

22nd May 2026



### Dates for your diary

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May Half Term  
Monday 1st June – Students Return  
Wednesday 17th June – School Show  
Tuesday 30th June – Parents evening Richmond and Kew  
Thursday 2nd July – Parents evening Syon and Sixth Form

To Provide exceptional learning experiences, where staff empower students and their families to be thriving members of their community

## Head Teacher News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the beautiful sunshine now that it has finally arrived. It has certainly been lovely to see students making the most of the warmer weather during break and lunchtime.

I cannot believe that when we return, we will already be entering the final part of the school year – it really has flown by. It has been a busy and productive term, and I continue to be incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved both in and out of the classroom.

The students continue to work hard and have been enjoying a wide range of exciting trips, enrichment opportunities and in-school activities. These experiences are such an important part of school life and help to build confidence, independence, and teamwork.

Last week, we held our Mental Health Week in school, where students and staff took part in a variety of activities designed to promote wellbeing and positive mental health. It was wonderful to see so many students and staff engaging so positively and supporting one another. There are some lovely photographs included in the newsletter which capture the spirit of the week perfectly.

I was also extremely proud of our sixth form students who attended the Dragon's Den competition last week at Hounslow House. They represented the school brilliantly and won the award for Best Product Design. The students as always were excellent ambassadors for our school community.

Students and staff are now busy preparing for our end-of-year production, *The Wind in the Willows*. Rehearsals are well underway, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming families to the performance on 17th June. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the talents and hard work of our students.

As we move towards the final half term, there is still much to look forward to, including more trips, celebration events, and opportunities for students to highlight their achievements. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it is appreciated by all staff.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final weeks of the school year.

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## Kew 2



**BOARD GAME  
CAFE**



This term in PSHE, Kew 2 have been focusing on 'Hospitality'. We have created a 'Games Café'. Students have been setting the table, ordering their food/drink on an order form, choosing a game to share and finally, a student being the waiter. It has been wonderful to see the class develop their communication skills, social skills and enjoy their Games Café. Students have also been to visit the school café to order, pay and eat their snack.



# Richmond 1

Thank you to all parents for sending in food for our Mental Health Week picnic. All students in Richmond 1 had a lovely time and really enjoyed the food and shared experience together. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side, so we held the picnic in the classroom instead, but everyone still had a fantastic time.



# Mental Health Awareness Week 11- 15<sup>th</sup> May

Hello! It is the Mental Health Team writing with an update. Mental Health week was fantastic. Thank you to all the staff who gave their time for activities. A real sense of community and togetherness was felt with activities such as the memorable pictures and people posting pictures of loved pets. Good Mental Health is a journey not a destination.







# Syon 1

Syon 1 went to Pizza Express for a pizza-making workshop.

They learned how to shape dough and spread tomato sauce and cheese.

Well done!



# Sixth Form Farm Visit

This week some of the Sixth Form paid a visit to Hounslow Urban Farm as part of Kacper's Jack Petchey Reward.

While there we got to feed a lot of different animals including sheep, goats, llamas and alpacas.

We also had two brilliant talks where we learned about exotic animals and farm animals, even holding and stroking some of them.

Thank you to Hounslow Urban Farm for welcoming us and the Jack Petchey Foundation for funding the trip!



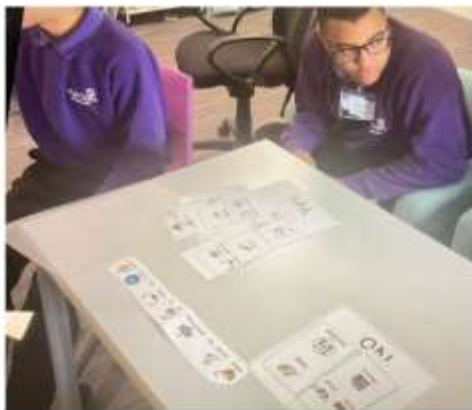


# School Council News

In School Council this week we have been taking part in the Big Future Survey this week.

