice and support from AfC Virtual School
- advice and support from other organisations

For more information, please contact Rebecca Lloyd at AfC Virtual School or the designated teacher in your school.

Email: rebecca.lloyd@achievingforchildren.org.uk









### **Sector Support** at **The Poppy Factory** Richmond upon Thames poppyfactory.org/discoverydays

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THURSDAYS: 25th September, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October & 6th November 2025



9:45AM - 2:30PM