

Message from Shona Pitcher

Despite the cold weather this week the children have been enjoying their outside play and activities. The excitement levels were very high on Thursday morning when the snow fell! Thankfully the rain and snow held off this week and Bumblebees and Butterflies have enjoyed their Autumn walk to the Nature Reserve.

Today, the school has been visited by the Christmas Elves and it is looking very Christmassy and ready for next weekend's Grand Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who joined in this afternoon's decorating.

I am looking forward to the Christmas Fair next Saturday and wanted to say thank you to everyone in advance for their support on their year group stalls. Without all of your support events would not be able to run and I appreciate you giving up your spare time to support our school. It is always a wonderful community event and it is always such a joy to see the school filled with people and festive cheer. We are still short of some helpers so if you can spare any time then that would be really appreciated. We are hoping to buy new playground equipment so we are keen to raise as much money as possible!

Headteacher

Our Year 6 team had an excellent day representing the school at The Kingston Academy's dodgeball tournament this week! Jaanvi, Pratheek, Junaid, Aiden, Ella, Henry and Khadija played admirably against tough opposition including Our Lady Immaculate, SASM and Christ Church. The children displayed brilliant progress throughout the morning, quickly learning that success in dodgeball is often more about making spectacular catches than dodging! A massive well done to our superstar, Khadija, who single-handedly saved the team multiple times by making crucial catches that brought the entire team back into the game.

Congratulations to the whole squad on a fun and well-fought tournament!



Isabel, Imogen and Jackson in Year 6 all took part in the London Youth Games.

Well done to them all.

Surbiton Hockey Club

We're excited to invite your children to join our **FREE After-School Hockey Sessions** at **Surbiton Hockey Club** this autumn term. This club is open to **non-members in Years 3–6**, and no previous hockey experience is required—just lots of enthusiasm!

📅 **When:** Thursdays, 15:30–16:30

📍 **Where:** Surbiton Hockey Club. Sugden Rd, Thames Ditton KT7 OAE

📅 **Dates:** 25 September 2025 – 11 December 2025

📍 **Cost:** FREE (non-members only)

Our sessions are fun, engaging, and designed to help young players learn new skills, grow in confidence, and make new friends.

Equipment:

All players **must** wear a mouthguard.

Shin pads are strongly recommended.

All other equipment is provided.

The sessions are led by qualified Surbiton HC coaches, provided on behalf of the **Sugden Road Sports Trust (Registered Charity 1142996)**. All coaches are **DBS checked** and hold up-to-date **Safeguarding** and **First Aid** certifications.

📄 [Click HERE to register](#)

[https://sugdenroadsportstrust.as.me/schedule/4174dca5/?appointmentTypeIds\[\]=85744726](https://sugdenroadsportstrust.as.me/schedule/4174dca5/?appointmentTypeIds[]=85744726)

We would love to welcome your children to the pitch and share the joy of hockey with them!
If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Operation Encompass - Joint working between Schools and Police

Our School is working in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Service as part of their legal commitments under Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. This includes incidents where the child/young person was not present but is part of the household. This will ordinarily be done by the start of the next school day. Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you would like more information, please visit <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Smoke-Free Cars: Protecting Our Children

Did you know it is illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18?

This vital piece of legislation came into effect on **1 October 2015** to protect children and young people from the serious dangers of second-hand smoke. Every time a child breathes in second-hand smoke, they inhale thousands of chemicals, putting them at risk of conditions such as:

- Meningitis
- Cancer
- Bronchitis and pneumonia
- Worsened asthma

What the Law Means for Drivers

• **The fine:** Both the **driver and the smoker could be fined £50.**

• **Who it applies to:** Every driver in **England and Wales**, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence.

• **When it applies:** The law applies to any private vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof, even if windows or the sunroof are open, or the air conditioning is on. It also applies when someone is smoking in the open doorway of a vehicle.

Key Exceptions

The law **does not** apply to:

- **E-cigarettes (vaping).**
- A driver who is 17 years old if they are **on their own in the car.**
- A convertible car with the **roof completely down.**

Please help us spread the word and protect the health of our children.

Want to learn more? This short [animation tells people about the change](#) in the law.

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PARKING!

Please can we again remind parents and carers to park carefully and considerately around school and our neighbouring roads. Please remember that residents need to access on and off their driveways, we have received a number of phone calls from unhappy neighbours.

