Ruth Woods
Head Teacher

Gill Coulton
Deputy Head Teacher

Tara Ristic
Assistant Head Teacher

Dr. Elly Yule
Chair of Governors

Newsletter 2

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 reading books and homework

There was great excitement in Year 3 today when reading books and homework books were given out. A letter was sent earlier in the week to explain all the points, but a quick reminder of the key ones below:

- Please aim for at least 20 minutes of reading a day and record it on the reading calendar (instructions on how to fill in the calendar are on the calendar).
- Please bring in reading books each day.
- Homework books go home on a Friday and are handed in on a Thursday.
- One task is on Google Classroom. We have shown the children how to log in and hand in tasks.

Please do not worry if you can't access Google Classroom at home straight away, as the task can be completed in homework books. Instructions were in the letter sent, and we are happy to help next week if there are any teething problems.

Making friends!

Staff around the school have noted what a joy it is to see how the new classes in Year 4, 5 and 6 are learning and playing so well together. A special mention to Year 3, who were delighted to be able to use both playgrounds this week and meet all the other Juniors. Another special mention to Year 4, 5 and 6 who have shown all our new joiners what **#supportive Strandites** they are by helping them settle in so well.

Secondary Transfer for Yr 6

Children in Hounslow who are currently in Year 6 and were born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The closing date to apply is Saturday, 31 October 2026. Hounslow Council's Schools Admissions Team are available to offer advice and assistance by phone on 020 8583 2711/2721 or via email on admissions@hounslow.gov.uk. For information on primary and secondary schools in Hounslow, details of the application process and application forms, visit Hounslow Council's school admission website.

Curriculum/Secondary Transfer Meetings

It was great to see so many parents at the Curriculum meetings in Year 3 and 5 recently. River and Otter meetings are at 2 pm today and the times for Year 4 and 6 are below. The meetings are full of useful information and curriculum booklets, and Milestones documents are available in each Year Group section of the website. If you have any queries about timings, events or clubs, then please contact the office in the first Instance. Any queries re curriculum etc should go to your class teacher

Day	Year Group	Time
Monday 21st September	Curriculum Mtg Year 4	9 - 9:30 am
Wednesday 23rd September	Curriculum/ Secondary transfer Mtg Year 6	9 - 10 am

Term dates and Events

A year calendar of events will come home next week. For those of you being super organised and booking next year's holidays, please check the end-of-term date - it's a late finish this year.

Strandites Celebrated

Each week in assemblies, we celebrate children who consistently show they are **#spirited**, **#scholarly** or **#supportive**. This week, certificates went to:

#Scholarly: Jojo, JJ, Yasmina, Kenai, Elias, Max D, Delilah, Reison, Sophia and Elis

#Spirited: Illias, James, Ivy O, Uthmaan and Erikson

#Supportive: Ava, Eden, Vianna and Skyla

Super Swimming in Year 4

Well done to Year 4, who slipped straight back into their swimming routine this week. Thank you to the parents who have signed up to accompany us. We are very grateful for your support.

And Finally – Cycling to School and Parking

A reminder that all children who cycle to school need to wear a helmet and cycle responsibly. Please do not allow your child to cycle to school unless they have a helmet and you are confident they can cycle safely on the road. I am disappointed that before the end of week 2, we had already had unsafe parking and driving in the Brooks Lane turning head. This area is heavily congested at pick-up and drop-off times, and yesterday there was complete gridlock. Parking in the turning head is very limited, and at pick-up time the area is crowded with pedestrian traffic. Protect your children. Parking on a double yellow line is an offence and unsafe. Please leave 5 minutes earlier for pick-up and park a little further away to avoid the area becoming unsafe. Thank you for your support.

Ruth Woods
Head Teacher

Key Dates to Remember...

SEPT 21

Curriculum Meeting/Meet the teacher Yr 4
Teacher clubs starts today
Find out what your child will learn and how you can help.

SEPT 23

Curriculum Meeting/Meet the teacher Yr 6

Find out what your child will learn and how you can help.

SEPT 23

Brass starts for Yr4
.

SEPT 24

Author Visit
Yr 3,4,5
Jenny Pearson

For the full calendar of school events please visit **www.strandjuniors.co.uk**