



## Upcoming Events

Wed 15 Sept	Reception begin school full time
Wed 15 Sept	Y1-Y6 Virtual Parent Engagement Day
Fri 24 Sept	YR Virtual Transition Meetings
Thu 30 Sept	Individual School Photos
Fri 1 Oct	Sibling School Photos

### Don't Forget...

**NO DOGS ALLOWED ONSITE**



- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September is Virtual Parent Engagement Day for Years 1-6.**

## Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome everyone back this week. The positivity of parents and pupils, the commitment and enthusiasm of staff and some welcomed late summer sunshine, have meant we have all enjoyed a fantastic first week back. Pupils have settled in really well to their new classes and there has been a fabulous buzz around the building. There is more to look forward to next week when we welcome our new intake of Reception pupils.

We are all hoping that the academic year 2021/22 brings less disruption and a return to the events and activities that make our primary school so special. This week we have taken the first steps in doing this and have enjoyed freer movement around the school, longer lunchtimes and the return to assemblies. We are, however, remaining vigilant and there will be some covid related restrictions remaining in place, there is information detailing these in this newsletter.

This week Mrs Axbey and I met with Frances Bracegirdle, our Headteacher in waiting. This meeting was part of the ongoing induction programme started by Mrs Whymark last term which will include her meeting with the leadership team, staff, parents and governors. This meeting was very successful and gave us the opportunity to pass on important information about our school and make plans to ensure a successful handover. We all look forward to her joining the team after half term.

On a personal note, I wanted to share with you that I will be retiring at the end of this academic year. After 20 years at The Vineyard School during which I have worked as Deputy Headteacher, Co-Head and Acting Headteacher, and after 30 years of working in Richmond Schools, I will be calling it a day. This has been a big decision for me and also coincides with me getting married to my long term partner next July. I will be leaving the school at a very exciting time as we look forward to welcoming a new Headteacher, who will lead The Vineyard through the next stage of development. We have an amazing community and staff team at The Vineyard which will ensure the future will be bright. My decision to retire at the end of this academic year was initially shared with governors last June but I thought I would share the news with the wider Vineyard community at the beginning of this school year. I would like to say more about this decision towards the end of year. However, in the meantime I have a very important job to do leading the school through this first half term and working with Frances Bracegirdle from November to ensure this is a successful year as the school looks to the future and moves through its next stage of development.

Richard Rosewell  
Acting Headteacher

## COVID Response Update

We would like to update you on the procedures that we are required to take in relation to COVID cases in the school. To remain as safe and healthy as we possibly can, we would like to remind you of some of the things we can do as a school community.

- We would be grateful if **children and parents could regularly test themselves** with lateral flow tests. All **staff members are testing themselves twice a week**.
- Please make sure that **your child has everything they need so that you don't have to come into school to deliver things** once you have left the site.

In terms of tracing close contacts of COVID cases and the need to self-isolate the government guidance (confirmed by the borough) is as follows:

- *Settings only needed to do contact tracing up to and including 18 July.*
- **Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace** and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.
- *As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent/carer to identify close contacts.*
- *Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.*
- *You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.*
- *Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:*
  - *they are fully vaccinated*
  - *they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months*
  - *they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial*
  - *they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons*

*Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We **would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so**.*

*Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.*

As before, please make sure that you take your child for a **PCR test (not a lateral flow test)** if:  
*There is a recent onset of any of the following:*

- *a new continuous cough*
- *a high temperature*
- *a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)*

As you can appreciate, we have to follow the guidance that we are given as a school.

In the event of a rise in cases we also have a contingency framework which we will follow to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Rosewell



## Parent Engagement Day

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September is when our virtual Parent Engagement Day will be taking place.** Each Director of Learning has sent out the **slides relevant for your child's year group via SchoolPing for you to view** before the Q&A session which will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have **any questions** which you would like answered, then **please submit these using the link which was in the Ping messages.**

There will also be an opportunity to also ask questions during the Zoom call. All the questions and their answers will be sent out following the Engagement Day if you are unable to attend.

