



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 18 July 2025

Dear Families,

This will be the final newsletter of the year, and my final message as Headteacher.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the great progress and many successes of the year. I am so proud of our children, staff, and governors and would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication, and remarkable resilience.

The year started with a very successful OFSTED inspection. We were delighted with the outcome and so pleased that they recognised that we are inclusive, have high expectations and that we enable pupils to broaden their horizons and support their wider development.

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We are a school that continually tries to improve and we regularly review our curriculum offer to your children to ensure that it is outstanding. We are proud of the curriculum we provide and your children have made such progress in their learning this year and the provisional outcomes look good. We will share them with you in the Autumn term once we have the national data to compare them with.

This year we have achieved the Gold Attachment Award, which recognises our efforts to put inclusive practice at the heart of our everyday offer. This work underpins our approach to Relationships and Behaviour

[Relationship and Behaviour policy Spr 2025.docx](#)

We are delighted with our decision to adopt the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach to play times alongside the Junior School. This has provided such wonderful opportunities for the children and it has helped to smooth the transition into year 3 for our year 2 children. We have exciting plans for the next stage, which will be shared with you in the new term. We are working towards the Platinum Award.

We are so fortunate to work within such a fantastic community. Your support and involvement are so vital and are the key to our success. The money raised from your fundraising and voluntary donations are becoming increasingly vital and we really can't thank you enough. This year, with your help, we have been able to keep our Forest School Provision, develop our outdoor play provision, and replenish our book stock. Our PTA has worked tirelessly to raise funds. We know how hard this can be in the current climate and we appreciate all of your efforts. The Summer Fair alone has raised around £9,000 profit. Many thanks to Rachel, Jessica, Eleanor and the whole team. We are also so proud of the CHIPTA Celebrating Diversity team and the work they are doing to support equality for all.

The site here at Coombe Hill is one of the things that makes our school so unique. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a beautiful environment and amazing facilities, including our swimming pool. The amount of work and resources needed to keep the grounds well maintained is vast and, from a financial point of view, is challenging. The governors and staff are currently thinking of ways to involve parents in

helping us. We are delighted that we now have a new, experienced site manager, Daniel Butler, to oversee the work and a new, experienced interim school business manager, Lauren Nardin.

Your children have enjoyed so many enrichment opportunities. These include;

- High quality PE lessons with professional sportsmen /women
- A wide range of after school clubs
- Educational visits
- A visiting theatre and workshops
- Class assemblies
- Performances at the Rose Theatre
- Country Dancing festival
- Sports day
- Summer concert
- SPARK book awards
- Swimming
- Forest school
- Visitors including scientists, authors, etc.
- Science week, positive mental health week and World Book Day.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing workshops
- Work around our Rights Respecting Schools

We hope that these experiences enrich the learning and become wonderful memories for all of our children.

As we celebrate a successful year, we also say goodbye to some of our colleagues. Mr Morris, Miss Zolobajluk, Miss Lee, and Mrs Morris. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cook, Mrs Honeybone, Miss Bedford and Miss Gordon.

We also want to thank you, our families. We feel privileged to work alongside you and we appreciate the support you give to all of us. We also hugely appreciate your feedback and challenge, it is a vital part of our journey of school improvement.

Finally, well done to our wonderful children. It is so rewarding to watch them grow and make progress, and we are very proud of them all. Good luck to the children leaving us next week, and we look forward to welcoming our new cohort in September.

It has been an absolute privilege to work at this amazing school for 28 years and lead it for 13 of those years. I wish you all the very best and have every confidence that the school will continue to evolve and be successful.



### **Message from Becky Buckley, Chair of Governors**

*We come to the end of another very busy and eventful year, and for us as a governing body, it has been more eventful than usual.*

*The biggest task for us this year has been to recruit a new headteacher, with our long-standing and much-loved headteacher Mrs Berry moving on at the end of the year. For governors, this is one of the most important and impactful duties we have to undertake, and we did not view it lightly. Mrs Cook was put through her paces in March, with two days of robust assessments, and we're delighted she will be joining us in September.*

*Whilst excited about the future, we're also very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Berry. We'd like to thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her long and dedicated commitment to our wonderful and unique school, and her efforts to create the warm and inclusive environment we all want for the children.*

*In November, we also had an Ofsted inspection to apply ourselves to, and we were delighted with the results. It was gratifying to have an external recognition of the dedication of all staff to the continuing improvement of standards, and we're confident this will continue into the future.*

*Throughout the year we have been supporting the senior leadership team with a number of other challenges, such as the continuing pressures on school budgets, and the transition to a new site manager for the large and complex site we're lucky enough to have. Our usual routine of governor monitoring visits and focus on safeguarding has also continued to draw on our energies.*

*Within the board itself, we're also looking to some changes in the autumn, with some governors moving on, and some fresh new faces wanting to get stuck in, including our new parent governor, Steph Carran, and new staff governor, Miss Matheson.*

*All that remains is for me to wish you all, on behalf of the whole governing body, a happy and restful summer holiday.*

*Becky Buckley  
Chair of Governors*

### **Reports**

We hope that you have all received your child's end of year report. Please return the feedback form to your child's teacher or to the school office, our staff always appreciate any feedback.

