

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

Mr McHale attended last night's Mayor's 100% Attendance Award at Southborough High School. There were 35 of our children representing our school, including many of last year's Year 6 children. Mr McHale commented that additional seating was required and our children just about fit on to the stage! There has been a strong focus on attendance nationally and it was heartening to see so many of our families in attendance to celebrate this achievement.

BikeAbility's Cycle to school week has seen lots of our families doing just that - thank you to everyone who has engaged in this incentive.

As we move into the final week of the half term, we will be celebrating Harvest across the school with collection boxes available for your donations. These will be at both gates and at Breakfast club. Thank you in advance for your support for the local community.

Halloween and Children's Safety Guidance from the Child Accident Prevention Trust

While Halloween is an exciting time for children, it can also bring some safety concerns. Traditionally, worries have focused on anti-social behaviour and general public safety during trick-or-treating or local events.

However, there are also important safety considerations closer to home. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has highlighted some hidden risks to children and young people around Halloween, including unsafe costume designs and poor visibility in the dark.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a moment to read their recent advice and help make this Halloween a fun and safe one for everyone.

Find out more here:

[Halloween and Children's Safety](#)

A visit from Pantosaurus

This week, Nursery, Reception, and Years 1, 2, and 3 were visited by Pantosaurus! The children have been learning how to keep their bodies safe by following the Five PANTS Rules.

Activities have included reading the *Pantosaurus book*, listening to the catchy song and taking part in thoughtful class discussions.

To support your child's learning at home, you can find a helpful Parent Guide here:

[pants-parents-guide-online.pdf](#)



Sporting events

We have had two hockey tournaments this week with both of our teams performing brilliantly. A massive thanks to Mr Williams who runs and coaches the Year 3-6 Hockey Club.

Year 3 and 4 Hockey Festival

The Year 3 and 4 girls and boys had a superb morning of hockey this week at Surbiton Hockey Club. They dominated their three group stage matches, winning 4-0, 6-0 and 4-0 with each player growing in confidence as the games went on. They were unlucky to lose in the Final against a strong Corpus Christi Primary, but held their heads up high in defeat.

Well done team!



Year 5 and 6 Kingston Primary Schools Hockey Tournament

What a morning of hockey for our Year 5 & 6 boys and girls at Surbiton Hockey Club this week. In a stacked field of talent across 13 schools, Grand Avenue lost only one game out of six, finishing 5th overall, winning our play off match with a dramatic late goal.

It was wonderful to see their confidence grow with every match, showing real resilience in rallying from being goals down on 2 occasions to secure valuable draw results. Well done to our girls who played every match, marshalling the mid-field and putting in some vital tackles when we were under pressure. Sam H put in a sterling performance as striker, keeping us in every game with some end to end runs and clinical finishes!

Honourable mention to Isabella T who won the "Spirit of Surbiton" award for bravery and team work, always encouraging her team and trying her hardest.

Thank you to all of our parents who supported the children and helped with transport.



Eco Club Update

Our Eco-Club have been working together to find ways to make our school more environmentally friendly. One idea they identified was to ensure there are enough bird boxes around the school grounds. Over the past few weeks, members of the Eco-Club have worked hard to build their own bird boxes from wood and decorate them beautifully. Their efforts have helped provide safe spaces for our local wildlife. The Eco-Club are now excited to begin planning their next environmental project .



Action-attainment: Parent Detectives and Navigating Inclusion- Understanding neurodiverse children with sensory and communication needs

Action-attainment's online workshop programme is for parents and teaching staff of children with hidden, neurodiverse, sensory and communication needs. It examines how we can use vital primary years to implement strategies, plan and prepare for secondary school.

The first workshop from 6, will take place from 7:30-9pm, online, on the 23 October.

Recordings of the workshops will also be available, if it is not possible to attend the live event, as well as concession places.

More information on the Action-attainment website.



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **4C & 6CM** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.3%).

Weekly House Points

Here are this weeks house points. Well done to Painshill.

Painshill	119
Claremont	117
Norbury	105
Wisley	97
Richmond	95
Kew	59



Well done to Gabby 6CM and Tessa 4V who both submitted entries for the Young Writers Annual Showcase 2025, and have both been selected for publication.

Well done to both of the girls.

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 20th Oct	REC	Diwali Dance workshop
Mon, 20th Oct	YR 5	Year 5 Science Museum
w.c 20th Oct	ALL	Harvest Collections
Tues, 21st Oct	REC	Reception Phonics and Reading workshop—online @ 9.30am
Thurs, 23rd Oct	YR 2	Tower of London visit
Thurs, 23rd Oct	ALL	Harvest Assembly
Thurs, 23rd Oct	REC/YR1	Reception & Year 1 Dress up day
Fri, 24th Oct	ALL	INSET DAY—School and Nursery Closed
Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct	ALL	HALF TERM
Mon, 3rd Nov	ALL	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 2
Weds, 5th Nov	ALL	School photos
Thurs, 6th Nov	ALL	Parent/carer teacher consultations (school closes at usual time)
Fri, 7th Nov	ALL	Parent/carer teacher consultations NURSERY CLOSED ALL DAY RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 SCHOOL—EARLY CLOSE
Tues, 11th Nov	R –6	Flu immunisations (deadline to provide consent Thurs 6th Nov)
Weds, 12th Nov	ALL	Parent Forum @ 9am
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Sat, 29th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Fri, 19th Dec	ALL	Last day of Autumn Term



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you for all of your support .
We have raised a huge **£1,460.98**
which we will spend on purchasing new books
across the school.

School Applications

If your child is due to begin Reception or move
to Secondary School in September 2026, please
visit the Kingston eAdmissions site to make
your applications. Please follow the below link:

[Kingston Council eAdmissions](#)