The timetable for the day is below:

**Year 1: 9:30am**  
**Year 2: 10:00am**  
**Year 3: 11:00am**  
**Year 4: 11:30am**  
**Year 5: 12:30pm**  
**Year 6: 1:00pm**

Please contact your child's Director of Learning if you have any further questions.

## Parent Helpers

We are pleased to announce that we are now allowed parent helpers back on site. If you would like to volunteer with reading and support children with their learning please get in touch with your child's Director of Learning via [info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk).

Please note, **we can only accept parents who hold a valid DBS check which has been issued by the Vineyard School.** We have a problem with our DBS system and as soon as that is back up and running we can process DBS checks for parents who do not have one.

## Message from Miss Reilly

We need your help! We are looking for parents/carers who would be willing to come into school and discuss their faith during our religious education classes. If you would like to get involved, please email [info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk) for more information.

Please note, **we can only accept parents who hold a valid DBS check which has been issued by the Vineyard School.** Thanks in advance for your support.

Miss Reilly, 5Moonstone



An Illustration of our Healthy Eating Approach : Some Examples

HealthySchools

### ✓ Healthy Eating Foods

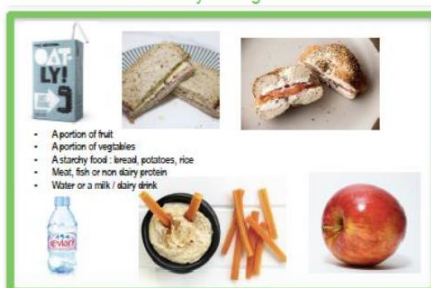


### Breaktime Snacks

### ✗ Not Allowed In School



### ✓ Healthy Eating Foods



### Lunch Boxes

### ✗ Not Allowed In School



## Healthy Schools

At The Vineyard, we encourage healthy eating among our pupils. We ask that parents provide children with healthy packed lunches and snacks for their children and **they must not include nuts.** Below is a guideline of what we expect to be (and not to be!) included within pupil lunches.

# Updates and Notices

## Return to assemblies!

We are delighted that we are now able to start conducting our assemblies face to face again!



## New PE kit!



Our new PE kit is now available on Mapac!

The Vineyard offers your child the opportunity to take part in extra curricular sport

Visit the school website for an up to date list

<https://www.vineyard.richmond.sch.uk/current-parents/clubs>

Please can parents ensure that children have everything they need for the school day before leaving home.



Get the latest updates and photos by following the school on twitter!  
**@Vineyard\_School**





# Headteacher Awards!



# Do you have a query, concern, positive comment or complaint?

We do suggest that parents **contact their child's class teacher first with any issues** regarding a child's progress and any class related matters. **Then**, parents are invited to **contact the phase leader** who line manages your child's class teacher **with any unresolved concerns**:

- **Mrs Daisy Dempster** is our Director of Learning **overseeing the EYFS**
- **Miss Alice McArdle** is our Director of Learning **overseeing Y1 and Y2**
- **Ms Laura Reilly and Mrs Rosie Fletcher-Brown** are our Directors of Learning **overseeing Y3 and Y4**
- **Mr Matt Collier** is our Director of Learning **overseeing Y5 and Y6**

You can contact them via email on [info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk) stating who you wish to contact or via the school number on 0208 8948 0195. It is normally appropriate to communicate directly with the member of staff concerned **or in the case of serious concerns it may be appropriate to address them directly to Mr. Rosewell as acting Headteacher.** To contact Mr. Rosewell our acting Headteacher, directly please email [headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk)



Please could we ask that when you are contacting the school by phone, email or even in person, to **always give both your child's full name and their class.** It would really help us. Thank you!

The library now has a website which can be accessed via The Vineyard School website. Please click [here](#).

## Email Communication Channels

Alongside the [info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk) for general emails to staff, we now have other email inboxes.

