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Newsletter - Friday 28th November 2025

Message to parents from Ms Hampton

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to issue 13 of our Newsletter.

As we approach the first Sunday of Advent, it is hard to believe that November has come and gone. Reflective hymns have been replaced by joyous carols as rehearsals for the up and coming carol concerts and Nativity plays are underway. Next Wednesday, some children from both schools will be attending the Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral alongside children from other schools across the Diocese. As

always, it is an opportunity to engage in prayer as a wider faith community.

The PTA/PFA groups are busy organising the Christmas Fair's. I would like to extend my thanks in advance to everyone involved in organising these and other fun events for our pupils, outside of the school day. Each event requires a lot of planning and preparation to ensure all runs smoothly.

The dates and times of all Carol Services and Christmas plays are listed in this newsletter. Please take the time to check them and we look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes,
Ms Hampton



Catholic Life and Mission of the school

The Holy season of Advent

In Catholic and Christian communities around the world, the Holy Season of Advent refers to a four week season of remembering and celebrating the arrival of Jesus on Earth.



It's a time to reflect on the nature of Jesus' humble birth and to join in the anticipation of when He will come again to reunite Heaven and Earth once and for all.

We will be celebrating the start of Advent with the whole school Mass on Thursday 4th December at 9.30am in Our Lady of the Holy Souls church. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for this special celebration.

Our School Value for this half term is **Respect** and the matching Catholic Social Teaching Principle is Stewardship – **Dignity of the Human Person**.



We will be exploring thinking about how each and every one of us deserves to live with dignity. As children of God we all deserve to be treated with respect at all times.

PTA Mufty Day

We would just like to extend our thanks for your generous donations in support of our Christmas Fair, which takes place on **Friday 5th December 2025**. We look forward to see you all there.



St Mary's Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 2025



**Saturday 6th December 4pm -730pm & Sunday 7th December
8.30am -1.30pm**

Our Lady of the Holy Souls Church Hall, Kensal New Town, W10 5DJ

Money raised will help continue to develop our community hall, focusing on refurbishing the kitchen.

This will enable us to continue to provide a safe, welcoming, well-equipped space for gatherings and wider community use.

Grand Prize Raffle!

1st Prize £200

2nd Prize £100

3rd Prize £50

Plus, many more lovely prizes

Tickets are £1 each or £10 for a Book of 10 tickets.

Winning Tickets will be drawn at the Bazaar, around 1pm on Sunday 7th December.

Lots of Fun at the Bazaar!

Bottle Stall

Cake Stall

Tasty Savoury Food

Exciting Auctions/Raffles

Kids activities including Face Painting

Paint a Christmas Bauble

Lucky Dip

Plus, a visit from Fr Christmas.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- **Buying and or selling our Grand Prize Raffle Tickets:** available after weekend masses soon
- **Asking for Donations:** any one you know who can donate something for a raffle or an auction?
We have a letter prepared that you can give out for this purpose
- **Donations for our Bottle Stall:** alcohol or any other full bottle items
- **Bring items new and or as good as new for our Bric n Brac stall:** gifts, toys, children's books, etc
For Health & Safety reasons no clothes or electrical items, and no DVDs or other books.
- **Make a cake that we can sell at the bazaar**
- **Encourage** your children to draw a Christmas Scene on an A4 piece of paper. These will be displayed at the bazaar and Fr Damian will award a prize to the best artist!
- **Volunteer to help at the bazaar:** Let us know if you are available to help Saturday or Sunday
- **Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church hall before or after weekend masses from weekend 18th October**
- **If you need any further information or if you would like to offer your help, please contact Laura.**

Please get involved!

Many thanks

Laura Ryan on behalf of the Bazaar and Fund-Raising Team

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East Row North Kensington W10 5AW



Baby and Toddler Group – All welcome

Please come along and meet other parents, enjoy messy play, cooking and explore outdoor activities in our large open grassed space! We will be joined by the local librarian for rhyme time sessions with the children and reading stories too! **Bring a reusable mug if you can!**

Parents stay and play with your child.



Come to our new EYFS building entrance where we have plenty of buggy parking space!



Dates 2025 (Autumn Term)
8.55am – 10.15am

Wednesday 19th November (cooking)
Wednesday 26th November (dance)
Wednesday 17th December
(xmas decoration and craft)

Where to find us:



Baby and Toddler Group Photos

On Wednesdays we have had our Baby and Toddler Group . We had a visit from Natasha and Aleyah from the local library with Rhyme Time and dancing fun! Join us for our last session this year on Wednesday 17th December at 8.55am in our Early Years classroom.



Have a go at Christmas Craft with your child or playing and meeting other parents! We would love to see you there! Mrs Cummings and Mrs Gana.

