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Attendance

Congratulations to the following classes for having the best attendance over the last two weeks: Cherry (morning class) - **100%**, Juniper - **98.3%**, Birch - **98.4%**, Marconi - **99.3%** and Temple Grandin - **100%**. A special mention for our youngest children in Cherry Class in Nursery for such an amazing achievement.



Digital Leaders

We are proud to announce that we are currently training some wonderful Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to become Digital Leaders. They have been introduced to the Junior School in an assembly this week. Once they are qualified, they will be leading activities within their classes and across the Junior School as they promote Online Safety. We are very excited that they will be able to lead the way in educating their peers about how to be safe online.



Ms Ginman, Online Safety Lead

STAY SMART ONLINE

- S SAFE** Never share personal information (name, email address, phone number, home address, photographs, or school name).
- M MEET** Some people might not be who they say they are. Be careful when someone new wants to become a friend. Do not meet anyone who you have become friends with.
- A ACCEPT** Do not accept emails, texts, friend requests from anyone you do not know or trust. These may contain viruses or nasty messages.
- R RELIABLE** Not everything online is reliable. Sometimes people online may say or write something which is untrue.
- T TELL** If you see something that upsets or worries you then report it immediately to a trusted adult.

Stone Age Day

Friday 4th October saw Year 3 enjoying their Stone Age Day. Gurans explained, "During Stone Age day we did archery. We were shooting with a bow and arrows. We shot pretend deer, warthog, rabbit, chicken and porcupine. If we did a headshot we got two housepoints but if we did a bodyshot we got one housepoint."



Mason added, "What I liked about Stone Age day was cave art because I learnt that they drew animals because they thought they would come alive. Surprisingly, a Stone Age man called Ugg came and told us all about the Mesolithic and Neolithic eras."



Autumn Walk

Last week our Nursery children went on a lovely autumn walk to look at the trees around the school grounds. They made some fantastic observations and collected lots of leaves to use in Nursery. When asked what they had enjoyed the most, Jordon-Matthew said "I liked walking on the grass" while Hajra said "picking up all the different leaves".



Harvest Assemblies and The Upper Room

Both schools have taken part in harvest assemblies over the last fortnight. The assemblies in Infants were led by churchwardens from St Augustine's Church and they also enjoyed listening to our choir perform. In the Junior School, Year 4 were visited by the chaplain for the Bishop of Kensington. The importance of Harvest was discussed in all assemblies, a time to be thankful for what we have and to share with others. Year 4 then led assemblies in both schools to launch our appeal for *The Upper Room*.

Donations for *The Upper Room*, the West London charity that supports vulnerable and homeless people by providing hot meals, clothing and support to find a job, can be brought in until the morning of **Thursday 24th October**. This is being run as a year group competition in Infants and a house competition in Juniors. A reminder of the suggested items for donation can be found here: [Harvest Wishlist](#)



Toy Workshop

Chertsey Museum visited Year 1 last week to conduct a toy workshop to tie in with their history topic, *Toys Through Time*. After the presentation, which showed how different toys work and how they have changed over time, the children got the opportunity to play with a variety of toys from different periods of time. Luke said, *"The workshop was so fun. I liked the wooden toy that you pinch and it moves."* Dennis observed, *"The marionette puppets with string are from the past. They are fabric and worn away."* Bonnie liked the challenge presented by some of the toys, *"I liked trying to use the Jacob's ladder toy. It was hard to use but fun. It's an old toy."*



Mayan

Year 6 have been fully immersed in ancient Maya culture this week with a dance workshop on Tuesday and a visit from Maya Man yesterday.



Muhammad said, *"Maya people danced to praise their gods. We learnt fast and slow movements, some synchronised. It was a ritual type of dance and was quite complicated. We also learnt that Mayas created hot chocolate, which was bitter because they didn't have sugar. They invented the first ball game called Pok-a-Tok. To play the game, players could only use their wrists and bodies (no hands, feet or head) to bounce a ball into a hoop. The person who won by getting the ball into the hoop was sacrificed to please the gods, so if you lost, you actually won!"*



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Early Years Open Days

Parents and carers of children who will be three or four years old by 1st September 2025 are warmly invited to join one of our tours to look around our Nursery and Reception.

The tours available this term are shown below. Please contact the Infant office to book. If you know of any families who might be interested, please do share this information with them.

Reception	Tuesday 22nd October, 1.15pm Wednesday 6th November, 9.15am Thursday 14th November, 1.15pm Thursday 28th November, 10.30am Tuesday 3rd December, 9.15am
Nursery	Wednesday 20th November, 9.15am
Willow Centre	Wednesday 27th November, 2pm Wednesday 11th December, 2pm

Please note the closing date for applications for September 2025 admission to Reception (and Year 3) is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. For further information about the application process and to apply, please [click here](#)

Dates for your Diary

Monday **21st October** and Tuesday **22nd October, 3.45-6.25pm** - Junior Parents' Evenings

Tuesday **22nd October, 1.15pm** - Reception Tour - [book at the Infant School Office](#)

Tuesday **22nd October, 3.30-6.30pm** - Infant Parents' Evening

* Tuesday **22nd October, 3.30-6.00pm** - The Alligator's Mouth Bookshop in the school library *

Thursday **24th October, 2.45pm** - Coco Class Assembly

Thursday **24th October, 3.30-6.00pm** - Infant Parents' Evening

Friday **25th October** - PTA Seasonal Dress-up Mufti Day - **suggested donation of £1 for PTA**

* * * Monday **28th October** - Friday **1st November** - Half Term * * *

Thursday **31st October** - deadline for applying for secondary school - [click here to apply](#)

Monday **4th November** - Year 6 visit to Bushy Park Stockyard

Friday **8th November, 9am** - Reception Early Reading & Phonics Workshop followed by activities with your child

Monday **11th November, 11.15am and 2.45pm** - Communications and Language Workshop

Tuesday **12th November**, Flu Vaccine - [click here to give your consent](#)

Thursday **21st and Friday 22nd November** - Individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday **17th December** - Christmas church service for Reception, Years 1 and 2 and the choir

Friday **20th December** - End of term