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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a happy, healthy, and fun-filled Easter/Spring break. As we return, we are gearing up for a fun and busy summer term ahead. The term is packed with exciting events and opportunities – there is so much to look forward to!

At APSOL we love to provide a wide range of opportunities for children to grow and apply their personal interests. On Tuesday 22nd April, it was great to see the school community coming together and presenting their extraordinary baking talent for our Unicef and School fund bake sale. The **APSOL bake off** raised a total of **£234.20** (£117.10 for Unicef and £117.10 for the school fund).

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the bake sale, the amazing bakers in our community and everyone who bought cakes!

The APSOL House with most cake entries was the Discoverers. Each baker was given 50 house points.

The **APSOL Bake-off 2025 winning bake** selected by School Council was a cake inspired by The Gruffalo, created by Oliver and Clara.

Again, a massive thanks to everyone and well done for your fabulous creations!

APSOL Mini-marathon

On Friday 25th April, the whole school took part in a mini-marathon. Coach Regan set up the green for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to run a few laps. The children got to experience running and what it is like for athletes! Year 3 and Year 4 participated in a mini-marathon during their sports lesson at St Annes.



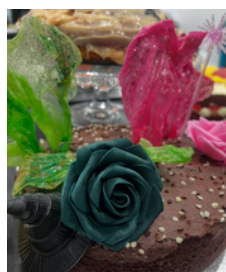
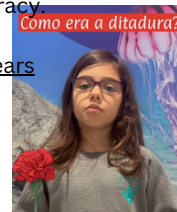
Learning About Freedom and remembering the past – Through Little Voices

On 25th April, our little learners helped tell the story of Portugal's 25th of April, also known as the Carnation Revolution.

In 1974, brave soldiers and citizens ended a long dictatorship without violence – and with flowers instead of bullets.

Each class shared a small part of the story, using simple words they could understand and say. Even our 4-year-olds joined in with confidence and heart. We remember this day to celebrate freedom, peace, and democracy.

#25deAbril #CarnationRevolution #Portugal #Freedom #EarlyYears #LearningHistory #LittleVoicesBigMessages



Reception September 2025 Admissions

On 16th April it was National Offer Day. We are delighted to hear that 30 offers were made and we have keen children on the waiting list.

If you didn't get a place for your child at our school, please get in touch with us so that we can check if your child is on the waiting list. Parents have a short amount of time to accept/decline their offer on their local authority portal, so there will be some movement in everyone's lists until July.

Please can we ask that parents who have accepted a place at APSOL also complete our form by following this link:
<https://forms.gle/yjL67Jr1rUmfZtYq6>

In-year admissions in other year groups:

If you would like for your child to join APSOL, please get in touch with the school office on tel: 0203 417 0905 or email: info@angloportugueseschool.org

ENRICHMENT



Every term, the whole school participates in a Character Education Day. On Friday 4th April, the focus for our a character education development was: thinking critically. Children across the school learnt about the importance of thinking critically and how they can apply this to their every day life. The children built bridges and towers collaboratively, considering how they would assemble the various pieces and test it.

Reception - Minibeasts

On Tuesday 22nd April, Reception had a special delivery. The children are developing their observation skills and monitoring what happens to our caterpillars over a short period of time. The children have been handling the caterpillars very carefully, learning about the life cycles of butterflies and are excited about this term's topic! We will keep you posted!



KS1 Summer Vocal Project

This term, at the beginning of May, **Year 1 and Year 2** will be participating in the Wandsworth Music Service Summer Vocal Project.

Every Friday, both classes will be rehearsing for the performance which will take place at the end of the summer term at the **Wandsworth Civic Centre** which parents can attend. Once the date of the performance is communicated, we will inform our families.



Year 4 Saving the planet performance

At the end of last term, Year 4 showcased their learning, presenting their extraordinary knowledge about ways to save and care for the planet, as part of their learning in geography. A massive thanks to all the families who attended and supported the children. A huge thanks to the Year 4 team, Ms Lucy, Mr Garfield and Ms Alexandra for such a great performance!



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ACHIEVEMENT & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT APRIL



School Good Manners Badges

Good manners badges can only be awarded to children who display good manners consistently and across the school.