New dates for Baby and Toddler Group

Parent & Carer Panel

Join us to help shape our services at Family Hubs in Kensington & Chelsea

This is a space where Parents & Carers work together with us to shape and improve the services we offer. We want to make sure every family's voice is heard, so that we can create a welcoming and supportive Family Hub

North Locality Meeting: Wrap up of the year!

Ask the questions that matter to you and your family?

How can we reach more parents/carers?

Are you willing to donate some of your time to be involved?

1st December 10am-12pm

Contact us if you need a creche place

Holmfield House Family Hub
4-6 Golborne Road
W10 5PE

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Email: familyhub@rbkc.gov.uk
with your name and preferred
contact details for more
information.

Family and Children's
Services



Parent and Carer Panel at RBKC Family Hubs

NHS
Central London
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

St Charles Urgent Care Centre

St Charles Hospital, Exmoor St, W10 6DZ

Open every day from 8am to 8pm

Need care for a minor illness or injury?

WE TREAT ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 2 FOR:

- ✓ New wounds- dressings, minor burns, cuts & abrasions
- ✓ Earache, sore throat & sinusitis
- ✓ Coughs & colds
- ✓ Urine tract infections (UTIs)
- ✓ Allergic reactions & skin conditions rashes, insect bites
- ✓ Pains & strains (X-ray for new limb injuries)

WE ARE UNABLE TO:

- ✗ See children under the age of 2
- ✗ Provide sick notes
- ✗ Treat pregnancy-related issues
- ✗ Offer mental health support
- ✗ Do blood tests or manage long-term conditions

Scan QR code for info




St Charles Urgent Care Centre

St Charles Urgent Care Centre is a trusted NHS service run by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust.

It's open every day from 09.00am to 08.00pm and is available to children age 2 years and over (and adults) who need prompt, non-emergency care.

Families do not need to make an appointment, they can simply walk in and be seen by experienced nurses and advanced clinical practitioners.

Event dates leading up to Christmas.

Christmas Dates:

Thursday 4th December: **Advent Mass in church 9.30am**

Friday 5th December: **Christmas Fair, organised by PTA from 3.45pm**

Tuesday 9th December: **Y5 taking part in the RBKC Christmas Festival in Kensington Town Hall**

Thursday 11th December: **Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Christmas Plays and Concerts:

Wednesday 10th December 2.15pm: **EYFS Christmas Play**

Tuesday 16th December 2.00pm: **KS2 Christmas Concert in church**

Wednesday 17th December 2.15pm: **KS1 Christmas Play**

Reception Admission September 2026

If you are considering applying for a Reception place for September 2026, please ensure that you submit your online application through your Local Authority.



The deadline for online applications is **Thursday, 15th January 2025**.

Once you have completed your online application, please **collect a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) pack** from the school office. When returning your completed (SIF) form please include the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address

We look forward to receiving your Reception application.

Nursery Admission September 2026

If you would like to apply for a Nursery place for your child, we warmly invite you to collect a Nursery Application Pack from the school office. When returning your completed application, please include the following documents:

- Your child's birth certificate
- Baptism certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address
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We look forward to receiving your Nursery application.



Please note that the deadline for submitting all completed Nursery applications is also **Thursday, 15th November**.

Diary Dates

Half term holiday: Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October.	
November 2025	
Thursday 4 th December	Whole School Advent Mass in church 9.30am
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fair from 3.45pm
Saturday 6th December and Sunday 7th December	Our Lady Holy Souls Church Bazaar 6 / 7th December and
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Christmas Play 2.00pm
Thursday 11 th December	School Jumper Day (£1 donation) School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert 2.15pm in church
Wednesday 17th December (changed date)	KS1 Christmas Play 2.00pm
Christmas Holidays: Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January	

New diary dates will be provided weekly

We would like to share some important dates for the Autumn Term with you. We will also be adding some more dates and will share them with you soon, so please keep checking the Newsletter and the Parents' Information Board on the front gate.

PE Days

PE Days:

Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

Wednesdays – EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Fridays - Year 3 and Year 4

PE KIT



Whole School Uniform

Nursery Uniform



Whole School Uniform



Nursery

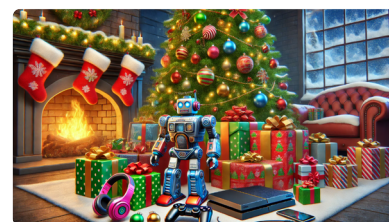
Sweatshirt – Crew neck	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
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T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton
Infant Backpack	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester

Whole School

Knitted Jumper	Embroidered – With School Badge	V-neck.
Knitted Cardigan	Embroidered – With School Badge	Colour matched
Blazer	Embroidered – With School Badge	Phone and internal zipped pockets. Teflon coated Polyester buttons. Courtelle
Hooded Sweatshirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	Cotton/Polyester
Jogpants	Plain	2 pockets. Elasticated waistband. Cotton/Polyester
T-Shirt	Embroidered – With School Badge	100% Cotton
Reversible Jacket	Embroidered – With School Badge	Concealed hood. Reflective tape. Polyester
Infant Backpack - Reception to Year 2	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester
Junior Backpack - Year 3 - 6 Only	Embroidered – With School Badge	Polyester
Gym Bag - Reception - Year 6	Embroidered – With School Badge	Rucksack style. Zipped pocket. Name display pocket. Polyester
Tie	Plain	Broad Stripe design. Polyester Clip on also available

A Guide for Parents and Carers: Choosing Tech Gifts for Children This Christmas

As Christmas approaches, tech gifts are often at the top of children's wish lists. While these can be fun, educational, and engaging, it's important to consider factors that ensure your choices are age-appropriate, safe, and beneficial.



