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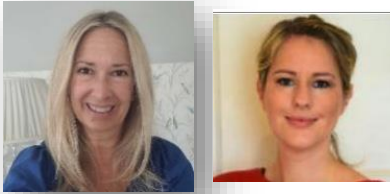
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Our current school value is Kindness :



Date	Event	Applicable to
17.11.25	Swimming	Year 5
17.11.25	Netball Match vs Deer Park (Home)	Netball Team
18.11.25	Girls Football vs St. Mary's (Home)	By Invitation
19.11.25	Boys Football vs St. Richards (Home)	By Invitation
20.11.25	London Eye & River Boat Trip	Year 3
24.11.25	Swimming	Year 5
24.11.25	Netball Match vs Orleans (Home)	By Invitation
27.11.25	Stained Glass Workshop at Strawberry Hill House	Year 4
27.11.25	Boys Football Tournament (10 x Yrs 5 & 6)	By invitation

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Headteacher's Update



Dear Parents and Carers

I'll start by referring to the Curriculum and Assessment Review Report that was published last week. We were happy to see our own priorities reflected in this review, which aims to give young people the skills for life and work. Key reforms include:

- Making citizenship compulsory in primary, ensuring all pupils learn media literacy and financial literacy, law and rights, democracy and government, and climate education early on.
- A new primary oracy framework.

Much of this is already being taught at Meadlands so we very much welcome this review's recommendations and look forward to the new curriculum, expected to be statutory by 2028. If you are interested, I have uploaded the review and the government's response on our website [here](#).

Last week was our second Disconnect to Reconnect Week at school and once again, the children took the lead, learning about how and why to reduce their screen time. Every child got a "Look up, Take Control" badge to wear proudly. This initiative is making a real impact on the children and has become an integrated part of our curriculum.

Following this, we have recently updated our [Online Safety page](#) to ensure the information and parent guides reflect the ways our children are engaging online. This page now includes additional resources for parents on artificial intelligence (AI) and mental well-being, including device-related stress and anxiety that children may experience. We encourage all parents to visit the updated page and explore these new guides to help support safe and balanced online habits at home.

A huge thank you to Emma Dowsett, her gardening team and our parent volunteers who have given up their weekends to refresh the grounds, most recently updating the year group flower beds – they are looking fantastic. Thank you all.

There is still time to sign up for our Maths Curriculum evening on Thursday 20th November from 6pm – 7pm. The evening will focus on problem solving skills across the primary phase, with a fun and interactive element where parents can put their problem solving skills to the test – just like the children.



There are still spaces available in our creche along with hot drinks and nibbles. To sign up please complete the form shared via ParentMail. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Year 6 children are currently having a wonderful time at Bowles Rocks in Tunbridge Wells. We have heard exciting reports of skiing, archery, pool rafting, team building, rock climbing, bushcraft and much more. Some photos are on the Year 6 class update. Huge thanks go to the staff members who have accompanied the children and are looking after them so well: Miss Stoddart, Ms Holroyd and Mr Hepburn. We look forward to seeing the children back this evening.

We wish you a relaxing weekend!



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Safeguarding & Wellbeing



'Helping children with...' Webinars for parents 2025/26

Achieving for Children's Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children. The 'Helping Children with ...' series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Below is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

Helping children with ...	Overview of webinar	Morning 9am	Evening 5pm
Worries and anxiety	The 'Helping children with worries and anxiety' webinar will help you learn ways to support your child in dealing with their big feelings, worries, and fears. This webinar will give you practical ideas on how to help your child to think more positively and develop their self confidence. You will also be introduced to some helpful cognitive behavioural therapy concepts.	Tuesday 28th October	Tuesday 20th January
Friendship difficulties	In this webinar we will learn how to support our children develop their friendship skills: learning to communicate better, repair difficulties, and negotiate solutions when relationships between peers are tricky.	Thursday 20th November	Tuesday 27th January
Challenging behaviours	Children often communicate their needs through their behaviours. The 'Helping children with challenging behaviours' webinar will help you to learn about the different factors that can impact children's behaviours, build or strengthen positive relationships by reinforcing the importance of giving positive attention. You will also learn strategies to establish home rules and boundaries to create a safe and structured environment for your children.	Thursday 6th November	Tuesday 3rd February
Digital wellbeing	In this webinar we discuss the positive and negative impact of screen time and gaming on a child's mental wellbeing. We will share the recommendations for screen time based on age, how to have this conversation with your child in a positive and effective manner and a simple and effective way to manage the use of screens	Thursday 13th November	Tuesday 13th January



	in your home.		
Self esteem	In this webinar we will explore what self-esteem is, how low self-esteem can develop and be maintained, and will introduce some practical techniques to support you to improve your child's low self-esteem.	Thursday 27th November	Tuesday 10th February
Transition to Secondary	In this webinar we will explore the main worries children may experience when moving from primary to secondary school. We will help parents/carers think about the different ways to help to support and get their children prepared for the transition.	Thursday 7th May	Tuesday 19th May

*All Webinars are 60 minutes long, with 15 minutes at the end for questions and answers.
*Please have a pen and paper handy for the webinar.

