

Dear Parents

It was good to see so many parents at our beginning of year Meet the Teachers. From talking to parents afterwards, it was clearly a very useful session. I hope that you got the chance to have some of your questions answered and to get a copy of the timetable.

### **Clubs**

We have had a considerable drop in the sign up for clubs this term and it has meant that we have had to cancel some of them. We do apologise for the inconvenience and disappointment this may have caused you or your child. In order to enrich the curriculum we offer, we will be running the following free lunch time clubs for the children:

Year 2 and 3 Instrumental

Year 4, 5 and 6 Instrumental

Choir

Debating for Y1 and 2 - to start after half term

Debating for Years 3 to 6 - to start after half term

There is a running club before school for Years 3-6, please sign up on SchoolCloud.

### **Digital Transformation**

There was much excitement this week about the new iPad initiative with the Year 4 and 5 opening their iPad boxes for the first time. Staff across the school have attended Apple Training Days and are all looking forward to using their new devices to enhance their teaching. We will be running an iPad Training session for parents in Year 4 and 5 on the new safeguarding JAMF software and explain how the devices will be used on Wednesday 2 October, we will remind you nearer the time

### **Tuesday 17th September**

On Tuesday next week we have our Annual 3 School's Beginning of Term Service at St Mary Abbott's Church. As is our tradition, the younger children will be paired up with the older children and they will walk together to the venue. Please ensure your child has on their full winter uniform, complete with a coat and proper school shoes.

### **11+ meetings for Year 6 parents**

These meetings are 15 minutes long, with Mrs Scott-Phillips, Miss Foster, Miss Simmons and me to discuss your child's options. They will start the week commencing 23 September - please book your meeting with Mrs Clark.

### **Music Lessons**

Should you be interested in music lessons for your please complete the form [here](#)

We are excited to have been included in the Tatler School's Guide 2025 for top London Prep Schools and if you look up when you are travelling along the Hammersmith Road, you will see our 4 new St James School Banners proudly displayed on the lamp posts. Our new Purna Magazine will be out shortly, and our Open Day in November is swiftly filling up. If you have friends or colleagues who

would like to send their child to the school, then please direct them to the website where they can book to come and have a look around.

Please note that, following parental requests, we will be sending home class newsletters via email on Fridays and putting them onto the Parent Portal.

I do hope that you have a happy and restful weekend.

Best wishes  
Mrs Wyatt