We discussed two important questions:  
What should the Government do to make the world better?  
What would make London a better place to live?

Here you can see some of our answers:



Students have also been invited to complete the survey individually in classes and we'll share our ideas in our next school council meeting.

**CHILDREN'S  
COMMISSIONER**

# THE BIG FUTURE

#thebigfuture @childrenscommissioner  
[childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture)

Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza is conducting a huge survey of British children to find out what it is like being a child in the UK today.

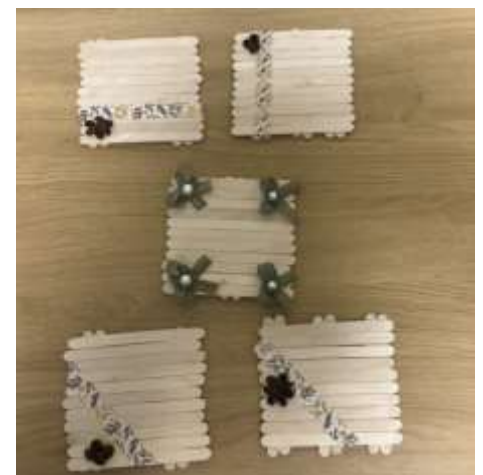
She wants to hear from all children, so scan the QR code below to help your young person get their voice heard.

SCAN ME!



## 6th Form

Our Sixth Form students have been working hard on designing and creating meaningful products that can be sold, with profits being reinvested into future projects. Using natural and recycled materials such as old CDs, coffee beans, Lolly sticks, and recycled glass, the students have made a range of creative coasters. Through this project, students have been learning about the importance of keeping our planet clean by reusing old materials to make new and useful items. They have also been developing their creative skills by designing a logo and packaging for their products.



## 6th Form Social Enterprise: Dragon's Den Hounslow House 2026

Building on this making coasters project, some of our Sixth Form students recently attended the Dragon's Den event at Hounslow House, where they competed against 11 mainstream schools. The Dragons were highly impressed by the quality of the coasters, the creative thinking behind the products, and the professional packaging designed by the students. They also praised the students' logo, recognizing the time, effort, and creativity that had gone into developing the project. We are incredibly proud of our students for their fantastic achievement in winning the **Best Product Award at the 2026 Dragon's Den Hounslow** competition.



## Youth Careers Collective Kickstart Careers Programme and Events:

For the past three weeks in May, Oaklands School has been working in partnership with the Youth Careers Collective Group to run Career Orientated workshops and facilitate an Insight Day Visit to the Novotel Hotel in Brentford. This is a part of our Careers Curriculum initiative to bring career related learning to our students. The workshops brought employers from the London Ambulance Service, Rose Theatre Playhouse, the Marriot Hotel Group, Zest Cars and more to speak to our students from Kew, Syon & Sixth Form. The students were able to interact with props, photographs and work on asking questions around employment and work- related skills. The next week, our students travelled by public and school bus to the Novotel Hotel to meet the managers, explore the hotel and even have a Mocktail making class! The students were fantastic and engaged wonderfully, inside and outside of school, in our Career events.



## Stay Active This Half Term!

Half term is a great time to relax, recharge, and keep moving. Physical activity helps improve energy, mood, and overall wellbeing. Whether it's walking, cycling, dancing, or playing outside, every movement counts!

Why not also try some simple yoga poses at home? Just a few minutes each day can make a big difference.



Cow pose



Butterfly pose



Cat pose



Flamingo pose

***Let's stay active, healthy, and happy this half term!***

# London History Day

We have been celebrating London's History this week with a series of fun activities looking at different time periods.

We took part in Roman Gladiator training circuits, recreated the houses that burned down during the Great Fire of London and lots more.

For two days we were also lucky enough to have visitors from Head2Head Sensory Theatre in school with an Immersive Workshop all about The Tudors. Students got up close and personal with Tudor artefacts and sang songs about finding a present for the king.

Happy London History Day!



