

# NEWSLETTER

29th November 2024



## Twas the season



This weekend we welcome the start of December, marking the beginning of our much beloved seasonal activities and events!

To get everybody in the festive mood, our annual Christmas Fair is on Sunday 8th December. With a fun-packed plethora of activities and stalls, we can't wait to see as many of you there as possible enjoying yourselves and getting in the Christmas spirit! The tree will be decked, the wine will be mulled, and the grotto will be all ready to bring the xmas magic.

The children are busy practising their sweet melodies and perfecting their stage presence for the much anticipated Christmas sing-a-longs and Nativity scenes, which never fails to warm the hearts of parents and staff alike. Towards the end of term, we also have our outstanding Carol Concert for children to truly 'Express Their Talents'! Here, we have our choirs and musicians putting on their very best performance for you to enjoy.

Wishing you a wonderful start to December.

Ms Chadwick

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- Monday 2nd December - **Year 6 to Hindleap Warren; Last week of clubs; Year 5 choir members to John Lewis**
- Tuesday 3rd December - **4K swimming**
- Wednesday 4th December - **Boys football tournament**
- Thursday 5th December - **Class Reps meeting; Boundless Dance performance to parents PM**
- Sunday 8th December - **FOCB Christmas Fair**
- Monday 9th December - **Extra Orchestra**
- Tuesday 10th December - **Swimming Gala trials; Reception Nativity Songs - Cherry 9.10am, Fir 10am and Maple 10.45am; Catch up Gymnastics, Basketball, Magic Club, Multi Skills & Y3&4 Choir**
- Wednesday 11th December - **Extra Y1&2 Choir and Y5&6 Choir; Year 1 Christmas Sing-Song; Netball match vs Nelson (away)**
- Thursday 12th December - **Catch up French and Y3&4 Art club; Nursery Nativities; Netball match vs Nelson away reserve**
- Friday 13th December - **Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas lunch; Year 2 Nativities - Acacia 9.10am, Birch 10am and Chestnut 10.45am**

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2024-25

Friday 20th December - **TERM ENDS**  
Monday 6th January - **INSET DAY**  
Tuesday 7th January - **TERM STARTS**  
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - **HALF TERM BREAK**  
Friday 4th April - **TERM ENDS**  
Tuesday 22nd - **TERM STARTS**  
Monday 5th May - **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**  
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - **HALF TERM BREAK**  
Friday 18th July - **END OF TERM**



FoCB Christmas Fair  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Celebrations & Achievements!



Congratulations to **Darcy and Aspen (Year 2)** who recently achieved distinctions in their Primary Dance level exam and **Lyra (Year 5)** who achieved a distinction in her Grade 3 Ballet exam.

Congratulations also to **Agnes (Year 5)** who did her Jazz Dance exam last weekend with the British Theater Dance Association and received her silver medal.

## Reception admissions 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will start their reception year in September 2025. The brochure attached highlights key information relating to this process. Parents and carers must apply for a place by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. You can apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). You must apply for a place for your child even if they already have a sibling in school or if your child is currently in our Nursery. Click [here](#) for Richmond Admissions brochure. We have one school tour remaining for prospective parents: **Tuesday 17th December at 9.15am**.

## Year 1 visit Hampton Court

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Hampton Court, stepping back in time to explore the Tudor era. The children were fascinated by the bustling Tudor kitchens, where they discovered King Henry VIII's favourite meat. They marvelled at the stunning Great Hall with its intricate tapestries and towering ceiling. Afterwards, they had a great time playing in the beautiful royal gardens. The highlight of the day was a hands-on Tudor workshop, where they learnt how to plan a grand Tudor party and feast. It was a day full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories!



## Cross Country



Chase Bridge has made an excellent start to the new sporting season. The Girls' Football Team performed brilliantly during a Primary Schools Tournament and the Cross Country Team competed in the Richmond Borough Cross Country Championships with outstanding resilience. We are so proud of the team spirit and determination amongst the teams. Well done, Chase Bridge!

Congratulations to **Ammarise, Jessica, Lyra, Karishma, Radhika, Julia, Isra, Bethany, Phoebe, Karissa, Florence, Maya, Hayley, Cara, Francesca, Moosa, Arjun, Matthew, Dexter, Roman and Ollie!**

## A Heartfelt Thank You

The Wellbeing Ambassadors and School Council would like to extend a massive thank you to all parents, carers, and guardians for your incredible generosity this term. With your contributions, we have successfully created 10 beautiful hampers filled with thoughtful gifts for elderly residents in care homes across the Richmond borough.

These hampers will be delivered in partnership with the charity Embracing Age, spreading joy and reminding residents they are in our hearts this Christmas. Your kindness has made a real difference. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.



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## Purple Elephant Project Collaboration



We were delighted to welcome Jenny from the Purple Elephant Project to our school on Monday 25th. She worked with our Wellbeing Ambassadors to decorate beautiful clay elephants, which will be gifted to the charity's supporters as a festive thank you.

Taleya, one of the Wellbeing Ambassadors from 6P, shared her thoughts:

*"I really enjoyed using the colourful pens to decorate the elephants—it was so much fun! I also loved arranging all the colourful elephants in a row like a herd. I tried to make my elephant look like Elmer the*

*Patchwork Elephant. Jenny told us that the project is named after elephants because they have big ears for great listening and big memories to remember all the children the charity supports. The purple represents royalty because every child they help is special and important."*

Thank you to Jenny and the Wellbeing Ambassadors for making this creative and meaningful project a success.

## Governor opportunities

The Chase Bridge Governing Board is looking for new members. We already have a full complement of Parent Governors so need to look outside the school for new governors. If you know anyone who you think would be interested in getting involved please urge them to contact me at [governors@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:governors@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk). The only qualifications required are enthusiasm and a desire to support our highly successful school. Mike Dormer, Chair of Governors