### **Year 2 leavers' celebration evening**

Our wonderful Year 2 children enjoyed a special evening on Thursday with games on the field, swimming, football, tennis, face painting, and pizza. It was a lovely way to make some final memories of their time with us. My thanks to the many staff who stayed to run the evening voluntarily for the children.









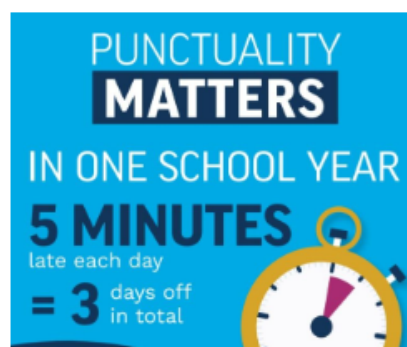
### Year 2 Leavers Assembly - Tuesday 22nd July

On Tuesday, 22nd July we will say an official goodbye to our Year 2 children. Year 2 parents and carers, please make your way to the adventure playground after drop-off. The assembly will begin just after 9.00 am, please try not to arrive after this.

### Attendance this week

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance across the school this week is **95.41%**. The highest attendance of the week is for **Otter class** with **98.67%** attendance, followed by **Bee, Lion and Leopard classes**, all with over **97%**. Well done to these classes.

With the end of term next week we are pleased to see that our overall attendance for the year will be above our target of 96%. Thank you to all of our families who have ensured that their child has attended school whenever they are well enough to do so this year. High attendance in school is so important to your child's academic achievement, their wellbeing, and to their wider development. Regular school attendance is a key mechanism in supporting children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. We will continue to monitor every child's attendance closely from their first day in school in September, in partnership with the Junior school, where we have shared families.



### Cake sales

The Ladybird cake sale last week raised an impressive **£236.50**. Thank you to everyone for your support with our cake sales over the past year. The funds raised from these sales is put towards so many valuable learning resources

### School dates

Please check here [Coombe Hill Infants' School - Calendar](#) for school events. We will update you via this weekly newsletter when we add new events but please check this calendar regularly to ensure that you are up to date with what is going on in school. For term dates for next year and looking further ahead please go to [CHI Term Dates](#).

### Measles warning

We have been asked by the local authority to make you aware that measles cases have recently increased again across London. Measles is very infectious and can be a serious illness. It can spread quickly, especially in education and childcare settings. All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to check their child's MMR status. Please see the following link to further information about measles <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>. If any families have questions or need additional support (eg translation services) please contact the [school immunisation team](#) on 020 3691 1019.



### Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant receive funded benefits throughout the school year from us as a school and from the local authority. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child joined the school and their eligibility was checked and you think you may now be eligible. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/mN1XwRS174XqDdo39>

### Parent Childcare Survey - Achieving for Children

Achieving for Children, on behalf of both Kingston and Richmond councils, want to understand your childcare needs and experiences for children aged 0 - 14 , or 18 if disabled. This includes early years, term time school wraparound and holiday care, for example. Local Authorities have a duty to report annually on the local childcare market and the voice of all families is a vital part of understanding that market. They would greatly appreciate the time you will take in completing the survey. [Click here to complete the Parent Childcare Survey](#). If you have any question about the survey, or if you need further information about childcare in Kingston and Richmond please access our [childcare information pages](#) on our website, email [FIS@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:FIS@achievingforchildren.org.uk) or phone - 020 8547 5215.