How to sign up

Parents and carers can sign up to the webinars by scanning the QR code or using the link below:



https://afc-self-achieveservice.com/service/MHST_Helping_Children_Webinars_Primary

You can choose the date you would like to attend, and will need to provide your email address, the school your child attends, and their year group.

Who to contact

If you have any questions please contact the school Mental Health Lead, who will direct queries to the allocated MHST practitioner.



Do you need help navigating SEND services and support?



Join one of our Children's Services workshops to learn from experts.

We run regular face to face and online workshops for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

We cover anything from behavioural challenges, navigating the SEND legal system and health and social care pathways to supporting mental health and anxiety in our young people. Recent topics have included:

- Speech and Language therapy
- Disability Living Allowance and PIP
- Managing anxiety
- Decision-making and money matters
- Friendships and relationships
- Puberty
- Managing sleep
- Applying for an EHC Needs Assessment
- EHCP Annual Reviews

Our workshops are run in Richmond and Hounslow boroughs to provide parents and carers with information, practical strategies and support on a variety of subjects.

Workshops are charged at £5 per parents or carer or £10 for professionals.

Our informal sessions, SEND Advice Sessions and Bright Futures @Home, are free of charge and bring together smaller groups of parents for focussed discussion and information sharing.

Contact us:

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School Success and Celebrations

Achievement Certificate Winners:

Well done to the following children for being awarded an achievement certificate.

Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 14 th November 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Kindness	Other certificates
Nursery	Clara	Annie	Sophie	
Reception	Sophie	Nefes	Rome	Cayden
Year 1	Albie	Jakub	Talia	Finley
Year 2		Ralph	Kahlen	Riley
Year 3	Aoife-Rose	Annabelle	Bo	Stanley
Year 4	Milo	Caroline & Mia	Mai	Sami
Year 5	Oscar	Oliver N & Arthur R	Ella	Isabella
Year 6		AT	BOWLES	





Year Group	Certificates awarded Friday 7 th November 2025			
	Pupil of the week	Challenge	Motivation	Other certificates
Nursery	Dany		Margot & Noah	
Reception		Tommy	Francis	
Year 1	Edward	Albert	Ivy B	
Year 2	Ralph	Elsie	Varun	Max, Luna & Sienna
Year 3	Nico	Samuel	Niklesh	
Year 4	Ludwik	Harper	Lena	Bodhi
Year 5	Spike	Monty & Ollie T	Lisbeth	
Year 6	Ivy	Minnie	Theo	



Attendance & Celebrations:



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Week ending 14.11.25 - Well done to Year for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of % this week.

Week ending 7.11.25 - Well done to Year 1 for winning the attendance trophy and achieving an attendance of 97.3% last week.



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Class Updates



Look at what Nursery have been learning...

We have had a really busy first couple of weeks back! We started off looking at Potions and what we would put in our potions: lots of sweets and frogs' legs! We were very lucky to have a visit from Vicar Alice, she spoke to us about Harvest. We have practised our balancing and trying to move a marble using our balancing skills it was very tricky. We will be looking at different fairy tales this term, kicking off huffing and puffing while reading the 3 Little pigs!



Look at what Reception have been learning...

This term we are focusing on celebrations. Reception have loved learning all about bonfire night, Diwali and the Harvest festival so far. The children had the opportunity to create their own dance performance to move like a firework and each group performed these to the rest of the class. These were fantastic to watch! We were also very lucky to have visit from Vicar Alice who taught us all about the Harvest festival. Reception have been getting creative whilst learning about our different celebrations. The children have decorated their own henna, made diya lamps and created some beautiful poppies.





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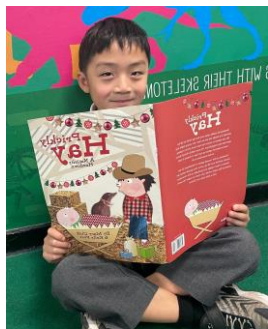
Look at what Year 1 have been learning...

We have been really enjoying reading *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke. Inspired by the story, the children took our very own naughty bus on a tour of Meadlands - it got up to some very mischievous adventures! The bus disturbed Mrs Gee, who was working in the school office; it tried to steal some of the house points from the school hall; it drove the wrong way up the slide in the playground; and it even drove onto Mrs Wreford's head! Afterwards, the children planned and wrote their own naughty bus adventure stories set in Ham, linking to our Geography topic on the local area.



