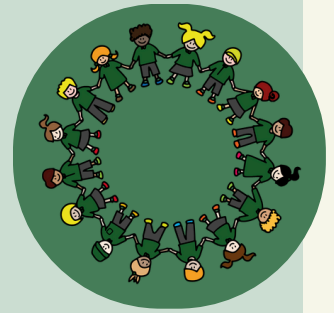


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Enjoy Learning



# NEWSLETTER

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## Sustainability Matters

As part of our commitment to sustainability, our school is taking steps to reduce paper use by moving more communication online.

Sending newsletters, notices, and permission slips via email helps save paper, reduce waste, and lower our environmental footprint. It also ensures families receive information quickly and reliably. By choosing digital communication whenever possible, we're working together to care for our planet and model responsible habits for our students.

## PTA helpers / Volunteers

Do you have the time to help out with any school events this year?

We are always keen to welcome parents and carers onto the PTA and to be volunteers or helpers in the school.

Your support can be as little as helping sell Mothers Day items or running a stall at an event, to being a volunteer who comes into school to help on trips or listen to readers.

If you are interested in doing any of the above - or have an alternative idea of how you would like to support the school, please just contact the school office:

[office@richmond.secat.co.uk](mailto:office@richmond.secat.co.uk)

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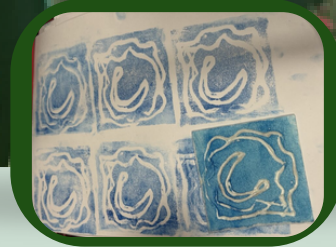
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## Richmond Avenue Primary & Nursery School



# LATEST NEWS...

## Our next adventures at school...

Thank you to our parents for helping pupils arrive safely on these cold, dark mornings! Over the next few weeks, pupils will take part in Bikeability, developing cycling confidence and road safety skills, as well as NSPCC Number Day and Careers & Aspirations Week, exploring future opportunities.

Parents are warmly invited to our Mental Health Coffee Morning, a relaxed chance to meet other parents, share experiences, and pick up helpful tips on supporting pupil wellbeing.

## Upcoming Events...

### Careers & Aspirations Week

Next week we have many visitors coming in to Richmond to talk to the children about their jobs. We have RNLI lifeboat workers, a firefighter, an RAC lady, charity workers, an author and lots more. Thank you to all the parents who have agreed to come and talk to their children's class - if you haven't already signed up, it's not too late - just let the School Office know of your skills to share.

### Year 4 & 6 Bikeability

Next week, our year 4&6 pupils will participate in Bikeability, the national cycle training programme that helps children learn how to ride safely and confidently on today's roads. Through practical, hands-on sessions, pupils will develop essential skills such as bike control, road awareness, and making safe decisions while cycling. Bikeability builds confidence and independence while encouraging healthy, active travel and we are excited to have them work with our pupils.

## KEY NEWS:

### WINNERS

Well done to LC1 & LH4 for having the highest class attendance this week, keep up the effort of coming to school every day!

### Support Learning at Home..

Support your child's learning by attending events, reading together and completing Bingo Homework activities.

### ATTENDANCE

Being in school, on time, every day matters. For children to learn and thrive to reach their potential, they need to be in school. Our gates are open **daily from 8.35am - 8.45am**, please ensure your child enters the school between these times so that they can get to class on time and engage in the important start of day activities and learning. Thank you.



# Dates for the diary...

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE...



## February

WB 2<sup>nd</sup> - Careers & Aspirations Week  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 5 HMS Belfast Trip meeting with parent/pupil (straight after school)  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - NSPCC Number Day  
 WB 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 & 6 Bikeability  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Mental health Coffee morning  
 \*\*\*\*\* Half term 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February \*\*\*\*\*

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - School CLOSED to pupils - Staff Training Day

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

## March

**Thurs 5th - World Book Day**

WB 9<sup>th</sup> - Science Week

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Science Fair (Parents to attend 2-3pm)

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day Sale (£2 per child)

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day (Go **RED** for donations to charity)

WB 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent/Teacher Consultations (to be booked on the MCAS app)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Easter Raffle, Bonnet Parade and Competition

\*\*\*\*\* Easter Break 30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April \*\*\*\*\*

Children return to school Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

## Reminders:



### Mental Health Coffee Morning..

Join us for a relaxed coffee morning to chat about mental health and wellbeing. Meet other parents, share experiences, and pick up helpful tips. We'd love to see you there! Please email [senco@richmond.secat.co.uk](mailto:senco@richmond.secat.co.uk) to confirm your place.



### Mobile Phones

We operate a NO MOBILE PHONES policy in school. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 who walk home may bring a phone for safety, but it must be switched off at the school gate and handed to the class teacher. Phones will be stored securely in a locked box during the school day and returned to pupils at home time.



### Nursery

The Nursery Team are currently reviewing availability for Nursery places starting September 2026 and accepting admissions. Our Nursery welcomes children from 2 years upwards. For more information and availability, please email [admin@richmond.secat.co.uk](mailto:admin@richmond.secat.co.uk). We would be delighted to welcome families to view the Nursery.

# Apply for Free School Meals



If your child is under 19 and in full time education, they may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education

### Universal infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they are in a government-funded school and in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it is important that you tell their school, even if they take a packed lunch. This will allow the school to claim pupil funding for your child and allows them to provide your child with further support and opportunities.

We advise signing up for free school meals whilst your child is an infant. Even though they will be receiving a free school meal already, this could help your child's school to apply for extra money to help support your child.

### Early Education Funding

Children aged 9 months to 4 years old will be eligible for free school meals where the following applies:

- The child is a registered pupil of a state funded school
- The child attends an early education government funded early education funded place both before and after lunch
- The child's parents are in receipt of specified benefits and meet the criteria and have made an application for free school meals

### Free school meals for asylum seekers

Asylum seekers can apply for free school meals if they have a NASS Number.

Providing free school meals to families with no access to public funds

Children in households who are unable to claim public funds should be able to access free school meals (subject to maximum income limits). Please contact your school office to apply for free school meals under this scheme. The school will ask you to complete an application form, you can get help to fill the form in from the school office.



# Richmond Avenue Nursery

Enrol your child in our exceptional Nursery today!

Our enthusiastic and caring Nursery team is dedicated to providing a fun, nurturing and inspiring learning environment for children from 2 years of age. We support early learning through play, exploration and creativity—helping every child to grow in confidence and thrive!



Please contact the Nursery Team on

01702 292197 or email

[nursery@richmond.secat.co.uk](mailto:nursery@richmond.secat.co.uk) to book our

upcoming open sessions:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 15:45-16:15

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 16:30-17:00

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 16:00-16:30

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 15:45-16:15

