Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had our **Inclusion Quality Mark inspection**. I am delighted to say that our assessor commended our ongoing and embedded commitment to inclusivity, alongside our drive to continue to serve the community. Our inclusive vision was evident in discussions with all stakeholders, pupils, staff, parents, external professionals and governors.
Thank you to all the staff, parents and governors who were involved in this process, but especially to *Ms Zielinska, Miss Pointer and Mrs O'Reilly* who led on so many aspects of the inspection.

A huge well done to Year 6 who tackled their SATs papers so confidently last week. I was really impressed with their resilience and surprised that so many of the children said they actually enjoyed doing them! ☺

After working at Granard for many years as our Site Manager, *Mr Andrews* has decided to leave Granard for personal reasons. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and support of the school during that time.

The PTA have started to plan our Summer Fair which is due to take place on **Friday, 26th June**. Please let us, or one of our regular PTA parents, know if you would like to help out. In preparation for this, we have a couple of **special days** planned where we ask for **donations:**

- **Friday, 5th June** – Mufti Day in exchange for bringing in £1 or a donation for the tombola

- **Friday, 19th June** – 'Funky socks' Day in exchange for bringing in a tombola donation or a toy

I hope that you all have a very restful half term break. We look forward to seeing the **mainstream children** back in school on **Monday, 1st June** and the **Base children** on **Tuesday 2nd June.**

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT





Healthy Breakfast

Didyou know?

- 20-30% of school children skipbreakfast on a regular basis.
- 81% of teachers agree that hungry children are unable to concentrate.
- 20% of parents of primary aged children find breakfast the trickiest time of the day.
- Eating a healthy breakfast can lead to improved mental health and wellbeing.
- Breakfast provides lots of important vitamins and minerals.
- Use this **link** to learn more

Which breakfast?

One dilemma faced by many parents is between the importance of their child eating something, versus wanting their child to eat something healthy and nutritious. High sugar cereals and breakfast bars are often the ones that tempt children, but have little beneficial nutrition.



Smoothie Bowl

Blend frozen bananas, spinach, and milk. Top with granola, shredded coconut, and sliced fruit.

Toast



Scrambled or boiled eggs provide excellent brain-boosting protein. Wholegrain or sourdough toast topped with 100% peanut or almond butter and banana slices delivers an ideal balance of fibre, potassium, and energy.

Yoghurt

Unsweetened Greek yogurt is rich in calcium and protein. Add oats, nuts or seeds and fresh, low-sugar fruits like blueberries.





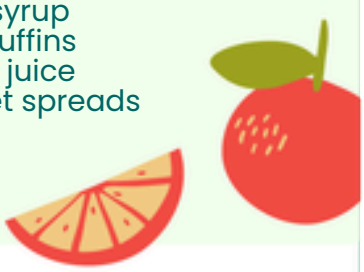
Overnight Oats

Oats provide slow-releasing complex carbohydrates. Top them with chia seeds, nut butter, and a few berries for extra protein and healthy fats.



Try to avoid

- Sugary cereals
- Toaster pastries
- Pancakes with syrup
- Shop bought muffins
- Sweetened fruit juice
- Toast with sweet spreads



