

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

Mr McHale attended last night's Mayor's 100% Attendance Award at Southborough High School. There were 20 children representing our school, including many of last year's Year 6 children and it was lovely to see them again and hear about how they are settling into their new schools. There continues to be a strong focus on attendance nationally and it is wonderful to celebrate this achievement with other schools across the borough.

With one week left until the half term we are still very busy in school with sporting events, trips and workshops. Our OPAL programme continues to grow and this week we are sharing the Boat Rules with you. You may not know but we have our own boat in the KS2 playground which was generously donated to us by a local scout group.



Harvest Collections

Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st October



We will be collecting donations for our Harvest Celebrations next week. We are collecting on behalf of the Kingston Foodbank. There will be boxes at both gates at morning drop off and at breakfast club. Please see the list attached to the Newsletter with items of food which have been requested.

Reading Café

We have officially completed our first half term of the year! It was a delight to welcome Year 1 parents and guardians to our Reading Café. Despite the long-awaited rain today, we had a fantastic turnout.

There is nothing quite like watching children share the joy of books with their families. Thank you for the wonderful feedback, we truly appreciate your continuous support.

Looking Ahead: Next half term, we look forward to welcoming our Year 2 parents and guardians to the Reading Café. Details and dates will be shared soon!



School photographs

A reminder that individual school photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 4th November. If you would like to have a sibling photo taken please complete this short survey by **9am on Thursday, 22nd October.**

The sibling photos will be taken between 8-8.30am.

[Please click here to complete the survey.](#)

Sporting events

The girls have been busy this week competing in football tournaments at Fulham and AFC Richmond and Kew.

Both squads gave a really good showing, trying to play attractive football and great determination when against taller and stronger opponents. A GRAND achievement!



Today was perfect weather for cross country, rainy and cold! The course was even more difficult because of the weather but that did not put our runners off who all completed the course with a smile...ish on their faces!

A special mention for Esmee (5S) who absolutely destroyed her field coming first with second place far behind her!

A huge thank you to all our parent helpers who have transported the children to and from the events.

SPORTS KITS: We are missing sports kits! If you have any sports kits from previous sporting events, please can these be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

School Applications

If your child is due to begin Reception or move to Secondary School in September 2027, please visit the Kingston eAdmissions site to make your applications. Please follow the below link:

[Kingston Council eAdmissions](#)

The Mayors Christmas Card Competition

Please find attached a letter and template to enter the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2026.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, 6th November 2026.

If you would like a print out of the template please visit the School Office who have copies of this.



Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **3AP** who have had the highest attendance this week (100%).

Autumn Term: Early Closing

Friday, 6th Nov : Parent/teacher meetings

Please see the times below for year group collection times.

Nursery : closed all day

Years R, 1 & 2 1.15pm

Year 3: 1.25pm

Year 4: 1.30pm

Year 5 & 6: 1.25pm

After school club closes at 4pm on this day.

Friday, 18th Dec : Last day of Autumn term

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Years R, 1 & 2 1.15pm

Year 3: 1.25pm

Year 4: 1.30pm

Year 5 & 6: 1.25pm

After school club closes at 4pm on this day.

Weekly House Points

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

Richmond	81
Wisley	79
Claremont	71
Norbury	69
Kew	55
Painshill	42

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 19th Oct	YR 6	Poetry & Poppies drama workshop (<i>payment deadline Fri, 9th Oct</i>)
w.c 19th Oct	ALL	Harvest Celebration (<i>collections on Mon—Weds</i>)
Weds, 21st Oct	REC	Phonics & Reading workshop @ 9.30am (online delivery)
Weds, 21st Oct	YR 6	Showcase Afternoon from 2.45pm—Year 6 classrooms
Fri, 23rd Oct	YR 5	Science Museum trip (<i>payment deadline Mon, 19th Oct</i>)
Fri, 23rd Oct	REC	All About Me dress up day
Fri, 23rd Oct	YR 1	Out of the World dress up day
Fri, 23rd Oct	ALL	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Mon 26th— Fri 30th Oct	ALL	HALF TERM
Mon, 2nd Nov	ALL	First day of Autumn 2 term
Tues, 3rd Nov	REC	Butterflies visit to Stirling Walk @ 1.45pm
Weds, 4th Nov	ALL	School photographer—individual and sibling photos
Weds, 4th Nov	REC	Ladybirds visit to Stirling Walk @ 10.00am
Thurs, 5th Nov	ALL	Parent/carers teacher consultations— (<i>the letter will be sent on Mon 19th October, bookings open on Wednesday 21st October</i>).
Fri, 6th Nov	REC	Bumblebees visit to Stirling walk @ 9.15am
Fri, 6th Nov	ALL	Parent/carers teacher consultations NURSERY CLOSED ALL DAY RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 SCHOOL—EARLY CLOSE
Fri, 13th Nov	NUR &	Diwali Dance Workshop (<i>payment due Mon, 9th Nov</i>)
Sat, 5th Dec	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Fri, 18th Dec	ALL	Last day of Autumn Term