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Executive Headteacher – Mrs P Atwal

Thursday 24th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, here we are, at the end of the academic year at Richardson Endowed – and what a year it has been! It is always a tricky time of year for us as we say goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children who will be leaving us for secondary school. The year 6 children have made us all so proud in the last half term, with their attitude and efforts in their leavers' performance which was absolutely dazzling. It is always fantastic to see children shine brightly, enjoying their drama, singing and dancing so confidently. Yesterday, they enjoyed a day in the forest at Horsley Woodhouse Primary School playing laser tag and enjoyed their pizza. Needless to say, the staff team had fun too!



It has been an emotional morning with their leavers' assembly and whilst it is their time to go, we know we shall miss them enormously. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in their new adventures and feel sure that they will continue to make us all proud.

This month has been especially busy with Sports Day, Year 4 Forest Schools, Tough Runner, Smalley's Got Talent, the summer fayre, end of term discos and various trips to the park and a welcome visit from the ice cream van for all the children.



The summer term, whilst lengthy, is always packed full of events for the children's enjoyment and we have loved organising these wonderful experiences for them. As always, we thank our PTFA for their support of the school and their excellent efforts in fundraising through the summer fayre and discos.

Year 3 have enjoyed their tennis lessons at Smalley Tennis Club – thank you to Mrs Gregory and Mr Slaney for organising this. The children have had a great experience, and especially enjoyed the strawberry treat this week!



We round off a very successful year at Richardson Endowed. It has been a fantastic year of learning for our children, coupled with some amazing opportunities in a huge range of sports competitions, singing at Repton Theatre, dancing at the Embark Dance Festival and participating in Smalley's Got Talent.

We are delighted with our recent Ofsted report and feel sure that we will go from strength to strength next year. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unwavering support for the school and for our team. It is very much appreciated. Thank you to our amazing staff team and governing body for working hard to ensure that we have such strong foundations for learning. They are hugely talented, dedicated and hard-working and I am blessed to lead them.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Nunez this week. We know that they will remain Richardson friends, and we are in no doubt that we will see them from time to time in their supply roles. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new team members, Miss Brailsford (Class 2) and Miss Jerram (Class 3) in September. They have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of you at our drop in last week.

Don't forget to encourage your children to work on the Embark Awards over the summer break – we have had 3 silver awards already and I feel confident that we will be awarding gold very soon!

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Please refer to our school website to find out more about the Embark Awards:

[Embark Award | Richardson Endowed Primary School.](#)

Please see the key dates below for our INSET days for the next academic year.

I wish you a very restful and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you, and your wonderful children, on Monday 8th September 2025.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Atwal
Executive Headteacher

Key Dates (Inset Days)

- Thursday 4th September 2025
- Friday 5th September 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Friday 7th November 2025
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026