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY		
Monday 25th – Friday 29th		**Half term – school closed**
JUNE		
Monday 1st		**Base closed – staff training (Mainstream school open)**
Tuesday 2nd		**Base children return to school** Year 5 Active Kids session at King George's Park
Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th		**Year 6 Residential trip to Blackland Farm**
Wednesday 3rd		**Year 6 Day trip to Blackland Farm**
Friday 5th		**Mufti Day** in exchange for bringing in **£1 or a donation** for the tombola
Tuesday 9th		PPSSA athletics competition
Monday 15th		Wellbeing week
Wednesday 17th	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 5.45 p.m	Base parents' workshop – Puberty Reception intake 2026 – parents' information meeting
Thursday 18th		Year 6 visit to Roehampton Library - author
Friday 19th	2.45 p.m.	Year 1 class assembly – **parents invited** **Funky socks** in exchange for bringing in a **tombola donation** or a toy
Wednesday 24th	2.15 p.m.	Battle of the Books competition Reception parents writing workshop
Friday 26th	3.30 p.m.	Summer Fair
Tuesday 30th	6 p.m.	Secondary transfer day 'Meet your new teacher' day in Granard Street Band concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton
JULY		
Wednesday 1st	11.30 a.m.	Year 4 brass concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton Year 5 taster day at APA
Thursday 2nd		Additional Secondary transfer day for some schools
Friday 3rd	2.45 p.m.	Eco-Warriors at Stamford Bridge Cherry class assembly – **parents invited**
Monday 6th	6.30 p.m.	Year 5 cycling proficiency Meeting for Base parents (new and existing)
Tuesday 7th		Mainstream and selected Base classes Sports Day at Roehampton playing fields
Wednesday 8th		Nursery and selected Base classes Sports Day at school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Thursday 9th		Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 10th	2.30 p.m. 2.45 p.m. 4.30 p.m.	Street Band perform at Heathmere school Apple class assembly – **parents invited** **After School Care closes at 4.30 p.m.**
Monday 13th		Base summer event
Wednesday 15th		ASC summer party
Thursday 16th	10.30 a.m. 4 – 6 p.m.	Year 6 prodution – **parents invited** Year 6 leaver's party
Friday 17th	1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	**Base children leave – Break up for Summer holidays** **Mainstream children leave – Break up for Summer holidays**

INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

- Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET Day
- Monday 25th – Friday 29thMay 2026 - Summer Half Term

TERM DATES

Scan this QR code for the **term dates** for **this year** and **next academic year.**

Or click here

PARENTS MENU

Scan this QR code to go straight to the **Parents Menu** on our school website.

Or click here

RM ROSEN

In Reception, we have been measuring. We took it in turns to make playdough sausages then we had to predict how many cubes long we thought they were before checking ourselves.

The next day, we played a game where you had to roll the dice and build a tower of that many cubes. Our partner then had to build a longer or shorter tower. Then we had to order our towers from shortest to longest.

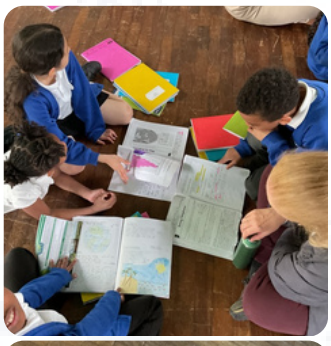


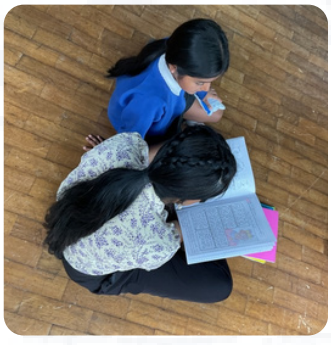
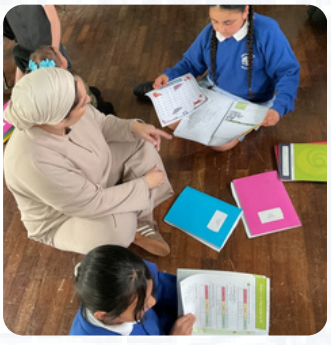


4M LEWIS

Year 4's Curriculum Share

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who gave up their time to come into school to spend time with their child, looking through their books. Year 4 were very proud of their work and loved having the opportunity to share it with grownups!



Upper Key Stage Two absolutely loved Granard's first ever Dungeons and Dragons Club!
Lead by Miss Marshall and Mr Coats, ten brave adventurers took on a shape-changed sheep, an ambitious wizard's apprentice and some ferocious monsters to complete a daring quest! The children really enjoyed learning how to use a 7-piece dice set and creating their own fantasy characters before telling our story together.