Here's some guidance from Education North Tyneside to help you choose great tech gifts for your children this festive season: **(please click the link below for information)**

[Read the full guide here](#)

Look what we have been doing - Key Stage 2

Year 3 have been having great fun this week exploring mummification in their Ancient Egypt history project.

Year 3

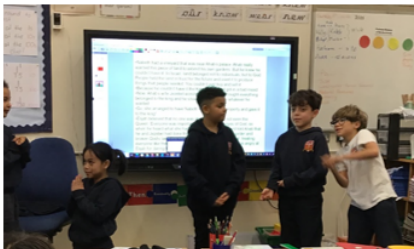
The children looked at what happened in the process of mummification and made instructional videos to explain how the Ancient Egyptians used to do it.



In RE, Year 4 have been learning about the role and teaching of the Prophets, including Elijah, Isaiah and John the Baptist and how their messages are important to us today, including at this time of year as we approach Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Year 4

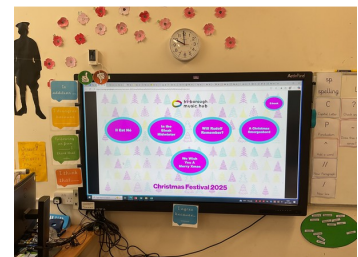
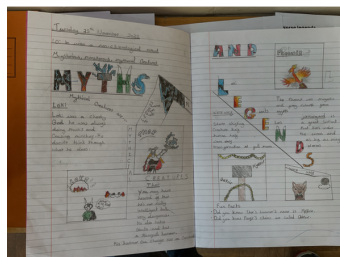
In the pictures below, the children were acting out the story of Naboth's vineyard to help us understand the cultural background at the time and how King Ahab and his people had turned away from God.



Year 5 have been busy publishing our writing for this term in English and also recapping on all of our school values.

Year 5

We have also been busy rehearsing for our performance at Kingston Town Hall for the Tri-Borough Music Festival on the 9th of December and are looking forward to performing to all and hope you all were able to book a ticket!



This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and enjoy an enriching tour of both the House of Lords and Commons.

Year 6

The children listened and engaged thoughtfully as they were guided through the stages of the parliamentary process while experiencing the beautiful architecture on offer.

The trip was an excellent expression of some of the core British values that underpin our culture and every child represented the school beautifully throughout the day.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 8am and will cost **£4** per child, per day for children from Reception to Y6. Before your child/ren attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you book the sessions and make the required payments first.!

This provision is only available to children from Reception to Year 6.

www.schoolgateway.com

Avenue Youth Project Primary AfterSchool Provision

You can now sign up to the Avenue Youth Project for Afterschool Provision, they also provide a walking Bus Service.

Aktivita Wraparound Care

Aktiva Camps After School Club hosted at the Ark Brunel Hub!
Aktiva has created a safe, fun, and friendly environment for our children.



Club Information: Aktivita After School Club will run from the end of the school day until 6:00 PM. The children will be collected from their classes at the end of the school day and brought over to the Ark Brunel hub by walking bus by 3.40pm where they will be registered into our after-school club. There are 2 sessions available to book - Early session 3.30pm-4.30pm and a full session 3.30pm-6pm

Contact Information: Aktivita's Ark Brunel contact number: 07776657491 - only available during service (3.30pm - 6pm). For all queries regarding bookings please email **bookings@aktivacamps.com** or call our parent enquiry number on **0203 551 8909**.

Booking Aktivita Services:

Single Sessions: Book until 1 PM on the same day for After School Club. This flexibility allows parents to use our services as needed. Places are subject to availability and strict cutoffs.

Booking and Pricing: Please visit www.aktivacamps.com to register yourself and your child/children and select the required service.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to all the pupils who have received **Star of the Week - Friday 28th November 2025**

Star of the Term:

Reception - Sienna

Y1 - Myla

Y2- Ethan

Y3 - Yhya

Y4 - Tay'Vion

Y5 - Kareema

Y6 - Nelly

Star Reader:

Y1 - Joshua

Y2 - Lexi

Y3 - Double next week

Y4 - Rakeb

Y5- Neveah

Y6 - N/A

Term Dates 2025- 2026

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