Reception: Brandon

Year 1: Iulia

Year 2: Mila

Year 3: Laura

Year 4: Alice

Curriculum Enrichment badges

Children representing the school in different areas of the curriculum, will also have additional badges.

School Choir - have music note pin badges

School Football team - have a football pin badge

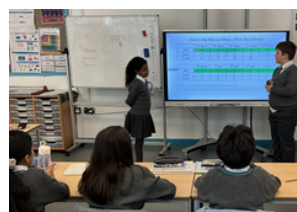
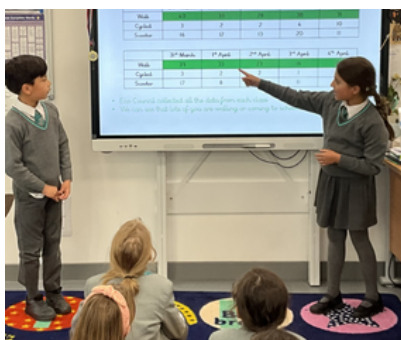
Well done children!

Update from Ms Lucy: Eco School Council

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge:
Monday 24th March to 4th April 2025.



On the 24th April, Eco Council presented a slide show in assembly to each of their classes. We shared the results from our Sustrans Big walk and wheel survey and gave everyone a big well done for walking, scooting and riding their bikes to school. We encouraged everyone to keep up the good work! Stay tuned for more exciting Eco Council news!



School updates

Swimming programme for children who joined APSOL in Year 3 & Year 4

7 of our in-year admissions who joined APSOL in Lower Key Stage 2, will be completing their swimming programme this summer as part of the school's offer. At APSOL we endeavour to ensure that all children are given equal opportunities and make the most of all available curriculum enrichment, especially with such important life skills.



Specialist Tuition

Children in Year 4 have started their specialist tuition this term to support them prepare for Year 6 SATS confidence as well as 11+ secondary school entry exams.

The school also offers specialist tuition for children who need to develop their confidence in maths or reading from Year 2 upwards. Early support and personalised intervention is key to supporting the children to achieve their potential.

Update from Ms Alexandra: Camões Tem Talento

Ana Freire vai representar a nossa escola no concurso "Camões Tem Talento"!

É com grande orgulho que anunciamos que a nossa aluna Ana Freire foi selecionada para participar no prestigiado concurso "Camões Tem Talento".

Nesta edição, Ana irá apresentar uma emocionante interpretação da história de amor entre Dom Pedro e Dona Inês de Castro, uma narrativa cheia de paixão, coragem e tragédia, que marcou a história de Portugal.

A sua escolha reflete não só o talento artístico, mas também o interesse pelo património cultural e literário do nosso país.

Estamos certos de que será uma atuação memorável!

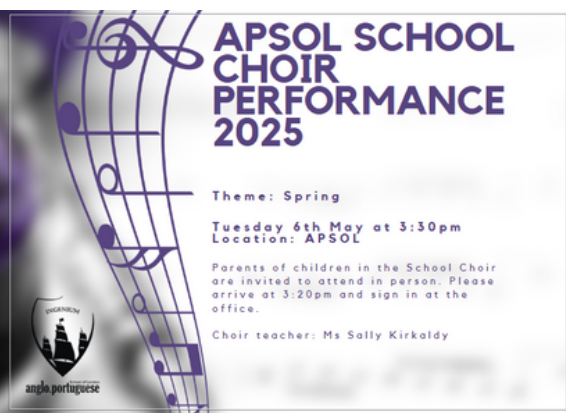
Parabéns, Ana! Estamos todos a torcer por ti!

Ana in Year 4, has been shortlisted to participate in this year's Camões has Talent competing with children and young adults who are also performing at the event. Well done Ana!



KEY DATES & WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Key Dates



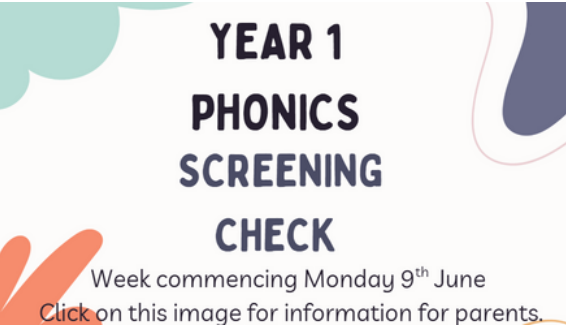
APSOL SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE 2025

Theme: Spring

Tuesday 6th May at 3:30pm
Location: APSOL

Parents of children in the School Choir are invited to attend in person. Please arrive at 3:20pm and sign in at the office.