If your child is **absent** for any reason or for attendance related issues please email:

[absence@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:absence@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk)

For any **sport related enquiry** or to contact Liz Foster our Sport and Co-Curricular Leader please email:

[sport@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:sport@vineyard.richmond.sch.uk)



## Useful Links

Please see below some links to our website that parents may find useful:

[Calendar](#)  
[Absence and Attendance](#)  
[Koosa Kids](#)  
[Extra-Curricular Clubs](#)  
[Library](#)  
[Report and Absence](#)  
[FAQs](#)

# DIARY OF EVENTS – AUTUMN TERM 2021 (week by week view) Value Focus: Respect / PSHE Unit ‘Being me in my world’

Week Beginning	Date	Time	Those Involved	Event
Week 1 – 30 Aug	Wed 1 Sept	All-day	Whole School	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
	Wed 1 Sept	All-day	Staff	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
	Thu 2 Sept	8.30am	Y1-Y6	FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR Y1-Y6
	Thu 2 Sept		YR	Reception Home Visits
Week 2 – 6 Sept	Mon 6 Sept – Thu 9 Sept		YR	Reception Home Visits & Children’s School Visits
	Fri 10 Sept		YR	Reception Transition Day
Week 3 – 13 Sept	Mon 13 Sept		YR	Reception Transition Day
	Tue 14 Sept		YR	Reception Transition Day
	Wed 15 Sept	8.40am	YR	RECEPTION BEGIN SCHOOL FULL TIME
	Wed 15 Sept	TBC	Y1-Y6	Y1-Y6 Virtual Parent Engagement Day
	Wed 15 Sept		Governors	FGB
Week 4 – 20 Sept	Fri 24 Sept	TBC	YR Parents	Virtual Transition Meetings
Week 5 – 27 Sept	Wed 29 Sept		Governors	Resources
	Thu 30 Sept	All day	Whole School	Individual School Photos
	Fri 1 Oct	All day	Whole School	Sibling School Photos
Week 6 – 4 Oct	Wed 6 Oct	1.30pm-5.00pm	Whole School	Parent Teacher Consultations
	Thu 7 Oct	AM	Office	School Census Day – OFFICE CLOSED AM
	Thu 7 Oct	4.00pm-7.00pm	Whole School	Parent Teacher Consultations
Week 7 – 11 Oct	Thu 14 Oct	6.30pm	Whole School	PTA welcome drinks with Mrs Bracegirdle
Week 8 – 18 Oct	Wed 20 Oct		Governors	D&P
	Thu 21 Oct	All day	Whole School	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
	Fri 22 Oct	All day	Whole School	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
	MON 25 OCT – FRI 29 OCT	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED Value: Inclusive / Jigsaw PSHE Unit: ‘Celebrating Difference’		
Week 9 – 1 Nov	Mon 1 Nov	All day	Whole School	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
	Mon 1 Nov	All day	Staff	PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
	Tue 2 Nov	8.30am	Pupils	FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM
	Sat 6 Nov		Parents and Pupils	PTA Fireworks
Week 10 – 8 Nov				
Week 11 – 15 Nov	Fri 19 Nov	All day	Parents	Parent Engagement Day
Week 12 – 22 Nov	Wed 24 Nov		Governors	D&P
Week 13 – 29 Nov	Wed 1 Dec		Governors	FGB
Week 14 – 6 Dec				
Week 15 – 13 Dec	TBC	TBC	Whole School	Christmas Carol Concerts - TBC
	Fri 17 Dec	12.00pm	Whole School	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL FINISHES FROM 12.00PM
	MON 20 DEC – FRI 31 DEC	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED		

Please note that some of the above dates may change during the course of the term. **Changes and updates will be highlighted in red.**  
Please check your weekly newsletter for changes.