### Community and other information

- Please find attached information about the **Love the Ball Summer Camp** which will be held here at Coombe Hill - booking now open!  **LTB-SummerCamp25-Flyer V1.pdf**
- **Richmond Park Discovers** have a few games, arts and crafts activities and events planned for the summer, please see the information at the end of this newsletter.
- **All Stars Cricket** are running a free summer holiday camp at Alexandra Park Recreation Ground, Alexandra Drive, Surbiton KT5 9BQ. The camp (**open to 5–8-year-olds**) will run from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am-11am each day. Signing up link: [All Stars Cricket - Surrey Cricket Board](#) - All Stars Voucher Code- **XMGQR**
- **Kingston Children's Centres** are pleased to share their brand new **summer holiday programme** for Kingston children's centres. With a variety of activities suitable for children aged 0-5 (and siblings up to 8 years), go to <https://tinyurl.com/Kingston-Summer-Holiday-2025>
- During the summer months **the NSPCC will be hosting a series of free Talk PANTS Information Sessions arranged for parents and carers** to help you Talk PANTS with those you care for. In this session we will cover what is Talk PANTS?, Parent/carer Talk PANTS resources, Support with Talking PANTS at home  **Talk PANTS Parent and Carer Sessions.docx.pdf**
- **Rose Youth Theatre Summer Schools are back for 2025!** Booking is now open for our 'Create in Three Days' course, running between 6<sup>th</sup> August – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The course is full of fun drama-based activities, crafts, exercises, and skills. Small groups will work with a Rose Youth Theatre director and assistant for the duration of the course and create a short piece of theatre to be shared with families on the final day. Please visit our website to see a full list of course options. Click here to find out more and book your place: [Summer Schools 2025](#)
- **Free "Dad's First Aid" course at The Willoughby Arms, Kingston** on Thursday 24th July at 7pm, aimed at helping dads and male carers feel more confident in handling everyday first aid situations. The session is being offered by Kingston Round Table, in partnership with St. John Ambulance, and is completely free to attend. It's a practical, friendly workshop designed especially for fathers, father-figures, and male carers of young children – just in time for the summer break. Sign up via the Kingston Round Table Facebook page or by email to [kingston@roundtable.org.uk](mailto:kingston@roundtable.org.uk).

### Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website <https://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Parent+Newsletter&pid=225>

### End of term next week

**Our term finishes next Tuesday 22 July.** On Tuesday **all children must be collected one hour earlier than usual** - 2.05pm for Reception and 2.10pm for Years 1 & 2 (all children who attend Connections must be collected by 5pm).

Wishing you a restful weekend before our final two days of the school year next week.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

### ***Safeguarding***

*Safeguarding our young children is our priority and all staff are trained to keep children safe. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you are concerned about a child or young person please call Children's Services on 020 8547 5008. The South London CAMHS Crisis Line for both children and adults can be reached on 0800 028 8000.*

**\* NEW! FOR 2025**  
**FIFA TOURNAMENT**  
**CAPTURE THE FLAG**  
**QUIZZES**  
**SPORTS DAY**

**LTB ACADEMY**  
EST. 2013

**FOR AGES 4-12**

**SUMMER CAMP**

**CLUB PLAY!**  
LTB  
Join the fun!

**AT COOMBE HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL, KT2 7DD**

**28 JULY - 1 AUGUST • 4-8 AUGUST • 11-15 AUGUST**

**WET! WEDNESDAYS BACK FOR 2025**

**Summer Camp 2025 is booking now!**  
Our holiday & multisport activity camps have something for everyone!  
**www.lovetheball.com**



# It all starts with...



**ALL STARS**  
CRICKET

**We all play at:**

Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Dr, Surbiton KT5 9BQ

**Session dates:**

Tuesday 26th August 2025- Thursday 28th August 2025

**Session timings:**

10am-11am each day

**Ages:**

5-8 Year olds

**Contact:**

Alex Hughes-  
Ajhughes@surreycricket.com or via  
mobile on 07756 269946

Including a **FREE** personalised t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack



**ROSE**  
PARTICIPATE

**ROSE YOUTH THEATRE**

# SUMMER SCHOOLS

**CREATE IN THREE DAYS**

These take place at a local external venue

*'MY CHILD WAS ENGAGED FOR ALL OF THE DAYS  
AND CAN'T WAIT TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR'*  
Parent, Three Day Course, 2023

*'THE CHILDREN CREATE EVERYTHING THEMSELVES.  
IT DOESN'T GET MORE CREATIVE THAN THAT'*  
Parent, Three Day Course, 2023

**WEEK 1**  
6 August - 8 August  
Ages 7-11/Years 3-6

**WEEK 2**  
13 August - 15 August  
Ages 7-11/Years 3-6

**SIBLING  
DISCOUNTS  
& BURSARIES  
AVAILABLE**

summerschools@rosetheatre.org   rosetheatre.org   020 8174 0090

## Summertime with Discoverers in Richmond Park!



**Story Time at the Belvedere**  
Pembroke Lodge Gardens, 9-11am  
Mondays 4<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August  
**With Arts and Craft activities.**

**With Help Nature Thrive**  
(The Royal Parks' Summer Roadshow)  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 11-3pm Roehampton Garden  
(very close to the Roehampton Gate)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 11-3pm  
Pertersham Playground  
**Games, activities, arts and craft.**

**Come and join us!**  
All these events are free, you can join anytime  
but you must stay with your children.



# Join ParkPlay!

Make friends, have fun, get moving.  
FREE every Saturday.

**#MeetMovePlay**



## Dickerage ParkPlay

**Come and meet your PlayLeaders at Dickerage Sports & Community Centre, every Saturday from 12:30pm.  
Launching 10th May.**

ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities and fun with your local community.

**Register today!**

[park-play.com/register](http://park-play.com/register)