Choir teacher: Ms Sally Kirkaldy



YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Week commencing Monday 9th June

Click on this image for information for parents.



Year 4 Multiplication Check

Week commencing 2nd June

Click on this image to access information for parents



Tuesday Club Availability

There are still spaces available in **Netball** (Y3,4) & **Keyboard** (Y2,3,4)

If you would like a space for your child, contact the school office.

Date	Year group	Event
2 May & 9 May	Y3 & Y4 Football Team	Football at Allfarthing
5-9 May	All	Languages Week at APSOL
6 May	School Choir	Spring concert to parents
7 May	Reception	Vauxhall City Farm (Mini beasts workshop & farm animals)
8 May	Y3/Y4 (10)	Tri golf event
12 May	Year 1	Transport Museum Trip
15 May	Year 3	Class assembly for parents 3:15pm
15 May	Year 4 (teams)	Mini Tennis King George's Park Tennis Courts
Wednesday 21 May	Y1 - morning	Trinity Games at Trinity Fields
Wednesday 21 May	Y2 7 Y3 - afternoon	Trinity Games at Trinity Fields
22 May	Reception	Class assembly for parents 3:15pm
Tuesday 3 June	All	Start of Term 6
4 June	Y4 (team)	Trinity Shield (Cricket team)
27 June & 4 July	Y3 & Y4 (team)	Netball at Allfarthing
1 July	Year 3 (10)	Cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club
17 th July	Y3 & Y4	Inter-House Swimming Gala Putney Leisure Centre
21 st July	Whole school	Sports Day Wimbledon Athletics Track

ATTENDANCE & STAFFING UPDATE APRIL

Attendance Analysis Spring Term

	R	1	2	3	4	All Years
Attendance	95.74%	95.14%	94.22%	95.50%	94.21%	94.96%

The school target is **96%**. Currently only one year group is on track. Please help us to ensure that this target is met this year. Our current attendance is below at 95.74%.

This month there has been a lot of childhood illnesses going round, affecting attendance, however, as the children get older and the weather improves, we should see an improvement in attendance and reduction in absence.

The majority of our families prioritise their children's learning and do not take holidays during term-time. Thank you for your commitment to your child's education, this does not go unnoticed.

Children only have school for 190 days per year, the only absences should be medical or illness related.

The **Spring Term Attendance Cup** winners
are **Reception**
Well done everyone!



Staffing update April

Reception:

Class teacher: Ricardina Oliveira
Teaching Assistants: Andreia Santos AM, Vanessa and Khan PM
Lunch Support: Frankie Jenner
Music teachers: Mr Mauro and Ms Mariana

Year 1:

Class teacher: Michelle Clough
Teaching Assistant: Naoual (Naz) Lamaani
Student teacher: Mr Michael (April-July)
Lunch support: Lauren Regan

Year 2:

Class Teacher: Oscar Fielder
Teaching Assistants: Khan Sahabuddin & Vanessa Caldeira
Student teacher: Ms Mariana (April-July)
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Chris Ly

Year 3:

Class Teacher: Tazi Gunde
Teaching Assistant: Regan McDonald
Student teacher: Ms Amy (April-July)
Lunch support: Lauren Regan

Year 4:

Class Teachers: Nicola Rice and Lucy Mathieson
Teaching Assistant: Garfield Francis
Student teacher: Ms Alice (April-July)
Lunch support: Lauren Regan

Portuguese Teachers across the school:

Alexandra Taveira
Ines Ferreira

Wrap around care assistants:

Breakfast club:
Irondina Gomes
Susan Spinola
Yamin Njair

After school club:

Rec & Y1: Fatima Rodrigues & Irondina Gomes
Y2-Y4: Lauren Regan & Fernanda Bartholomay

SENCO: Freya Cioffi (at APSOL on Fridays).

