

3rd July 2026



### Dates for your diary

6th-10th July Get Active Week  
Thursday 9th July Curriculum Awards  
Wednesday 15th July leavers assembly  
Friday 17th July Early Finish 1.45pm

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 would like to begin by apologising again for the inconvenience caused last week when we had to close the school for two days. Unfortunately, the air handling units, which provide ventilation throughout the building, stopped working. As a result, the temperature inside the school rose to an unacceptable level, making it unsafe and uncomfortable for students and staff. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support while the repairs were carried out.

With another spell of hot weather forecast for next week, students are welcome to wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing instead of their usual school uniform if they wish. Please also ensure that your child comes to school with a hat, a refillable water bottle and has sunscreen applied before they arrive each morning.

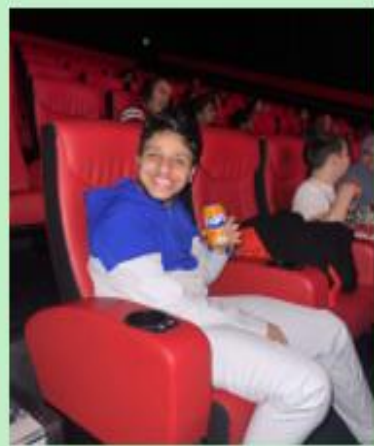
It has been another busy and exciting fortnight at school, with students enjoying a range of enriching educational visits, including trips to the Barbican and Thames Valley Adventure Playground. These experiences provide wonderful opportunities for learning beyond the classroom and have been thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.

We are also delighted to share that our school has been awarded the **Gold Award** for our horticulture area. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of students and staff across the school. We are incredibly proud of everyone who has contributed to creating and maintaining such a wonderful outdoor learning environment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe in the warm weather.

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# Crane 4



Crane 4 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the cinema and Thames Valley Adventure Playground. They had a wonderful day and thoroughly enjoyed both outings. It was a fun-filled experience, and the students especially enjoyed spending time together while exploring and taking part in the activities.



# Drawing Competition!



Task:



Draw



your



favourite



historical



person

or



ruin!



Examples:



You



could



draw



Tutankhamun,



a Pharaoh,



the Sphinx

or the



Great Pyramid.

Or



what



about

a



knight,



a castle,



a King

or a



Queen?



Or

perhaps



Stonehenge,



the Colosseum

or the



Great



Wall



of China



(choose



any



history

or



archaeology



related



subject).



Students



of all



ages



welcome



to take



part!

SCAN ME!



**How to enter: Send  
drawings to school  
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**For more information click HERE  
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## Bushy 1 – Mini Golf Trip



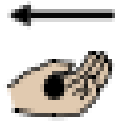
Students in Bushy 1 went to Putt in the Park in Gunnersbury Park as part of their Functional Skills module on “A day out with friends”.

Despite the wet weather, the students had a great time and completed all 15 golf courses!



# Syon 3

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Syon 3 had a lovely trip to Osterley Park to



escape the heat.



# Richmond 2

These last few weeks, Richmond 2 students have been making the most of the summertime in our sensory garden. Some students loved smelling the flowers and herbs and listening to story time in the shade, whilst others really enjoyed watering the plants and playing with water, soil and herbs and flowers.



# BBC - Orchestra at Barbican Centre



Some of the students had an amazing opportunity to visit the Barbican Centre and join a fun music workshop with the BBC orchestra! The students were absolutely captivated by all the different instruments playing together at the same time.



