



# THE RUSSELL SCHOOL



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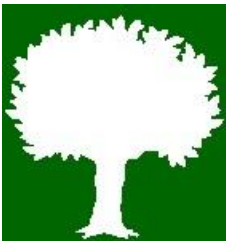
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## Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

We've had an action-packed, sunny start to the half term and we've got lots more action to come! Year 4 have been to Ham House, we've had lots of sports fixtures, we've held our annual PTA quiz and our school councillors have visited The Houses of Parliament, where they chatted to Sarah Olney. As we have had so much going on since returning to school this half term, this week's newsletter doesn't include individual class updates.

Yesterday was *World Book Day* and the children enjoyed a creative and engaging time, with a variety of activities inspired by the book *Leaf*, written by Sandra Dieckmann. This leafy theme continues next week with our Year 3 and 5 history project and our orchard-planting extravaganza!

Please do remember to take advantage of the discount code for booking into Camp Beaumont for childcare during the Easter holiday period. They are offering a great spring promotion, running from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This will be shared with you in a separate email on Monday. We are really keen to make this partnership as successful as we can so please do spread the word!

Our Parent / Carer / teacher evenings are coming up on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. You will be sent booking details shortly. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with these evenings so please do browse and buy if you can. The book fair will run after school from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Today, our girls have enjoyed celebrating The Biggest Girls' Football Day. It is so inspiring to see all of our girls getting stuck in. We have some great female players in school who we know could go on to great things, so days such as today are really important.

Wishing you all a lovely, sunny weekend,

*Laura Brooks*

# Quiz Night

A huge thank you to Marcus, Phoebe and Anke for hosting a great quiz night last Friday. The right team won, but it was close! If you didn't join us this time, please do come along next year. It's a relaxed and sociable evening and everyone is welcome.



## A Thank you from Mrs Povey

Thank you to everyone who helped raise almost £1500 for the MTR Smit children's home in Gqeberqa, South Africa. We were fortunate enough to meet some of the children the money will help, and talk through some ideas about how we can help in the future. We look forward to regular updates from the director Tanya Eales.  
*Danielle Povey*





# World Book Day Fun



# British Values in action!



Our School Council representatives from Year 1 to 6 enjoyed a very special visit to The Houses of Parliament where they met Sarah Olney. First, they learnt about the history of The Palaces of Westminster before taking a tour of the gowning room and The House of Commons. The children literally followed in the footsteps of King Charles and they even saw some bills before they become law!





## Ham House for Year 4



Our Year 4 class enjoyed a guided tour of Ham House, identifying different artifacts of historical significance.

Freya told us: 'One of the paintings in the gallery was very special because it showed us how powerful a King can be because he was made to look taller, looking down on us.'

This trip was a culmination of last half term's history topic which focused on exploring the rich and varied history of our local environment.





# JOIN US THIS EASTER!

Day Camps from **£40** per day

 **Camp  
Beaumont**

**Book  
Now!**

LIMITED TIME OFFER

B SHARP STUDIOS  
PRESENTS

# ROCKBAND PROJECT

A FUN-FILLED PROGRAM DESIGNED TO  
INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO THE EXCITING  
WORLD OF ROCK MUSIC





## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **HAM FAIR SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025 HAM COMMON,**

**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

10.3.25	Year 3 & Year 5 Yggdrasil Project
11.3.25	Whole school tree planting day
11 - 13.3.25	SEND Family/Teacher Meetings
14.3.25	Year 4 Class Assembly (9:00am)
18.3.25	Book Fair Week
18.3.25 / 20.3.25	Family/Teacher Meetings and Scholastic Book Fair
21.3.25	Year 3 Class Assembly (9:00am)
04.4.25	Year 5 Class Assembly (9:00am) Last Day (finish at 1:45pm)

### 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!**