2S FOREMAN

Watch the Road!

In Year 2, we have been learning how to cross the road safely. We are using the following instructions to help us: **Stop Look Listen Think**

We then practised crossing the road outside school. We made sure to stand back from the road and looked left and right, even when crossing the road! Adults, please help us to practise whilst we're out and about over half term.



A BYTE FROM APPLE!

Last week, we hosted the Apple team from America to showcase the wonderful work we have been doing as part of the Accessibility Project with Wandsworth.
The project aims to remove barriers to learning and promote equity for all in the classroom.

Stu Ralston, Sarah Herrlinger and Gabrielle Sagalov were blown away with how the iPads are being used to support learners and encouraging children to take part in all areas of their learning.

The Digital Leaders did a fantastic job in supporting the visit and showing our visitors around.

Some of the highlights were listening to Luna's presentation in Cherry Class and the fabulous sentence work in Ash class.

Also, keep your eyes peeled whilst using the internet as you may see a familiar face in an **Apple Education advert**! **Clue**: It's a teacher who is never without her iPad or her dancing shoes!



6R ROWLING

6R Step Up to the WOW Challenge!

Over the last few weeks, 6R have been recording their journeys to school using the Living Streets WOW Travel Tracker. Each morning, the classroom comes alive as pupils log on to the interactive whiteboard to log whether they walked, wheeled, cycled, scooted or used 'Park and Stride.'

The enthusiasm has been incredible. By choosing active travel, 6R are helping to reduce traffic congestion at the school gates, breathe cleaner air and arrive at their desks energized and ready to learn. Best of all, their consistent efforts mean many pupils are on their way to earning their first collectible, 100% recycled WOW badges!



Thank you to all the parents who visited 6R on Thursday. It was wonderful to see you there and the children absolutely loved reading to you and sharing their fantastic work.



ART PROJECT

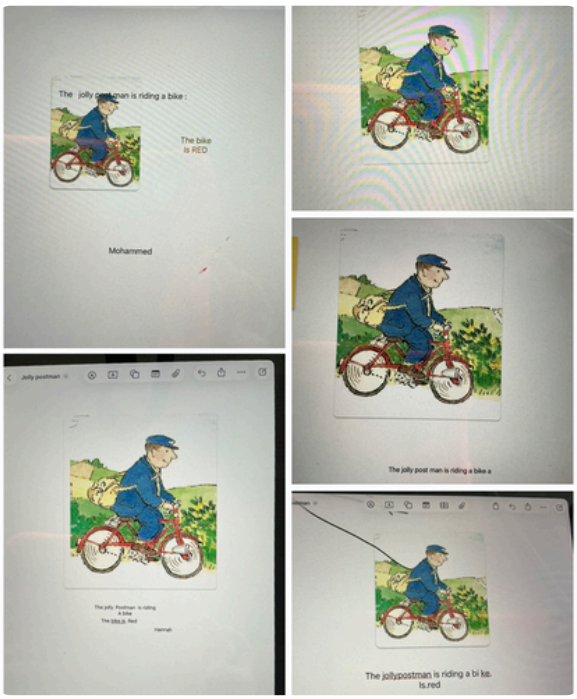
Ashleigh, a former Granard Pupil who did part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award in After School Care, asked to come in and do an art project with the children in After School Care.

The outcome of this collaboration is now proudly displayed above the door in the After School Care room.



ASH CLASS

The children in Ash Class are becoming proficient and confident at using their iPads for their learning. In English the children used colourful semantics to write sentences about the Jolly Postman in Freeform.



They are using the Apple pen confidently to write words during phonics and colour in pictures in Preview.