# EXCITING NEWS!

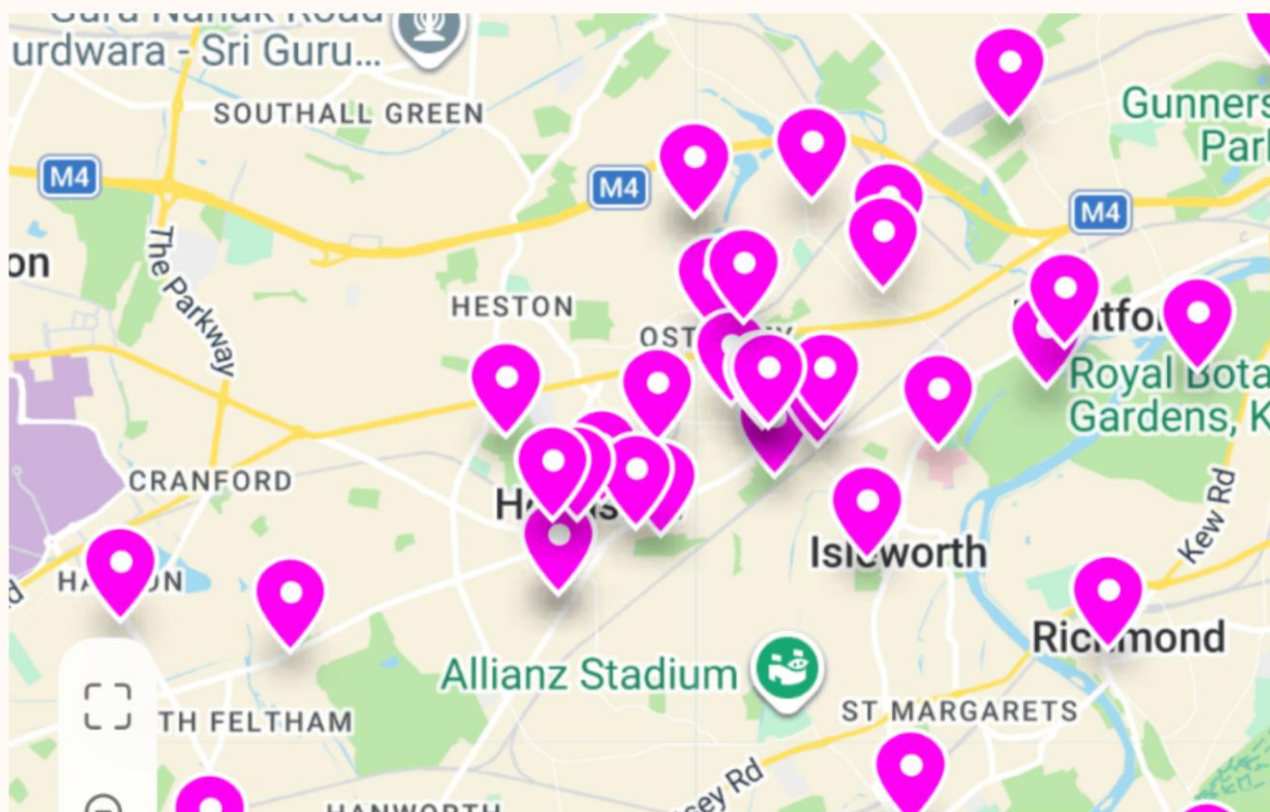
# COMMUNITY OUTING DATABASE LAUNCH

The PSHEC curriculum team at Oaklands School has developed an inspiring new resource to support enriching experiences beyond the classroom: a comprehensive Community Outings Database hosted on Padlet.

This interactive map-based tool features carefully curated pins highlighting local and accessible community destinations perfect for school trips, family outings, or independent exploration. Each pin provides detailed, practical information including:

- Location and accessibility (e.g., wheelchair-friendly options)
- Pricing details
- Links to relevant school subjects (making it easy to connect outings to curriculum learning)
- Additional tags for quick filtering

You can search by tags such as “Wheelchair Accessible” to instantly surface suitable activities, helping ensure every student can participate meaningfully.



## Why This Matters for Our Students?

These outings play a vital role in developing Cultural Capital — broadening students' horizons, fostering an appreciation for their community, and building real-world knowledge and experiences that complement their academic learning. Access the database by scanning the QR code (tip: For the best experience, view it in your browser or install the free Padlet app.) or by using this link:

<https://padlet.com/lpetruneac/community-outings-fo4i4vmtte75muft>

We encourage staff to explore the resource when planning activities and invite families to use it for weekend or holiday ideas. Together, we can create memorable opportunities that enrich our students' lives and strengthen their connection to the wider world.

We warmly welcome feedback and contributions from everyone to keep this resource growing and up to date. If you have ideas for places or activities where you took students and had a great time, please email Florina at





High Oaks hosted an amazing End of Year show. This year it was based on the story 'The Wind in the Willows'. The Show included artwork, dancing, movement and videos from students from across the school. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the families and guests that attended!





Some students from 6th form and Kew departments showed off their amazing singing skills at the show! Well done to Ulrich who sang 'I Want to Break Free' and Nurain & Advait who sang 'Here comes the Sun'





# World Cup Celebration!

The Oaklands staff wave their flags with great enthusiasm.

Everyone students, parents, and bus drivers—head home with big smiles on their faces!