# DIARY OF EVENTS – SPRING TERM 2022 (week by week view) Value Focus: Ambitious / PSHE Unit ‘Dreams and Goals’

Week Beginning	Date	Time	Those Involved	Event
Week 1 – 3 Jan	Mon 3 Jan	All day	Whole School	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
	Tue 4 Jan	8.30am	Whole School	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Week 2 – 10 Jan				
Week 3 – 17 Jan	Wed 19 Jan		Governors	D&P
	Wed 19 Jan	1.30pm-5.00pm	Whole School	Parent Teacher Consultations
	Thu 20 Jan	4.00pm-7.00pm	Whole School	Parent Teacher Consultations
Week 4 – 24 Jan				
Week 5 – 31 Jan				
Week 6 – 7 Feb	Tue 8 Feb	All day	Whole School	Safer Internet Day
	MON 14 FEB – FRI 18 FEB	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED Value: Self-Awsre / Jigsaw PHSE Unit: ‘Healthy Me’		
Week 7 – 21 Feb	Mon 21 Feb	8.30am	Whole School	FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM
Week 8 – 28 Feb	Thu 3 Mar	All day	Whole School	World Book Day
Week 9 – 7 Mar	Wed 9 Mar		Governors	Resources
Week 10 – 14 Mar	TBC	TBC	Whole School	Parent Engagement Day - <b>TBC</b>
Week 11 – 21 Mar				
Week 12 – 28 Mar	Wed 30 Mar		Governors	FGB
	TBC	TBC	Pupils and Parents	Year 4 Spring Assemblies - <b>TBC</b>
	Fri 1 Apr	12.00pm	Whole School	LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL FINISHES FROM 12.00PM
	MON 4 APR – FRI 15 APR	EASTER HOLIDAYS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED		

Summer Term starts for pupils from 8.30am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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# DIARY OF EVENTS – SUMMER TERM 2022 (week by week view) Value Focus: Ambitious / PSHE Unit ‘Dreams and Goals’

Week Beginning	Date	Time	Those Involved	Event
Week 1 – 18 Apr	Mon 18 Apr	All day	Whole School	EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
	Tue 19 Apr	8.30am	Whole School	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Week 2 – 25 Apr				
Week 3 – 2 May				
Week 4 – 9 May	Mon 9 May – Fri 13 May		Whole School	Mental Health Awareness Week
	Mon 9 May – Fri 13 May		KS2	KS2 SATs Week
Week 5 – 16 May	Wed 18 May		Governors	Resources
	TBC	TBC	Pupils	School Disco - <b>TBC</b>
Week 6 – 23 May				
	<b>MON 30 MAY – FRI 3 JUN</b>	<b>HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Value: Persevering / Jigsaw PSHE Unit: ‘Changing Me’		
Week 7 – 6 Jun	Mon 6 Jun	8.30am	Whole School	FIRST DAY BACK AFTER HALF TERM
	TBC	TBC	Y5	Year 5 Assemblies - <b>TBC</b>
Week 8 – 13 Jun	Mon 13 Jun – Fri 17 Jun	All day	Whole School	Refugee Week
	Wed 15 Jun		Governors	D&P
Week 9 – 20 Jun	Wed 22 Jun		Governors	FGB
Week 10 – 27 Jun	TBC	TBC	Whole School	Festival of Sport - <b>TBC</b>
Week 11 – 4 Jul	TBC	TBC	Y6	Year 6 Performance - <b>TBC</b>
Week 12 – 11 Jul	TBC	TBC	Y6	Year 6 Performance - <b>TBC</b>
Week 13 – 18 Jul	Thu 21 Jul	12.00pm	Whole School	LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL FINISHES FROM 12.00PM
	Fri 22 Jul	All day	Whole School	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
	<b>MON 25 JUL – WED 31 AUG</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>		

Autumn starts for pupils from 8.30am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

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We include occasional notices from external organisations that we consider may be of interest to the school community. However, it should be noted that the school does not make checks on these organisations and their inclusion should not be seen as any form of endorsement. Please ensure that you are happy with any COVID related regulations put in place by these external organisations before participating in their events as The Vineyard is not responsible for these.



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**After School Club - School finish until 6pm**

Our Covid-Secure Breakfast & After School Clubs are OPEN, every school day.  
See reverse for more information.

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