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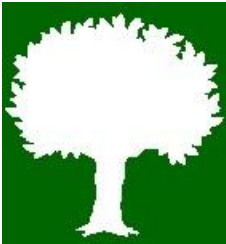
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Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

I can't believe another term is complete and the final term of the academic year is nearly upon us!

Highlights across the school this term include: class assemblies, music events, parent / carer meetings, numerous sports fixtures, performing at the O2, performing at The Rose Theatre, exploring the local area, trips to museums and theatres, our on-site history project and orchard planting, preparing the allotment area and last but not least, today's eggciting raffle!

We are saying goodbye to Miss Mulchrone as she moves on to start her next phase of life in Devon. I know you will all join us in thanking her for the love and care she has shown the children in her class and the commitment and support she has shown the team.

After the Spring break, many of our children (and teachers) will be gearing themselves up towards national benchmarking tests. These tests are completed by all children across England.

Our Year 1s will be completing their phonics screening check in June. Miss Dittrich will be inviting families into the classroom on Monday 28th April at 3.30pm to explain the process and answer any questions.

Although the Year 2 SATS tests are no longer a mandatory assessment point, all local authority schools will be given SATS-type material to use with the children at some point in May. Teachers will share the material in class as part of their everyday lessons and children won't be placed under any unnecessary stress or strain.

Year 4 will take part in the multiplication check in June. Get on Times Tables Rock Stars to challenge yourselves, beat your previous scores and limber up for the June check!

Our Year 6 children will take their national SATS assessments w/c 12th May. Teachers are working hard to prepare the children and ensure they feel calm and confident. Please support your children by ensuring they complete any homework activities and encouraging them to read widely and often!

Just a reminder that we have *Camp Beaumont* providing clubs throughout the Spring break. Please do use this service or we will lose it!

As children will have a well-deserved break over the next couple of weeks, please can I urge you all to be mindful of how much screen time the children will be accessing? Below, I have attached some QR codes which give clear guidance on how to set up restrictions on apps and devices. We have had a number of cases of having to intervene in playground games which have been influenced by highly inappropriate material accessed online.

As ever, I want to thank you all for supporting your children and supporting us all. We really are operating in very challenging economical times in schools and the support, engagement, time and expertise which you all as a community offer us are so appreciated.

For many of our families there will be cause for celebrations over the break whether that be over the Easter weekend or during Passover – and we hope any of our families who celebrated Eid last weekend had a wonderful time with family and friends. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time,

Laura Brooks

Setting parental controls on your child's devices



If you're viewing this on a screen, tap or click the appropriate logo. If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child. We recommend you set the device not to allow *any* apps or games to be installed without your permission. Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



An Eggcellent Treat!

Thank you to all families for taking part in our egg raffle. With your help, we raised £192!



Our Big Dig!



Thank you to all friends and family who came and supported our Big Dig last Friday. The raised beds are now ready for planting and there are plans afoot for a bigger, better and more accessible allotment coming soon!

Year 4 Flautists



Year 4 has been learning the flute with the Richmond Music Trust this term. They played a concert at the end of term, for their families and Year 3. Well done Year 4!

Russell Rocks Revisited!

After the success of our inaugural Russell Rocks Music Festival last June, we are delighted to tell you that this is now part of our yearly calendar and this year, we will combine with our Summer Fair. Save the date of Friday 27th June 5-8pm Tickets available using the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/therussellschool>

In order to kick-start the advertising of this, we need your help!

★ Russell Rock Summer Festival Drawing Competition! ★

Unleash your creativity and join our exciting Drawing Competition for the Russell Rocks Summer Festival! 🎨✨

Open to all years in the school, this is your chance to showcase your artistic talent. Whether you're a budding Picasso or just love to doodle, we want to see your masterpieces!

The chosen entry will be featured in the Estate Agent board that will be dotted around the neighbourhood.

Size of entry: Horizontal A4 paper

Theme: Must be brightly coloured with a musical and summer theme

Deadline: Friday 25 April 2025

Submit your drawings for a chance to shine and support our school!

Let's make Russell Rocks Summer Festival 2025 unforgettable! 🌈☀️

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/1FAIpQLSf0YxDxzRtyhBS03PhpRcLMkWkzggw6wXfz6OaAf1EfxV6lQQ/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!

Warm regards,
The Russell School PTA

Teatime Choir

We really enjoyed teatime choir after school on Thursdays this term. Thank you to our parent helpers Manon and Parry for making us sound great and for making this club so much fun! We are looking forward to resuming Breakfast Choir on Tuesday mornings from 8.15 - 8.45am. Please see the clubs list for more details.



Nursery

What an exciting term we have had. The cold days have turned to many sunny days enjoying our garden and exploring the mud kitchen and water play as the weather warms up. We have enjoyed learning about things that live and work under the ground - animals, insects and under water fish. The last two weeks we have explored pattern making using the story 'Hooray for Fish'. We have made patterns using loose parts, printing and talking about what a pattern is. This week we rounded off the term with a visit from the Easter Bunny who left us some lovely treats.



Reception

This term has been filled change and growth and it has been the perfect time to learn about **Amazing Animals** (and minibeasts!) Reception has noticed how many more animals, insects and plants we can see in our EYFS playground and have enjoyed turning stones and logs over to explore this more! We have also had the joy of observing caterpillars grow in our classroom. Every day we have seen them grow longer and longer until they made their very special chrysalides. Fingers crossed when we come back from the Easter break we will have butterflies! We have also been frequent visitors to our pond and have found a good few frogs and thousands of frogspawn! This really brought our learning about lifecycles to life. Thanks to our pet visitors, Rocky the dog and Bosco the cat, we know what we need to do when looking after animals making sure they have food, drink, shelter and lots of cuddles and play time!



