

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families. We have had a fantastic start to the term with the start of exciting topics and trips already going on.

Lucy Freer from Magic Breakfast visited the school this week and was very impressed with our before school Breakfast Club and also how well the children were engaging with their 'grab-and-go' Magic Breakfast. She spoke to the children about the importance of a healthy breakfast in ensuring you are 'ready for learning'.

Just a reminder that our free Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am and can be booked by the Thursday of the week before you want your child to attend.

Thank you for making sure your children are in school on time. It makes such a difference when children start the day with their peers.

A polite reminder for pick-up. We do understand that sometimes there are unavoidable delays in picking your children up. However, please be aware, our staff have other commitments after school with meetings and work to complete and they are not available to look after your child after school. If you are running late in due to an unavoidable issue, please inform the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Linsay Thomson**  
Headteacher

## School Trips

All trip letters are now shared with you on School Spider. If you need help accessing them please speak to the office.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteer to support school trips. We truly appreciate your time and commitment — without your help, many trips would not be able to go ahead, as we require a set number of adults to safely escort children out of school.

We kindly ask that parents only volunteer for trips if they can fully commit. Unfortunately, we have recently been let down at the last minute, which nearly resulted in trips having to be cancelled. Your reliability helps ensure these valuable experiences can go ahead for all children, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

## Important Dates

**Year 1 visit to Richmond Park** – Wednesday 21st January

**Year 5 Freshwater Theatre in school** – Wednesday 28th January

**Reception visit to the Natural History Museum** – Friday 30th January

**Half Term holiday** – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

**Last day of Spring Term** – Friday 27th March

**School Holidays** - Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

**Inset Day - School closed for children** – Monday 13th April

**First day of Summer Term - School open for children** – Tuesday 14th April

**Year 2 visit Chiswick Pier with the Thames Explorer Trust** – Wednesday 22nd April

**Year 1 visit Holly Lodge** – Thursday 30th April

**May Day Bank holiday - School closed** – Monday 4th May

Full Term dates are [on our website](#).

## What's been going on in school?

Our Year 5 children have been reading the books that they have made to children in our Reception class. Year 5 have also been out on a visit to the British Museum to study the ancient Greeks.

In our Reception class, the children have been mixing biscuit dough on their DT day. They then decorated their cooked biscuits according to their designs. Well done Reception!



## Free Wellbeing Webinars

The Education Wellbeing Service offers **free parent webinars to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health**. Their next topics include How to Help your Child Learn Practical Skills at a Young Age, Promoting Sibling Harmony, Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND, and Supporting Common Child Worries Around Exams. You can sign up to their free webinars here: [Early Years](#) or [Primary Years](#)

Wandsworth Family Information Service has many resources available to help **support families with children and young people with SEND**. To find out more, please [visit their website](#).

## Nursery Applications

Applications for Nursery places for September 2026 should be made during **February 2026**.

We offer a free full time nursery place to all children regardless of whether their parents are working/eligible for government funding. Children may join the Nursery the term after they have turned 3 years old. To find out more about the Nursery, or to download an application form, please [visit our website](#). Forms should be returned to the School Office in person or by email to [admin@thealton.q1e.org.uk](mailto:admin@thealton.q1e.org.uk).

If you have any questions or need help with your application, please call into the School Office, email us on [admin@thealton.q1e.org.uk](mailto:admin@thealton.q1e.org.uk) or call **020 8876 8482** and we will be very happy to help.

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe. If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school. Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE. Childline: 0800 1111



## Free Messy Play & Crafting

New sessions taking place on  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
3.30 - 5.00 pm  
For Ages 0 to 5 Years  
(SEND Kids up to 8 years)



**Booking Essential.**  
Please contact Orleen  
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All sessions will take place in  
St Joseph's Church, Roehampton  
Places must be booked in advance  
Please contact Orleen  
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## Goodbyes and Good Nights Online Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?  
Does your child struggle to separate from you?  
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a routine after the school holidays.



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child towards their independence.

### Date and Time:

Session 1: Friday 16/01/2026 at 12-1pm  
Session 2: Friday 25/01/2026 at 12-1pm  
Session 3: Friday 30/01/2026 at 12-1pm  
Session 4: Friday 6/02/2026 at 12-1pm

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up below and we will be in touch.



In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.



Scan the QR code or follow the link for further details and sign-up form or please [click here](#)

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Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Jan  
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