We have requested that the parking wardens patrol down side roads as well as Grand Avenue and Greenfield.

Please share any photographs/details of illegal parking with us and we will forward to the community police team.

Friday's at Afterschool club

We are pleased to offer Fun Fridays at Afterschool Club, providing the children with a relaxed and enjoyable end to the school week.

If families would like to take a little extra time on Fridays - whether for seasonal shopping, work commitments, or simply some well-deserved downtime - children can be booked into Afterschool Club with just 24 hours' notice.

Places are currently available, and children can enjoy a fun and engaging Friday afternoon with a range of activities

Reminders

We would like remind parents that the school is a no smoking zone, this includes e-cigarettes.

Please do not use your mobile phone on school premises.

The top gates should only be used for drop off and pick up of children in Years 5 & 6. Children in all other years should enter via the lower pedestrian gate.

*If your child is absent from school please notify the School Office **by 9am** on each day of their absence.*

*Please telephone and leave a message on the **Absence line: 0208 399 5344 (option 1)***

OR

*email the **School Absence email account: absence@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk***

Reception have been thoroughly enjoying their Autumn walks at the Berrylands Nature Reserve.

Ladybirds were fascinated by the tall trees and muddy paths and walked enthusiastically, spotting items on their checklist as they went.



CHRISTMAS TREE CORNER

CHRISTMAS SORTED WITH ONE CLICK

SCAN TO HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERED



£5 from every tree sold goes to GASPA!

Bottle Tombola non-uniform day

Friday 28th November 8:20am - 9:05am

Collections at the top and bottom gates 8:20am-9:05am

This is a non-uniform day in exchange for a gift or chocolate donation for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.

This is a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation for the tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Any questions email committee@gaspa.org.uk

Grand Christmas Fair

Sat 29th - Nov 12noon - 3pm

Christmas gifts, Santa's Grotto, tombolas, games, local businesses, hot food, sweets, mulled wine, performances by Grand Singers & Little Voices & lots more!


Country Dancing 1pm

Grand Singers 1:30pm


Little Voices 1:45pm

Grand Avenue Nursery and Primary School, Grand Avenue, Surbiton KT5 9HU

Any questions email committee@gaspa.org.uk



A reminder that Monday, 24th November is the deadline for ordering photographs for free delivery back to school.



Spotlight on attendance

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

Weekly House Points

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

Painshill	110
Norbury	108
Claremont	100
Kew	84
Wisley	79
Richmond	73



*The last two collections for Bag2School have raised a total of **£324.90**. Well done, this is amazing!*

The next collection will be Friday, 30th January.

Dates for your Diary

Weds, 26th Nov	YR 2	Year 2 Visit to Emmanuel Church (Foxes)
Thurs, 27th Nov	YR 2	Year 2 Visit to Emmanuel Church (Badgers & Otters)
Fri, 28th Nov	ALL	Bottle Tombola collection (non-uniform day)
Sat, 29th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Mon, 1st Dec	NUR	Nursery—open morning & afternoon
Mon, 1st Dec	4SP	4SP Drumming performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Tues, 2nd Dec	YR 6	National Army Museum visit
Tues, 2nd Dec	5AM	5AM Trumpet performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Weds, 3rd Dec	3S	3S Ukulele performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Mon, 8th Dec	RBF	Butterflies Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall
Tues, 9th Dec	KS2	Winter Concert @ 6.15pm (full details to follow)
Tues, 9th Dec	RBB	Bumblebees Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall
Tues, 9th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm
Weds, 10th Dec	RL	Ladybirds Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall
Weds, 10th Dec	YR 4	Showcase afternoon @ 2.45—Year 4 classrooms
Thurs, 11th Dec	YR 2 & 3	Christmas Performance @ 10.15am—Main Hall
Thurs, 11th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm
Fri, 12th Dec	YR 2 & 3	Christmas Performance @ 1.45pm—Main Hall
Mon, 15th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Sing a Long
Mon, 15th Dec	YR 4	Rose Theatre trip
Fri, 19th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Party

Last day of Autumn Term— early close; times as below

Nursery	1pm
Reception, Year 1 & 2	1.15pm
Year 3, 5 & 6	1.25pm
Year 4	1.30pm
After School Club	4pm



Fri, 19th Dec	ALL	
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