

KEY EVENT DATES

(Half term - Mon 21st Oct - Friday 1st Nov)

November

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| Tue | 5 | Year 6 Interview Practice |
| Wed | 6 | 4H Class Assembly |
| Thu | 7 | Year 6 Interview Practice |
| Fri | 8 | Open Morning |
| Fri | 8 | TPSC Fireworks Extravaganza |
| Mon | 11 | Antibullying Week |
| Mon | 11 | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Tue | 12 | Autumn Teatime Concert (invite only) |
| Tue | 12 | Odd Socks Day |
| Wed | 13 | Reception 2025 Welcome Event |
| Wed | 13 | Standardised Testing: A Workshop for Parents of Years 3-8 |
| Thu | 14 | Year 7&8 Pride and Prejudice |
| Tue | 19 | Reception to Year 8 - Flu Immunisation |
| Thu | 21 | Year 3 to St Albans (Romans Workshop) |
| Sat | 23 | 7+ Assessment Morning |

All up to date events information can be found on MSP.

Friday 18th October 2024



As we reach the half term break, it's an opportune time to reflect on what's been a really fun and productive start to the year. It's given me great pleasure to spend lots of time with the children in lessons and club sessions and hearing their views; for example, during this week I enjoyed a lunch with the new Year 5 children and on Wednesday our School Council planning session looked at how the group will run and the ways in which the councillors will gather ideas and share them with key members of staff. Looking outwards, in recent days, I've also been made visits to two local senior schools, namely LEH and Thomas's College, the latter being an exciting new co-educational school in Richmond due to open in 2025. It is a great to see the range of choice on offer and to build connections on behalf of the staff and children.

School events this week included a special presentation for Pre-Prep families by Miss Jones, entitled 'My First Device' offering a forum to explore considerations for parents when introducing technology at home, learning from the experiences of other families. For those unable to attend, I strongly encourage you to watch the recording of the presentation on MSP and to read the extensive guidance provided in the Bulletin relating to online safety; this week's edition includes interesting articles relating to social media, monitoring children's online activity and cybersecurity. The final whole school assembly focused on Black History, with Monday's offering showcasing the incredible Mr Pablo Fanque, who revolutionised the modern circus in Victorian Britain and subsequently inspired John Lennon to write 'Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite!' We also enjoyed a fantastic final celebration assembly this morning, led by Mr Edwards, which was packed with exciting achievements, and finished with the announcement of the Positions of Responsibility for the Year 6 girls and Year 8 boys. It was fantastic to see the excitement amongst the children and I was particularly proud of how pleased the children were for one another.

Finally, whilst enjoying the half term break, please do try to encourage your child to take part in our shoebox initiative for the new charity we are supporting, Link to Hope, to uphold the TPS tradition in generosity!

November

FIXTURE DATES

Boys

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| Wed | 6 | Year 6 Boys A&B vs Claremont |
| Wed | 6 | Year 7&8 Boys A&B vs St Philip's |
| Fri | 8 | Year 3 Boys A,B&C vs St Philip's |

Girls

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| Tue | 5 | Year 3,4,5&6 Swimming Gala at St Catherine's (invite only) |
| Wed | 6 | Year 5 A&B Netball vs Newland House |
| Fri | 8 | Year 3 A&B Netball vs Unicorn |

All up to date fixture information can be found on MSP.



My School Portal is a great school-to-parent communication system. Here you will find the latest events, which can be synced with your electronic calendar, weekly menus and copies of all letters sent home.

Below are weekly updated online bulletins for school areas:

Pre Prep — messages from Mrs Barnes including club collection
[Click Here](#)

Safeguarding & Wellbeing messages from our Designated Safeguarding Team
[Click Here](#)



School Meals week commencing: 4th Nov: [Menu](#) Week 2

Important Message - Sports Tour!

Year 5&6 Girls and Year 7&8 Boys ONLY

The deadline for the Hockey and Football Sports Tour Deposit Consent has been extended! If you would still like your child to attend the Sports Tour to Valencia in 2025 then please complete the online form on MSP by **Friday 25th October**.



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Shoebox Appeal

This year we are supporting **Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal**. Leaflets explaining *how to pack a shoebox* were given to the pupils this week so please check your child's school bag!



Bring your packed shoebox to school and put it inside the front entrance area near the Office.

Deadline for shoeboxes is Friday 8th November

Poppy Appeal

TPS will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies and merchandise will be on sale before and after school from **Tuesday 5th November**. We would like to encourage all pupils to wear a poppy for our Remembrance Service on **Monday 11th November**.



Library Message!

As we approach the half-term break, we kindly ask that you check at home for any school library books that may have been forgotten and return them when school resumes. This is a great time to help your child find any missing titles and return them so that everyone can continue enjoying our wonderful collection!

We also wanted to remind you about our **Birthday Books** initiative. If your child is celebrating a birthday soon, they can donate a book to the school library in their name – an excellent way to share the gift of reading with others!














For those looking to dive into some literary adventures over the break, here are two exciting children's book festivals happening during the half-term:

London Literature Festival at the Southbank Centre: 22 Oct – 3 Nov;
Wimbledon Book Fest: 17-27 Oct;



We hope that you and your children enjoy the magic of reading during the October break. Happy half-term!

Positions of Responsibility

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| Head Boy | Aryan S B |  |  |  |  |
| Deputies | Chester F, Evan M, Jasper M | | | | |
| Head Girl | Elsie D | | | | |
| Deputies | Clara H, Eloise J |  | | | |
| Sports Captains Boys | Alex W, Ned C, Seb B, Alex H | | | | |
| Sports Captains Girls | Zara K, Evie D, Harriet B | | | | |
| Harrier House Captains | Reggie M, Amber P |  |  |  |  |
| Concorde House Captains | Harry M, Charlotte S | | | | |
| Firebird House Captains | Jasper O, Rebecca Q | | | | |
| Apollo House Captains | Milo H, Daisy R | | | | |
| Charity Captains | Agnes A C, Mia S, Tanu N |  |  |  |  |
| Lead Librarians | Sara N, Anoushka S B | | | | |
| Senior Prefects | Jasper D, Eamon A, Iris W, Sienna V, Mimi C W, Beatrice A | | | | |
| Chair of School Council | Rishi V | | | | |

Writing Competitions

BBC 500 Word Writing Competition

Age: 5-11 year olds

Closing Date: **Friday, 8th November, 2024**

500 words or less

Typed, original stories only

Everything you need to know about the competition can be found [here](#)

Rules and how to submit an entry can be found [here](#)

Parents must register and submit an entry on their child's behalf.



Arts Richmond Young Writer's Competition

Applicable to the following school years: **Year 4 - Year 8**

Topic: 'Changes'

Write in any format: narrative, poem, play script, news article etc.

Length: 500 words or 25 lines for a poem

Must be typed

Entrant's name must not appear directly on work (automatic disqualification)

Send entries to: YWentries@artsrichmond.org.uk along with the following information: full name, address, telephone number, email, date of birth, school year, and school or club.

Closing date: **Friday, 6th December 2024**

Full details can be found [here](#)

