



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 2—Week 2—2025/26



Each week, children who display exemplary learning behaviours are chosen as our **stars of the week**.

This week our stars of the week are:

- Nursery** - Charlotte VL
- Reception** - Eliana
- Year 1** - Indiana
- Year 2** - Ahmed
- Year 3** - Emilia
- Year 4** - Sofia
- Year 5** - Michiko
- Year 6** - Evika



Important Dates

9th March -

Reception Natural History Museum

10th March -

Year 4 British Museum

11th March -

Year 3 Thames Explorer

11th March -

Year 2 Bright Sparks Concert

12th March -

Year 5 Girls Football Tournament

12th March -

Year 6 Black and Blue Project

13th March -

Y3-6 Parent Workshop: Screen Use



Our value this term is **'Hope'**

This week our value stars are:

- Nursery** - Tembite
- Reception** - Laith
- Year 1** - Noah Z
- Year 2** - Harper
- Year 3** - Yemariam
- Year 4** - Daphne
- Year 5** - Matilda
- Year 6** - Ermuun



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Reception** - 98.8%
- Year 1** - 95.0%
- Year 2** - 98.6%
- Year 3** - 98.8%
- Year 4** - 95.4%
- Year 5** - 98.0%
- Year 6** - 94.3%

The winning classes are:

Reception & Year 3





Our Value for This Term Is:

Celebrating HOPE at St Barnabas and St Philip's

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Hope – the belief that better things are ahead and that with hard work, faith, and perseverance, we can make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. Hope is the light that guides us through challenging times, helping us to remain positive and motivated as we work toward a brighter future.



Why is Hope Important?

Hope is the foundation of resilience. It helps us to remain optimistic, even in the face of adversity, knowing that positive change is always possible. When we hold onto hope, we inspire others to do the same. It encourages us to work together, dream big, and trust in our abilities to overcome obstacles and achieve our goals. At school, hope fuels our passion for learning, growing, and supporting one another.

Ways to Practice Hope at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can nurture hope with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments a regular part of your lives, reflecting on how they bring positive change:

- **Goal Setting Together:** Sit down as a family and talk about your hopes and dreams for the future. Help each other set realistic goals and discuss the steps needed to achieve them. Celebrate every little progress and encourage perseverance, even when things get tough.
- **Gratitude Journals:** Keep a family gratitude journal where everyone writes down one thing they're grateful for each day. Reflecting on the positives in our lives can help to create a hopeful mindset and strengthen the sense of community.
- **Sharing Positive Stories:** Share stories or experiences that highlight the power of hope. Whether it's through books, films, or real-life examples, let the stories inspire and remind everyone that hope is the key to overcoming life's challenges.

As we focus on Hope this term, let's remind ourselves that every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to making a difference. By practicing hope in everyday actions, we can build a school community where everyone feels empowered, optimistic, and ready to create a better tomorrow.





Healthy Eating

We are incredibly proud to that our school has a **Healthy School Gold Status**, for all our work around Healthy Eating. Please see the below regarding healthy eating at our school:

After School Snacks:

A helpful reminder regarding the snacks provided to children during our after-school club. As you know, our school is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our students. To support this commitment, we kindly request that all snacks brought to the after-school club adhere to our healthy eating guidelines.

To assist you in selecting suitable options, here are some suggestions for nutritious and appealing snacks that you can pack for your children:

- Fresh fruits such as apples, bananas, grapes, and berries
- Vegetable sticks like carrots, cucumber, and bell peppers, possibly with hummus for dipping
- Whole grain crackers or rice cakes
- Low-fat yoghurt or fromage frais
- Whole grain sandwiches or wraps with healthy fillings like lean meat, cheese, or vegetables
- Cheese slices or cubes
- Dried fruits like apricots, raisins, or cranberries (ensuring they are free of added sugars)
- Popcorn (plain and unsweetened)
- Smoothies made from fresh fruits and vegetables



Birthday Sweets/Cakes

It is against our Healthy Eating policy to bring in cakes/sweets for children's birthdays.

We ask that to celebrate birthdays you bring in fruit cups, or a healthy alternative to sweets/cakes.

Fruit Snacks

In EYFS/KS1 we provide fruit snacks for the children and there is no requirement for you to bring anything into school for your child. However, we are aware that some parents choose to add an additional fruit snack.

If you choose to bring your child grapes, these must be cut in half for children due to health and safety for children up to the age of 7.

Nut Free

Please note that our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all our students. Any snacks containing nuts will not be allowed.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for our children. Should you have any questions or require further clarification on suitable snack options, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





Summer Dates 25/26

To help families plan ahead, please take note of the following important dates for the summer term:

- **Spring Term 2 Parent Meetings** – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March
- **End of Spring Term 2** – Friday 27th March (school closes at 1.30pm)
- **Return for Summer Term 1** – Monday 13th April (from 8.40am)
- **Year 6 SATS National Assessments** – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May
- **Half Term**— 25th May—29th May
- **Year 1 National Phonics Screening Check** – Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
- **Year 4 National Multiplication Check** – Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
- **Class Photographs** – Monday 15th June
- **Sports Day** – Thursday 2nd July (9.15am–3.00pm)
- **Year 6 Production** – Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July (5.30pm)
- **Summer Fair** – Friday 10th July (3.30pm-5.00pm)
- **End of Summer Term**—Friday 17th July (school closes at 1.30pm)

Please ensure these dates are in your diaries.

More details will follow closer to each event.





School Church Services

We appreciate that we are able to visit both St Barnabas and St Philip's each term.

We invite all parents/carers to join us for these services, but ask that you join us at the church.

