



THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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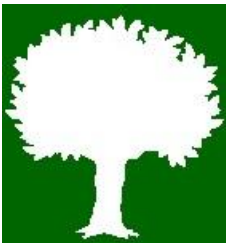
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Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

First of all, thank you everyone for being so flexible and understanding with our water emergency this morning. Thames Water are now on-site and all will be up and running soon! All the children dealt with the emergency situation calmly and sensibly and those who stayed with us this afternoon had a lovely time.

As I write this, we are waiting for our Year Six children to return from the Isle of Wight where they've had a week of fun, challenge and adventure, making memories which will stay with them well into adulthood. I'm looking forward to their assembly next Friday morning!

On Thursday 12th June, the PTA are running our annual Bounceathon. This is a really fun fundraiser. Please can I urge everyone to fill in the Google Form over the weekend to give the children permission to bounce? We don't want them to miss out!

The Ham Fair is taking place next Saturday, 14th June. The PTA are going to run a crafting and face painting stall and some of our older children will be performing The Maypole Dance. Do come along and support if you can.

Our Russell Rocks Summer Festival is fast-approaching so please make sure you've got Friday 27th June in your diaries as it's sure to be a fantastic event.

Another reminder for diaries is our Sports Day on Friday 11th July. This is a great family event, involving the children of both The Russell and Strathmore School.

As I reported to you all last term, Kier Construction have now set up their porta-cabins using a small section of our playground, providing some much-needed income to the school. I know a number of you have asked about the Tree Fort. Please be assured that we are working very hard to get the repairs done. It is a bespoke piece of equipment and with that in mind, it is vital that the correct contractors are in place to ensure the work is completed to the standard required.

Next week our Year One children will be completing their phonics screening check and our Year Four children will be completing their multiplication check. You can support your children by spending some time this weekend going over their learning.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny weekend,

Laura Brooks

Nursery

The Nursery have been looking at the shapes triangle, square, circle and rectangle. We have been matching and making pictures with lots of shapes. We have been trying to recognise these shapes around us. In phonics we have enjoyed finding things in the nursery that begin with 'l' for 'lollipop'. We have also practiced saying the sound correctly. Some of our beans that we planted before the holiday have started growing at home. Erin sent us a photo of her bean! I wonder how tall it will grow?



Reception

This week, Reception had their first P.E lesson! We talked about how each of us belong to a house and that is what the colour of our t-shirts represent. Many children thought P.E was just about running, but we explored it further and saw pictures of children balancing, using equipment carefully, playing in teams and learning new skills. We started off the session with a warm up, then played the colours game and ended with a cool down. Children especially enjoyed walking around the hall doing the heel-to-toe walk, what great focus! We can't wait till next week!



Year 1

The children have had great fun immersing themselves into our new topic 'Weather'. In English, we are reading the text 'Ivy and the Lonely Raincloud' and we are preparing to write an information text all about the different seasons. In maths, we have been looking at different dates and have begun developing an understanding of time. The children are very excited because next week we will start exploring time with the clocks! This week we have also been revising all of our phonics sounds and preparing for the phonics screening next week. It has absolutely lovely to see all of the children developing a love for reading and reading regularly at home. Thank you for your support with this, it makes all the difference.

Year 2

Our week has been rather different this week with Mrs McCann being away on the Year 6 trip. This week we have completed some assessments in English and maths which has given us all a great sense of achievement! We have also had real fun reading a hilarious book called *The 13-Story Treehouse*. We went on a fun adventure with the main characters, Terry and Andy. We are very much looking forward to reading the next book next week!

Year 3

I hope everyone had a restful break over half term. It was wonderful to see the children come back in so well rested and ready to learn. In English this week, we have started looking at a new book called 'Elf Road'. We have been creating our own story and describing the food we would like to have in our dream feast. In maths, we have started learning about time and I have been so impressed with how the children have handled this concept. Our new science topic this term is 'Light' and we have started by looking at different sources of light and what darkness is.

Year 4

We have had a wonderful week back in Year 4! The children have made a fantastic start to their multiplication tables checks, as well as starting our new maths topic, symmetry. In English, we have begun to explore the book Flotsam, and the children really enjoyed exploring its beautiful illustrations and identifying themes. In PE, we have been exploring personal achievement, and will continue to build upon our resilience in preparation for sports day. Thank you for your hard work this week Year 4!

Year 5

Another busy start to our last term in Year 5! We have begun our new science topic by testing the law of forces, in particular centripetal forces. We have been writing our calligram poems about a roller-coaster using metaphors, similes and personification to excite the reader. In maths, we are learning about converting units of measure and using our reasoning and problem solving skills. Finally, we have set ourselves some targets for the end of Year 5 for school, home and clubs...hopefully you'll see a difference!



A Wheely Great Race for Thea!