# Best Dressed Awards!



Parisa  
Crane 4



Yusuf  
Syon 7



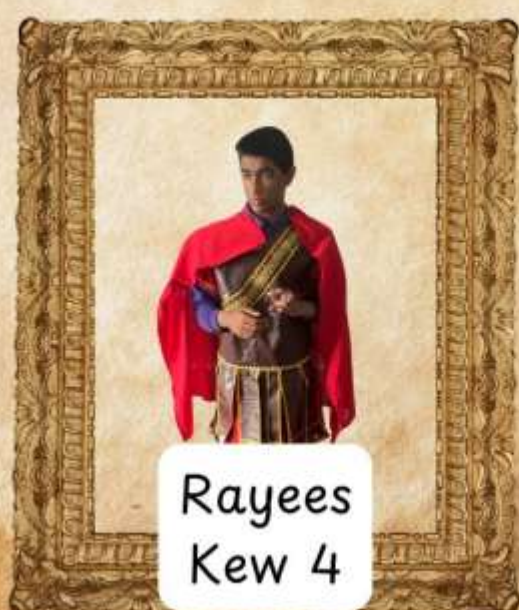
Vittorio  
Richmond 3



Olette  
Crane 1



Elyas  
Kew 4



Rayees  
Kew 4

# LCFS: 80 Years of Growing Together

Huge congratulations to Syon 7 who have won a grant of £500 from the London Children's Flower Society to turn their dreams of building a minipond into a reality.

Students worked incredibly hard to design plan of our wild garden space and research how to make the pond a place where wildlife can thrive.

Judges were impressed with the level of care and attention students put into their plans - we can't wait to show you how the project progresses!



Sort the labels into the correct box.

Benefit of Gardening	Not a Benefit of Gardening
 Supports Wildlife	 Harms with Sniping
 Healthy Diet	 Better at Football
 Vitamin D	 Makes you sick



# SENSORY TREASURE HUNT

Roll the dice and go on a sensory adventure!

## HOW TO PLAY



1

Roll the dice.

2



Find something that matches the picture.

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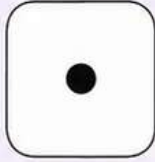


Take a photo or draw what you found.

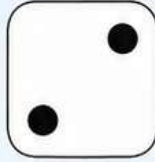
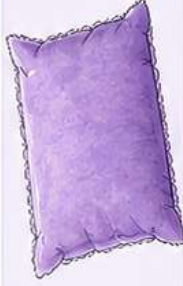
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Share it with someone at home!



Find something **SOFT.**



Find something **BLUE.**



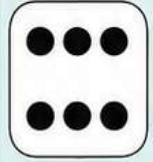
Find a calm **SPACE.**



Find a happy **SOUND.**



Find something that **SMELLS NICE.**

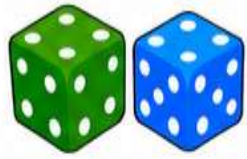


Find something **BEAUTIFUL** in nature.



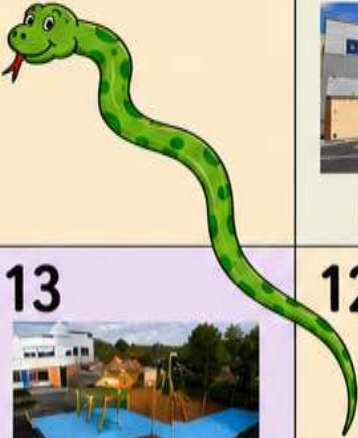





















# Oaklands School Snakes and Ladders



Roll the dice, move your counter and climb the ladders!

16  Swimming Pool	17  Sensory Playground	18 	19  Main Entrance	20 <b>Well Done! You Win!</b>
15  Outdoor Gym	14 	13  Playground	12	11 
6 	7  Music Room	8	9  Sports Hall	10  Reception
1 <b>Start Here!</b>	2 	3	4 	5  Running Track

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|  1. Roll the dice |  2. Move your counter |  3. Climb the ladders |  4. Watch out for the snakes! |  5. Reach 20 to win! |
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