



# St. Mary's & St. Peter's CE Primary School Newsletter



## Upcoming Dates

### October

9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Roman Workshop
9/10/11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Safe Walking
10 <sup>th</sup>	World Mental Health Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
17 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Strawberry Hill House
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meetings
18 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby Tournament
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meetings
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Strawberry Hill House
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Half Term
30 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
31 <sup>st</sup>	First Day of Half Term

### November

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1 Strawberry Hill House
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 PACCAR Scout Camp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2 Scooter Training
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4 GBC Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Look
7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Look
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Maths Workshop
9 <sup>th</sup>	Netball v. Trafalgar
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 Cross Country Trials
13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby League

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated National Poetry Day with the theme of 'refuge'. Classes read, discussed, and performed poems, before writing their own.

Next Tuesday is World Mental Health Day and, in support of it, we are asking staff and children to wear yellow. It would be great to see parents wearing yellow too!

With warm wishes,  
Ms Helen Swain  
Headteacher

## Advocates



Mary Hawes, Chair of Governors and I really enjoyed interviewing the Year 6 children for the Advocate roles last week. We were both extremely impressed with their preparation and confident responses to the questions asked. Many children cited their organisational skills and their willingness to do chores at home! Well done Year 6!

*Ms Swain*

Interviewing Year 6 for Pupil Advocate roles is one of the highlights of my year. I was impressed by what a thoughtful, articulate, humorous group of young people they are. Parents and teachers should be very proud.

*Mary Hawes*

## Collective Worship

Our themes for collective worship this week were dignity (humbly serving one another) and wisdom (making wise choices).



Dear Lord,  
Help us make wise choices  
When we are learning in class,  
When we are playing  
with our friends,  
When we are relaxing at home.  
Help us to be kind to one another  
And help those in need.  
Amen

## A message from the Friends

Hello and welcome back! As always, the Friends are looking forward to a fun and engaging year of activities to help raise funds for the school and deepen our sense of school community.

Last year we raised over £50,000 which was a huge amount and a great achievement. This money went towards a variety of necessary resources such as restocking library books; paying for online subscriptions; the Christmas pantomime; curriculum week workshops and various other equipment that makes such a difference, for

example new benches and goalposts for the playground.

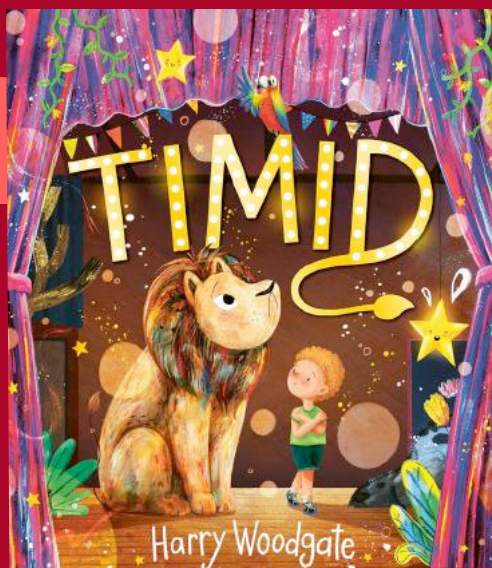
This term, the Year 3 & 5 reps have joined forces and are already busy planning the Christmas fair. We also hope to introduce Friday Movie Club; an alternative to the much-loved Friday cake sale. Year 4 will be trialling this in November.

After the success of SMSP Get Active last summer, we are looking to run a sponsored SMSP Get Active over the October half term. The Friends are challenging all pupils to take part in a 5 km

activity – you can run, walk, skip, jump, swim or even crawl! You will need to get your friends and family to sponsor you to take part. Watch out for more details very soon...

And finally, we would like to welcome some new faces to the committee. Claire Cretella and Sarah Hoskins join us as Co-Treasurers and Louise Ward joins us as Secretary.

Many thanks,  
The Friends  
Helen, Ben, Claire,  
Sarah and Louise



## Book of the Week

### Timid

By Harry Woodgate

Timmy absolutely loves to perform, but only when there isn't an audience! Most of the time, they struggle with their shy inner lion who seems determined to keep them out of the spotlight. This vibrant and uplifting picture book explores how to overcome shyness in a gentle and familiar way.

When Timmy's classmates begin to prepare for the school play, Timmy longs to be a part of the performance. However, feelings of shyness and fear threaten to stop Timmy from doing what they love. With a bit of help from their friend, Nia, and a whole lot of bravery, will Timmy ever be able to strike up the courage to perform on stage?

# SPORTS:NEWS

## Football vs St John the Baptist

Last Thursday, the boys and the girls teams played their first football matches of the year against St John the Baptist. Although they didn't win, they played absolutely fantastically and demonstrated determination and great teamwork. The teams were commended by the other school on their sportsmanship and how well they worked together as a team. The children had a brilliant time and are very much looking forward to their next match!







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# Achievers



# Youth Engagement Consultation

Richmond Council want to hear from under 18's to hear your thoughts about our Parks and Open Spaces.

Please complete the consultation using the QR code or link below for a chance to be entered in the prize draw.



<https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondafc/youth-engagement>

Please note the consultation closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023



For further information or to provide feedback please contact  
Parks@richmond.gov.uk or 0208 891 1411





# ADHD Embrace – one to one advice clinics for parents

As part of ADHD Awareness Month please do let your parents know that they can book a one to one appointment with our Family Support Worker to discuss their child's specific needs in more detail. For example, tips for helping your child get to sleep at night, advice on medication, advice on school support strategies.

These sessions are free to parents who live in Richmond and Kingston Boroughs.

[Click here](https://adhdembrace.org/register-for-a-family-support-session/) to book - <https://adhdembrace.org/register-for-a-family-support-session/>

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