During food lab the children made fruit kebabs with melted chocolate. They peeled, cut and threaded the fruit through skewers and drizzled some chocolate on top. Yum!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow class have been fantastic at completing their fine motor skill activities on the iPads! They are getting so confident using their Apple pencils.
Well done Willow Class!



NURSERY

During group time this week we read the story, The Little Red Hen.
The children got to touch wheat, grain and flour and we spoke about whether the Little Red Hen was right not to share her bread!





We then made our own bread, and everyone enjoyed mixing and kneading the dough. We ate our bread at snack time, and it was delicious and, unlike the Little Red Hen, we shared it with some of our friends from Reception.



On Wednesday, we welcomed parents in for our Curriculum Share on mark making and early writing.

Everyone took part in a pen disco where we made marks to music.

We are so proud of the progress the children have made with their mark making and writing and it was great to be able to share this with you.



CHERRY CLASS

On Monday, during our Food Lab and gardening session, we made pizzas and planted herbs. Earlier in the week, we planned our cooking club together and visited our local Tesco to buy the ingredients we needed.

The group worked in two teams. Half of the children made pizzas while the other half completed the gardening activity, and then they swapped. During gardening, we planted basil, mint and oregano, and we cannot wait to watch them grow.

While making pizzas, we chose our own toppings and enjoyed preparing our pizzas independently.








WAAS
Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service

Summer Term 2026 Parent Events

Sign up link: https://forms.office.com/e/Ju48c7e7gx

RICHMOND & WANDSWORTH BETTER SERVICE PARTNERSHIP

Events	May	June	July	August
Parent Workshops ALL events are online via Microsoft Teams (due to ongoing building works and refurbishment of the SEND & Inclusion Hub on Siward Road)	**Social Stories and Comic Strip Conversations** Wednesday 20th May 10am-11:30am  With Barbora Slosarikova (Speech & Language Therapist)	**Supporting Sleep** Friday 12th June 1pm-2:30pm  With Emma Dreyer (Occupational Therapist)	**Navigating puberty, sex and relationships with autistic teenagers** Thursday 9th July 10am-11:30am  With Charlotte Richardson (Family support worker) and Andrew Trigg (autism advisor)	**EBSA: Supporting school attendance through exploring values and motivation** Tuesday 11th August 10am-11:30am  With Dr Mollie Higgins (Educational Psychologist)
Coffee Mornings The last Wednesday of the month with Charlotte Richardson (family support worker)	**Autism Parent Support Group** Online via MS Teams Wednesday 27thMay 10:30am-12:00pm	**Autism Parent Support Group** Online via MS Teams Wednesday 24th June 10:30am-12:00pm	**Autism Parent Support Group** Online via MS Teams Wednesday 29th July 10:30am-12:00pm	**Autism Parent Support Group** Online via MS Teams Wednesday 26th August 10:30am-12:00pm

Please contact: AutismAdvisory@wandsworth.gov.uk with any questions or queries

Wellbeing challenges!

Go on a walk	Play a game outside	Have a picnic in the park
Make a summer smoothie	Make a poster on a topic of your choice	Give somebody a compliment
Create a summer inspired art piece	Play a game wih a family member	Make a fruit salad
Go to the library to read a book	Plant some seeds and watch them grow	Visit a museum

Over the half-term, we encourage you to complete some wellbeing challenges. If you do complete any, please email pictures to your class email!

Additional Support Courses for Parents

Three new courses offered by FACE, separate from the school membership.
Full access to all three courses for £6.99/month
Complete at your own pace, cancel anytime.



Building Emotional Resilience

Work through six stages of directed exercises to help your child (and yourself) improve emotional resilience.



Facing Defiance

A specific strategy aimed at supporting parents of children aged 5 to 12 with ADHD, ODD or just very challenging behaviour.



You & Your Teen

A skills building course for one parent and one teen (12 years old and above) to learn how they can both improve their communication with each other.