Thea raced as a member of the London Borough of Richmond team at the cycling events of the London Youth Games last weekend, which took place at the Lee Valley Cycling Centre and Velopark (the 2012 Olympic cycling venue). Competing in the under 10 girls Time Trial event, she took on two laps of the road circuit course. Despite the setback of a gear malfunction that left her stuck in a small gear, she kept a cool head and span her legs, missing out on silver by just 2 seconds, but was delighted to win a bronze medal against two very strong girls from the Greenwich team. Thea was astonished at how heavy the medal was, and it now has pride of place on the mantelpiece.





Art work by Ben, Year 6

We are delighted to announce that Gibson Lane will be sponsoring our Russell Rocks Summer Festival on Friday, 27th June 2025! 🎵 Their generous support includes estate agent advertising boards, with each board sponsored for £15, contributing to an impressive total of £750 for up to 50 boards.

To participate, please fill in your address in the form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0YxDzRtyhBS03PhpRcLMkWkzggw6wXfz6OaAf1EfxV6lQQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Gibson Lane will ensure the boards are installed approximately two to three weeks prior to the festival and will take them down about one week afterward.

Lastly, please double-check that your properties are permitted to have an estate agent board put up before signing up!

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Check out the sample recipes below for a flavour of what's in store and please share with friends and family too.

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Napoli on the Road
Arancino of Sicily
Dolce VyTA
The Oyster Society
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Sicilian Pride
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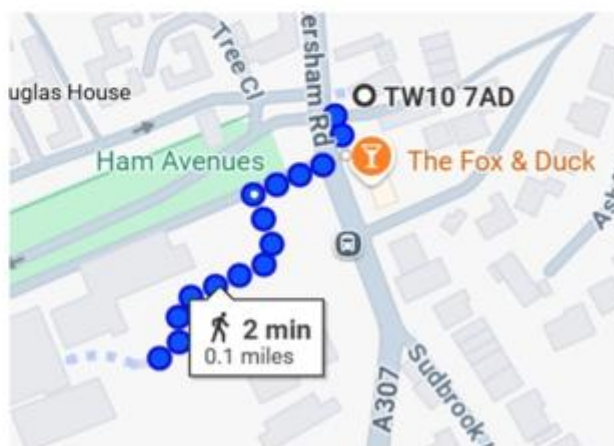
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- Saturday and Sunday 8am to 6pm
- 30 minutes lessons
- 14 week term

SUMMER COURSES

- Monday 21st July to Friday 25th July
- Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August
- Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August
- Tuesday 26th August to Friday 29th August
- Based in Richmond
- Excel in swimming in a short amount of time
- Prices from £112 for the full week



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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/mqQ7WDoKpww4WuDVZ>

or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.

Name: **Jane Pidduck**

Email: **jpiddu2@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk**

Telephone: **020 8399 5344**

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Supporting Families with children 0-19 years with SEND



Coffee morning!

Grab a hot drink, have a chat and meet the team.



"very good service"
Parent A



"gave informative and practical advice and support"
Parent B

Where?	When?	What time?
Grow Baby, 38 Surbiton Rd, Kingston Upon Thames, KT1 2JR	Monday 9th June 2025	10:00 am till 12:00 am

To access this service your child must be on the pathway for an assessment/diagnosis or have received a diagnosis. Also, they must live within the Kingston or Richmond Borough or have a GP in either borough.

*your*healthcare

sendsupport@yourhealthcare.org

Richmond **Dyslexia** Association

Do you have a child with **dyslexia**?

Do you think your child might be **dyslexic**?

Come and join local parents for support and advice
at our coffee morning

on

4th July from 9 to 11am.



We meet informally, no need to book.

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37 Lower George St, Richmond TW9 1HU

www.richmonddyslexia.org.uk

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



Ham Lego Club

Explore your creativity with Lego and become a master builder

Everyone loves making things with Lego! Design and build amazing creations and take part in fun Lego challenges. Lego Club is great way to meet new friends, share tips and show off building skills. Lego will be provided, so just bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Open to children of all ages. Free drop-in event.

Starts January 2024.

Second Saturday of the month

2.00pm – 3.30pm

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11:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

- Free to attend popular and busy community event
- Held annually in June; has been running for over 40 years
 - Dog Show
 - Live Bands
- Local school performances
 - Childrens rides
 - Vintage vehicles
 - Over 140 stalls
- Antiques; books; bric-a-brac; clothes; gifts; toys; vintage & much much more!
 - Hot and cold food stalls
- Many other attractions – something for everyone.



NOTICEBOARD

Upcoming dates	
9.6.25	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week Multiplication Check Week Year 5 Rose Theatre Childrens' Literary Festival visit
12.6.25	Bounceathon
13.6.25	Year 6 Isle of Wight assembly 9.00am
14.6.25	Ham Fair
17.6.25	International Day
27.6.25	Russell Rocks and Summer Fair
3.7.25	Year 4 to Thames Young Mariners
8.7.25	Year 3 create day
9.7.25	Year 4 – 6 production (afternoon performance 1.45pm)
10.7.25	Whole school transition morning Yr 4 – 6 Evening production
11.7.25	Sports Day morning
17.7.25	Leavers' evening
18.7.25	Last day of term

Breakfast Club
<p>Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.</p> <p>Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.</p> <p>Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!</p>