Music Teacher Update: We have successfully appointed a music teacher for APSOL. **Mr Mauro Vergani** will teach music to all year groups from Tuesday 29th April.

Mr Mauro experienced music teacher, skilled in teaching guitar and music theory to children of all ages and abilities within primary and secondary school environments. Mr Mauro is the founder and director of Junior Music School. Mr Mauro will also be providing 1:1 instrument tuition as well as an after school club.

The school will continue to take part in Wandsworth Music Vocal Projects,



Safeguarding Information:

All regular volunteers and student teachers on University placements have a full vetting check just like school employees. This means they also have an enhanced DBS check to work with children. Student teachers are always supported and assisted by a member of APSOL staff.



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION



PARENT TRUSTEES

Talent Education Trust is currently looking for 2 parents from the Anglo-Portuguese School of London to join the Trust Board.

If you would like to become a Parent Trustee (Governor) and join the Trust Board, please submit your application by **Monday 12th May 2025**.

A letter with the relevant information has been emailed to all the parents at the Anglo Portuguese School of London on Monday 28th April.

www.info@angloportugueseschool.org



Pupils with additional Medical needs

We have pupils who are managing ongoing health conditions, some of which can result in them becoming immunocompromised. Please help us to protect them by being extra vigilant and reporting immediately any incidence of your child displaying symptoms of transferrable childhood illnesses such as Chickenpox, Measles, Scarlet fever, Slapped Cheek, Strep A or B.

Medication Administration at School

If your child is on long-term medication: they need to have a care plan at school. If anything changes on your child's medication plan, please update the school office.

If your child needs short-term medication such as antibiotics during the school day, you will need to complete a medication administration authorisation form - you can contact the school office in advance to get this by email.

Absence Reporting

Please report your child's absence by calling the school Tel: 0203 417 0905, sending a message via MCAS app or an email to info@angloportugueseschool.org

Sickness Reminder

There must be a clear period of 48 hours following the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea prior to returning to school

Uniform & Jewellery

Our uniform statement and policy can be found on our school website. Please kindly ensure that all your child's school uniform items are labelled with their name. We advise that all children with long hair tie their hair for play times and sports activities due to the various equipment used. Small plain stud earrings are allowed, hoops or longer earrings will not be permitted at school for personal safety as these can get caught in the play equipment.

Clubs

All clubs have to be booked in advance. Club bookings for this term are now closed as club registers have been finalised. Breakfast club and after school club bookings are available on MCAS. If you need emergency childcare, please contact the school by phone on the day you require this.

Lunches

We have to update our catering of any changes every term. If your child is having a packed lunch from home, please send an email via MCAS to confirm this.

APSOL YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 Inter-House Swimming Gala

Thursday 17th July
Putney Leisure Centre
All Year 3 and Year 4 children
will participate at their
swimming level



Sports events May-July

We are looking for parent volunteers for all our sports events coming up.

Please inform Ms Susan in the school office if you would like to attend any of the sports trips.

If your personal circumstances change, and you need support, please speak to the Headteacher.

Celebration



Certificates and Achievement

Well done to all the children who have received a certificate this week!

At APSOL we celebrate children for various reasons and certificates can be awarded for the following:

Star of the week
Great effort
Kindness award
Maths Award
Writing Award
Portuguese Award
Reading Award
Headteacher Award

Children can receive Ambassador badges when they demonstrate excellent learning behaviours and a consistently positive attitude to learning, putting maximum effort in what they do.

April birthdays:

Children:

Arabella. M
Amba
Vincenzo
Aroush
Maria R
Matilde
Jessika
Nevaeh
Rodrigo. S

Staff:

Freya
Tazi



April House Points

Each child is assigned to a House at the beginning of the year and the points have been reset for this academic year. It is incredible to see how much praise the children at APSOL get given how many points they have already achieved collectively!

Children are also able to see their points individually.

Children will participate in several house activities throughout the year. Children receive house points on a daily basis.

The winning house has a very special prize at the end of the year.



Discoverers

[Click to Enter](#)

19107 Points



Expeditioners

[Click to Enter](#)

19101 Points



Explorers

[Click to Enter](#)

20747 Points



Navigators

[Click to Enter](#)

22457 Points