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Online Courses for Parents page
info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk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HOLIDAY CLUBS
FREE FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS
SUMMER
2026
ARTS & CRAFT
SPORTS
SCIENCE
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TRIPS
WHEN: 27TH JUL TO 20TH AUG - MON TO THU
TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
WHERE: St Joseph's RC Church, Roehampton Ln
London, SW15 4LE
AGES: 5-16
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TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s




Summer holiday touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Twickenham Prep School, TW12 2SA
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 July
St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP
Monday 20 – Thursday 23 July; Monday 27 – Thursday 30 July
Monday 24 – Thursday 27 August
Sessions run 10:10 – 12:15 pm daily

(Full day care available)

Learn how to touch type 40+ words per minute with 95% accuracy. Using correct fingers and posture, touch typing is far more productive for schoolwork and exams.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning to type fast, fun and effective.

Flip flying skateboards, zap aliens and collect superhero rewards while learning an amazing skill. Typing proficiency will significantly boost your child's academic attainment.

Prior to setting up *Typing's Cool*, Sarah Holt worked as a teacher at Weston Green School and Nick Holt was a secondary school Head of English.

Cost: £176.00 per place
OFSTED registered - childcare vouchers accepted
10% discount for siblings/ bring a friend/ Duke of Edinburgh Award
Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk or contact sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk

For places see www.typingscool.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Company registered number: 7097313 OFSTED child care registered number: EY473171

COMMUNITY DANCE DAY AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE







For more information and to register for your free space here


EUROPEAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY
SUMMER HALF-TERM
FOOTBALL CAMP
Dates & Venue
25–29 May 2026
9:00am — 3:30pm
Paddington Rec Ground,
Maida Vale, W9 1PD
Who Can Join?
Ages 6–15
Boys & Girls
All Abilities
Coaching & Safety
UEFA Coaches
1:15 Ratio
Skills & Games
First Aid On-Site
Cost & Registration
£37.50 per day
£168.75 Full Week
Register: www.sportmember.co.uk
MUST BE PRE-BOOKED AT REGISTRATION
Transport
Pickup: Vauxhall Station
8:00am Departure
4:15pm Return
Beyond Football
Confidence &
Teamwork
500+ Success Stories
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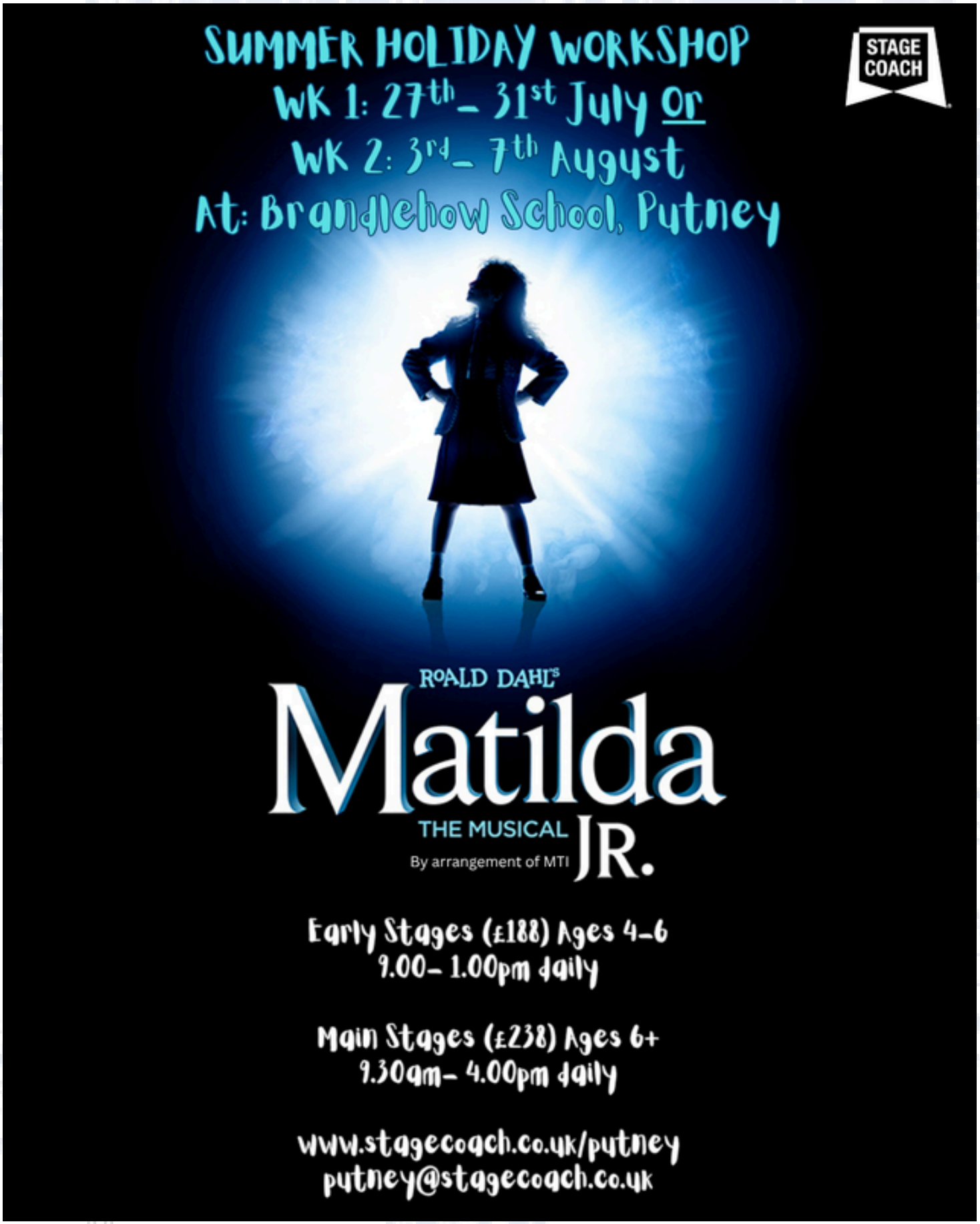
Families can register here: Summer Half-Term Camp 2026
Financial assistance application form
www.europeanfootball.academy


SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
WK 1: 27th – 31st July Or
WK 2: 3rd – 7th August
At: Brandlehow School, Putney
STAGE COACH
ROALD DAHL's
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.
By arrangement of MTI
Early Stages (£188) Ages 4–6
9.00– 1.00pm daily
Main Stages (£238) Ages 6+
9.30am– 4.00pm daily
www.stagecoach.co.uk/putney
putney@stagecoach.co.uk

DONS Local Action Group

DLAG STORE WALK

13TH JUNE 2026



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HAYDON



Haydon will be at Morrisons Wimbledon from 12pm to 3pm to cheer everybody on!

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KEY INFORMATION:

- SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2026
- START LOCATION: MORRISONS WIMBLEDON
- START TIME: 2PM
- THREE ROUTES AVAILABLE
- MINIMUM RAISE £50
- WHEN SIGNING UP, JOIN YOUR SCHOOL'S TEAM

ROUTES:

ROUTE 1 (1.5 MILES):

- MORRISONS WIMBLEDON, SW19 3RG
- SAINSBURY'S WIMBLEDON, SW19 4DD
- WAITROSE WIMBLEDON, SW19 7JY
- LOOP BACK TO MORRISONS

ROUTE 2 (4.5 MILES):

- MORRISONS WIMBLEDON, SW19 3RG
- TESCO NEW MALDEN, KT3 4PJ
- LOOP BACK TO MORRISONS

ROUTE 3 (2.6 MILES):

- MORRISONS WIMBLEDON, SW19 3RG
- SAVACENTRE COLLIERS WOOD, SW19 1DD
- LOOP BACK TO MORRISONS