Our service dates for Spring Term are:

Staff are accompanying the children on the walk and having parent's there can sometimes be a little distracting.

Thursday 26th March 2026

St Barnabas Service

Thursday 16th April 2026

St Philip's Service





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Mothering Sunday at St Philip's Church

St Philips
'Come and see'



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday**

15 March 2026

10.30am: All Age Eucharist

8pm: Compline

St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, London, W8 6QH

The Parish of: St Philip, Earls Court Road Vicar: The Reverend Philippa Turner
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Margaret Ayo. Associate Priest: The Reverend Briony Mackie
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 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



Holy Week at St Philip's Church



St Philips
'Come and see'

Holy Week

6.30pm: Wednesday, 1 April
Tenebrae: A service of shadows

6.30pm: Maundy Thursday, 2 April
Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper
with Stripping of the Altar and Watch

12pm to 3pm: Good Friday, 3 April
Liturgy of Good Friday and
Stations of the Cross with music and meditations

10am: Holy Saturday, 4 April
Children's interactive Easter Story

Easter Day, 5 April

6am: Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter
followed by breakfast

10:30am: Choral Eucharist
followed by an Easter Egg hunt

All welcome

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Tour de Kensington

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Sunday 28 June 2026

Amazing spaces

Come join a fun family bike ride to the
Holland Park Summer Activity Day

- ◉ We are organising **two cycle routes** one starting in the **north** of the borough and one starting in the **south** of the borough.
- ◉ Our partner Cycling Instructor will pick up children and parents at schools along the way to **Holland Park from 10am-12pm (noon)**.
- ◉ Families will then spend time at the **Summer Activity Day from 12pm-2pm** where they can enjoy a range of sports on offer in the borough, local gym providers, health professionals and much more.
- ◉ The cycle ride will return all families back to the schools after this activity, with last drop, off at 4pm.

If your school is interested in taking part, please email school.travel@rbkc.gov.uk by **Friday 13 March 2026**.



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA



Earl's Courtiers - Auditions

Auditions

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March

Book

Now





Earl's Courtiers



**EARL'S COURTIERS
HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL PTA
PRESENT**



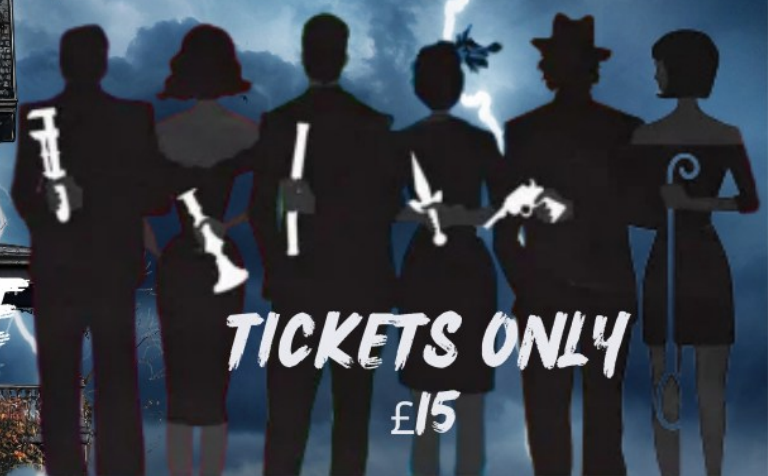
WHO DUN IT?

MURDER MYSTERY PLAY

**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL
7 PM START**



**THORPE LODGE
HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL**



**TICKETS ONLY
£15**



Earl's Courtiers

National
Theatre
CONNECTIONS
2026



THE EARLS COURTIERIS PRESENT

THE ANIMALS

by Sean Buckley

Saturday March 28th 7pm
Sunday March 29th 7pm

THE ORANGE BOX THEATRE
Fulham Piers
London SW6 6HH

Tickets £15





Donations and School Support

We are incredibly thankful to all the parents/carers who regularly donate to our school community - whether it be through time, bringing in used uniform or books, or through monetary donations.

We would like to bring to your attention several other ways in which you can donate to the school if you are able to:

Amazon Wish Lists

Reading Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/cw44tXq>

Maths Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/70gz5eg>

Easy Fundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sbsp/?searchSessionId=fbb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b>





Governors Fund 25-26

As you may be aware, we are a voluntary aided Church of England Primary School with approximately 210 pupils. We are devoted to providing our pupils with the best possible learning environment based on decent morals and values, and we are proud to have served our community for over a century.

As a Church of England School, we are required to contribute an annual maintenance fee to the London Diocese Board for School. This fee allows the school to effectively benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme that provides 90% of the overall cost for approved capital projects including redevelopment of the existing facilities and major refurbishments.

Over the years, our pupils have benefitted from a range of capital projects, including, a new bridge linking two blocks, a fully equipped school kitchen, music room, Computing suite, library, refurbished classrooms, new toilets, a new roof and skylights.

I am sure you will appreciate, it is vital for our pupil's education, that we provide them with the best facilities possible. This can only be achieved through the kind generosity of parents, and though the fee per pupil is voluntary, we ask all parents to contribute £45 per pupil per academic year or such amount, as they are able, in order that our pupils continue to benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme.

Unfortunately, any shortfall in the overall Governors maintenance fund will have to be taken from the school delegated budget that in turn will mean funds being diverted from other areas of the curriculum.

Contributions can be made via Arbor

or directly to the Governors fund account:

METRO BANK. Sort code: 23-05-80

Account number: 18996065

We appreciate any contributions to this fund.

Term Dates

Please see the [Term Date Section](#) on our School Website for the full details of term dates.

Please note that any holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

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