Year 1

I am so proud of the work Year 1 have produced this half term. They have worked incredibly hard and have a great attitude towards their learning. As a class they continue to read regularly at home and I would like to thank you all for your support with this. The children have enjoyed learning all about London this half term and this week we have been busy writing a diary entry about a day out in London. In maths, we have been consolidating our fluency with numbers to 20 and in science we have been conducting experiments around forces. I hope you all have an amazing break and I look forward to hearing all about it when we return back to school.

Year 2

In year 2 we have been enjoying writing poems and doing lots of Easter related activities. We have loved making 3D pop up cards, playdough chicks and arrays in maths to represent multiplication and division! A brilliant end to the Spring term. Well done Year 2!



Year 3

What a wonderful fortnight it has been. Year 3 have produced some excellent work. From starting to learn about unit fractions in maths, to learning all about biographies in English and investigating different European countries in geography. Well done Year 3. I hope you have a restful break. You deserve it. **Reminders:** Next term Year 3 will be continuing with swimming as part of our PE curriculum. This will start the first week back. On Friday 2nd May Year 3 will be visiting Richmond Synagogue. Please complete the form on Google Forms.

Year 4

What a fantastic term Year 4 have had! We've finished our English unit on George's Marvellous Medicine, where the children wrote some very imaginative character descriptions, instructions, and biographies. In maths, we have been recapping parts and wholes ahead of our fractions topic, and we concluded our science topic, *Living Things and their Habitats*, by making some beautiful classification keys! Well done for all your hard work Year 4, have a lovely sunny Easter!

Reminder: Year 4 will not be swimming next term, our PE days will be Thursdays and Fridays.

Year 5

It is incredible to think that we are already at Easter! A tinge of sadness to know that when we return, we will be embarking on our last term together in Year 5! Having said that, what a delight this term has been. History has been a key theme for us this term. We have enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, including our fabulous trip to the British Museum, Yggdrasil and Titanic too! We have learnt lots about different types of numbers; prime, composite, cubed, square, largest and common multiples and we have ploughed on with our work in fractions. We have written non-chronological reports, poems, and our assembly scripts to enhance our writing, drama, speaking and listening skills. We thoroughly enjoyed Our Wonderful World singing at the Rose Theatre and the week culminated in our French Café and Titanic assembly. We are definitely ready for our chocolate! I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the summer term!



Year 6

This term has been filled with hard work, and it has paid off! Year 6 completed their mock exams, demonstrating incredible responsibility and remaining well-settled throughout. This hard work has continued in their classwork. The children loved our book this term, "Holes" by Louis Sachar, which led to them writing their own informal letters to their parents, informing them about the true realities of living at Camp Green Lake. We have been finishing up topics in maths and will return next term to focus on revision. The class have also begun discussions about their fundraising ideas for their trip to the Isle of Wight (Make It Grow). Keep up the great work, Fanshawe Class, and have a lovely, well-deserved break!

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Day Camps from **£40** per day

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Easter at MUSEUM of RICHMOND

FAMILY WORKSHOP:

SPLENDID SPRING WREATHS

- Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 April, 10am to 12noon
- Step into the beauty of spring and dive into the enchanting world of floral wreaths with your family!
- £6 per child – Adults FREE
- Book now: bit.ly/museumofrichmond or scan the QR code

FAMILY WORKSHOP:

DELIGHTFUL DOILY DECORATIONS

- Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 April, 10am to 12noon
- Get ready for a springtime adventure bursting with creativity and family fun! Transform simple paper doilies into stunning spring decorations that will brighten up any space.
- £6 per child – Adults FREE
- Book now: bit.ly/museumofrichmond or scan the QR code

FREE CRAFTS: EXCELLENT EASTER EGGS

- From 1pm weekdays and 10am Saturdays
- Creative fun for all ages! Drop in and get crafty!
- Make Easter Egg decorations this April - FREE, no booking needed, just bring your imagination!
- Self-led activity – children must be supervised.

FREE TRAIL: BOUNCING BUNNIES

- Join Lizzie and Harry on a museum adventure!
- Solve puzzles and win royal rewards!
- Available all April – pick up a FREE trail at the Museum!

MUSEUM OPENING HOURS

Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm

Saturdays 10am to 4pm

CLOSED Mondays and Sundays



Museum of Richmond, 2nd floor, Old Town Hall,
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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

22.4.25	Return to school
25.4.25	Year 2 scooter training
28.4.25	Year 1 parent / carer information workshop – phonics screening check. 3.30pm in classroom
30.4.25	Year 4 parent / carer information workshop – Thames Young Mariners 3.30 in classroom,
29.4.25	Year 1 visit to Ham Library
2.5.25	Year 3 Richmond Synagogue Visit
2.5.25	Provisional Year 6 'Grow a Pound' sale
5.5.25	May Bank Holiday – school closed
9.5.25	Year 1 farm trip
12.5.25	Year 6 SATS commence
18.5.25	Petersham Open Gardens ice cream sale at The Russell
19.5.25	Year 1 Barnes Childrens' Literary Festival visit
20.5.25	Year 3 Barnes Childrens' Literary Festival visit
23.5.25	Whole School Class Photos
23.5.25	Year 1 Class Assembly Last day of half term
2.6.25	Children return to school

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!