Look at what Year 2 have been learning...

Whilst Mr Hepburn has been away at Bowles with Year 6, we have been planning our own version of "The Snail & the Whale". The children have really used their imaginations to develop some fabulous characters and some extraordinary problems that need to be solved. In Maths, we have examined lots of different way to 'find the missing number' and whenever we've had a spare moment, we've worked hard to learn all of our Nativity songs. Watch this space for news of how to book your ticket to this year's blockbuster!





Class Updates



Look at what Year 3 have been learning...

In computing, Year 3 have been developing their Google Docs skills. Mrs White and I have been very impressed with how confidently Year 3 could navigate around Google Docs. During our unit the children have learnt how to: change the font and text size, insert photos from a google search, add borders around their photos, wrap images around text and align text. They were then challenged with creating their own 1-page Google Doc poster, recommending a place of interest in the UK. Everyone went about it slightly differently, but all children should be very proud of their finished posters. To view the classes digital work, please [click here](#) and you will be taken to Year 3's Digital Showcase Padlet. You will be able to view each child's work, add reactions and even leave a comment. Mrs TJ



Look at what Year 4 have been learning...

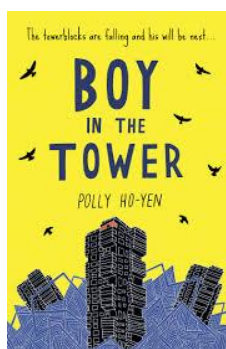
This week, Year 4 have been exploring the Ancient Greek myth of Icarus and Daedalus in preparation for writing a newspaper article about their flight too close to the sun. In Geography, we are looking at human and physical geography in India, using pictures, maps, atlases and a globe. In science, we are focusing on the Global Goal (13) Climate Action. We will be conducting investigations to deepen our understanding of the impact of climate change and consider the positive impact we can have on the environment around us.



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Look at what Year 5 have been learning...

Year 5 have had an excellent start to the half term and thrown themselves into their learning on all our new topics. In Science, we have started our Global Goals unit on sustainable cities and communities, where the children are building up designing their own sustainable town. In Geography we have started learning about The Americas. We have also started reading *The Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen in Reading and will be using this to write newspaper reports later on in the half term.



Look at what Year 6 have been learning...

Year 6 have been very busy – away at 'Bowles Rocks' residential.



Meadlands Noticeboard



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ing concern?

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? Please contact the SPA (Single Point of Access). Phone 020 8547 5008. [You can make an online referral here.](#)

If you think a child is in immediate danger you should call 999.

Early Starts

Please remember that if your child is coming into school early for whatever reason (clubs, boosters, sports events), they must enter via Breakfast Club and NOT the main entrance. Please also endeavour to arrive on time for clubs as late arrivals are disruptive for both staff and other students.

Parking during drop off and pick up

According to Highway Code Rule 243: You must not park near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus stop or taxi rank, on the approach to a level crossing, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

We are getting increasing numbers of complaints from neighbours and parents as parents are parking illegally on corners and across driveways at pick up and drop off times. Please be considerate when parking near the school. We have asked for a traffic warden to patrol at the beginning and end of the school day.



DISMOUNT FROM BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Please can you remind children that they must **dismount from bikes, skateboards and scooters at any of the small gates at the entrances to the school grounds.** They are NOT to scoot or cycle through the carpark or beyond these entrances. This includes early children attending for clubs and boosters.

Maths Problem Solving Night!

An interactive night sharing how problem solving is taught at Meadlands.



Thursday 20th November 2025

6pm-7pm in the hall

Crèche places available

Further information will be shared via Parentmail after half-term, including a sign up sheet for the night and crèche

Community Noticeboard



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The Russell School
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 Thursday, 20th November
 Doors open 6.30pm, concert starts at 7pm



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FREE VOLUNTEER COURSE

Could you be our next Home Visiting Volunteer?

Local charity Home-Start RKH is offering a free six day course to train volunteers in providing emotional and practical support to parents with children under 5.
 Next course dates below.

If you'd like to know more please contact
volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk
 07884 536161

Registered charity no: 1108975

 The BridgeLink Centre, 373 Summerwood Road, Isleworth TW7 7QR

 TUESDAYS: 3rd, 10th & 24th February; 3rd, 10th & 17th March 2026

 9:45am - 2:30pm

CHRISTMAS PAY AS YOU BOOK 1:1'S ARE BACK!

We all need a bit of flexibility this Christmas.

ST RICHARDS, HAM

- ★ 15th - 19th December
- ★ 4-6pm
- ★ 1:1 lessons
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