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AUTUMN TERM CLUBS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Dear Families,

Attached to this email you will find a list of extra-curricular clubs that we are keen to run in the Autumn Term 2026.

Each club provider has a 'minimum' number of children that they require to join, in order for it to be viable for their club to go ahead, so please anticipate that some clubs may not take place.

The majority of clubs will begin the week commencing the **21st September** until, and including, the week commencing the **7th December**. Please note there are a few clubs running for less weeks due to prior commitments of the club provider. **Exact club dates can be found on the clubs' timetable, please check these carefully before booking.**

All of our club providers, with the exception of the school run clubs, will **only** be taking bookings and payment directly. The information on how to book is provided on the attached club timetable. **Please book your child's place by Wednesday 9th September**. You will be advised by the provider at the time of booking whether your child has a place. Children will not be able to start any club until payment has been received. Children in Reception class will be able to attend clubs after the October half term holiday, allowing them time to settle in to school first.

For the school run music and athletics clubs, please complete the relevant google form within the club timetable by Wednesday 9th September 2026.

Please note the following for the autumn term's clubs:

We are delighted to announce a new art club for Years 4, 5 and 6. Sketchbook Creative Workshops come highly recommended and more details can be found on their flyer and website: <https://www.sketchbook.org.uk/>

Chess club will continue this year with a new teacher on a new day. Our previous teacher Mrs Vannucci, who has led the club wonderfully for years, is taking a step back to enjoy retirement. The new teacher, Mr J, comes highly recommended and will lead the club on Mondays after school. We look forward to welcoming new and returning players for another fun year of chess.

Footy Fun 4 Kids will be running the football club on Mondays, the dodgeball club on Wednesdays and introducing a new sports club on Thursdays. The Thursday club will offer different sports each term, with the autumn term sports being netball and basketball. Please see the link on the timetable for more details.

Real Runners Athletics Club – please sign up on the google form within the club timetable. **We will only contact you if the club is oversubscribed and it is not possible for your child to attend.**

Although not part of this club letter, please also note that external music lessons provided take some time out of your child's timetable. If you would like to find out exactly what your child will miss during their music lesson time, please check with your child's teacher. If you would like more information on the external music lessons, please contact the office, Mrs Thomas or Richmond Music Trust directly.

For safeguarding reasons, children attending the morning clubs MUST be dropped off by their parents or guardians.

Reduced charges: If you are currently claiming any benefits or are eligible for free school meals then we suggest you speak to the individual club leaders directly to find out if they are willing to offer a reduced fee for your child to attend their club or, if not, please speak with me directly.

Yours sincerely

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