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Year 4 WWII Day:

Year 4 stepped back in time for an exciting and immersive World War II Day**,** bringing their history learning to life through a range of engaging activities. The children looked fantastic in their costumes – including sewn poppies they had made in their Design & Technology lessons - and demonstrated excellent knowledge, enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored what life was like during the war. They also led the school beautifully in an assembly of remembrance.



Author visit:



On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome children's author Helen Peters to East Sheen Primary School, where she delivered an inspiring talk to Year 3 and an exciting workshop for Year 4.

The children were fascinated to learn how a book develops from an initial idea through drafting, editing and publishing. Seeing the publishing process in action helped bring Helen's explanations to life and gave pupils a real insight into the journey from author to reader. Year 4 also enjoyed a mystery-solving workshop inspired by Helen's World War Two novels.



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Helen answered countless thoughtful questions throughout the day, and the children were so engaged it was difficult for her to leave! Many pupils also enjoyed having their books signed at the end of the day.

A huge thank you to our PTA and parent community for funding this wonderful enrichment opportunity. Your continued support helps us provide memorable experiences that inspire a lifelong love of reading and writing.



Helping Hands:

Congratulations to M in 3K for being our Helping Hands winner this week for being kind, considerate and helpful at all times.

Sports Star:

Well done C in 4H for being our Sports Star this week for showing outstanding leadership during a sporting tournament.



MHST coffee morning: supporting your child's emotional regulation

The MHST will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 24th November 2026, from 9:00-10:00am at school. For more information about the event, please click here.

So that we can accommodate all parents that would like to attend, it would be really useful for us to gauge interest. If you would like to attend, please complete the following form.

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Thinking Schools

The three Habits of Mind we are focusing on this half term are:







Attendance:

School target: 97% **Last week: 93.9%** **Classes above target: 3**

RG	9%4	1B	94%	2D	96.7%	3G	92.2%	4DM	92.5%	5B	98.2%	6B	95.4%
RM	98.6%	1D	97.5%	2N	99.6%	3K	97.7%	4F	92.2%	5C	91%	6C	95.6%
RT	97.6%	1L	92.1%	2SB	97.9%	3S	95.4%	4H	99.6%	5M	97.7%	6T	91.6%

Notices and reminders:

For information about SwimWay swimming lessons from January, please click here.

Richmond SEND inspection: Ofsted is finding out about good practice regarding partnerships between parents, schools and other services to support pupils with SEND. To share your views, complete this short survey.

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Parents and carers webinar - Promoting healthy masculinity: Understanding the pressures boys are navigating today

Tuesday 1 December 2026, 6–7pm, online via Zoom. **Register here**.

Free, delivered by Voicebox, for parents and carers in Richmond and Wandsworth.

Explore the messages and pressures boys and young people face around masculinity and unspoken "rulebooks" influence behaviour, including how fitting in, gaining status, and fear of social consequences can shape choices and identity.

Voicebox discuss practical ways parents can support their children and help them navigate peer pressure and gender expectations, while maintaining clear boundaries and staying connected, supporting them to grow into confident, caring and emotionally resilient people.

More details and registration links can be on found on Richmond Council website; **Events and training to tackle VAWG in Richmond - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames**.

Messages from the PTA:

🎄 *ESPS Christmas tree orders are open!* 🎄

Premium, sustainably grown Nordmann Firs in five sizes, from £38, delivered to school for you to collect on one of five days. Every tree raises money for our children.

✨ New this year: come and see the trees at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November (11.30am–3.30pm), and buy on the spot. Numbers will limited, so if you've got your heart set on a size, reserve it online now at https://www.espspta.org/trees

Next *Friday, 20 November* is non-uniform day. The children can choose what they'd like to wear to school in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fair tombola, Toy Stall and Adopt-a-teddy stand. 🎁 Dropping off early? No problem — you can leave your donation at the school office that morning.

Thank you for helping us stock the stalls and make the Christmas Fair extra merry! 🎅