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MAY 2025



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

May has been a mega busy month with lots of enrichment activities for all the children!

Languages Week

In the first week of term we celebrated Languages Week at APSOL with lots of fun activities to promote love for languages. The children got a taste of Italian, Japanese, Arabic and Spanish with special languages sessions by our teachers: Mr Mauro, Mr Oscar, Ms Naz and Ms Alexandra. On Tuesday 22nd April, children had the opportunity to read in another language to their class for House Points, children also dressed up and represented a country/ language of their choice.



MCAS parent app: with up-to-date school calendar

We are pleased to say that after our latest parent feedback survey, we have endeavoured to take your feedback and make improvements in our communication systems. I am pleased to say that the calendar on the MCAS app is now used for all important dates for the whole school. Please read events carefully as the app shows events for all the classes and you need to see what is relevant to your child's/ children's class.

17 children took part in the mini marathon!

The school will be receiving a trophy!

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THANK YOU - YOUR DONATION IS ON ITS WAY!

Your gift of **£117.1** will soon be helping us provide vital protection like vaccinations, clean water and education so that more children can grow up safe and healthy.

Considering APSOL for your child?

See what our in-year admissions parents (whose children joined after Reception) can tell you about their experience.

Apsol prides itself in being a 'family-like' school where all the staff and children know each other well. It is heartwarming to see that our families who have joined us in the recent past, acknowledge the hard work and high level of care from the staff and the impact they have seen on their children. See what our new families have said:

"We are very happy with the school, our child has really found her feet and has been having a great time at school. We appreciate the communication from the staff as to weekly updates on how she is doing and what she has been learning in the classroom, and we are extremely happy with all the activities she gets to participate when in school and all the support that has been offered which made the transition very easy and pleasant for us and our child.

She is enthusiastic to get into school everyday to learn and play. We love the fact its a very family oriented school and there is always something going on for families to participate in. We look forward to seeing her growth within the school." Ms Fonseca (in-year Reception)

"She definitely changed so much on terms of understanding and made so much progress in communication/reading and writing. She is happier too." Ines Rodrigues (Rec & Y1 parent)

"I can see a lot of progression since they joined APSOL and they are fully settled." Polyana Sant'Anna (Y1 parent)

"My daughter settled straight away and has made lots of friends" Melissa Richards (Y3 parent)

"My children's confidence and education has flourished" Lauren Regan (Y1 & Y2 Parent)

"Extremely well, they are thrilling" Tatiana Alchueyr (Y3 parent)

"Great transition. Very accommodating and friendly helped so much with my son when he was a little unsettled. It was one of the best things I did as moving him to Apsol, he is so happy and thriving academically. Thank you so much" Jade Dunton (Y2 parent)

"As I live quite far from APSOL, I had to contemplate carefully whether to move my child, however, after speaking to the headteacher, learning about the curriculum and the opportunities the children have including the calm manner the children are dealt with, I didn't hesitate. Since joining APSOL, my son has progressed so well, he is more motivated, calm and shows a strong desire to learn. Above all, a massive thanks to everyone for your dedication and care with our children". Anabela Mota (Y4 parent)



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ENRICHMENT



Character Education Day: 23rd May 2025

Every term, the whole school participates in a Character Education Day. On Friday 23rd May, the focus for our character education development was centered around our school value: Love for learning

Each class learn about a significant person and produced some art work around that person's achievements.

Reception - 'Someone significant to me'

Year 1 - Bessie Coleman

Year 2 - King Charles III

Year 3 - David Attenborough

Year 4 - David Olusoga

After learning about the above significant people, each class produced some art work to reflect the impact that person has had:

Reception - Clay Portrait of someone significant to them

Year 1 - Clay sculpture of an item related to their significant person

Year 2 - Mixed Media Portrait

Year 3 - Portrait or collage

Year 4 - Mixed media using photography

See some of our artwork below, inspired on the above significant people!



National Numeracy Day
21st May 2025

National Numeracy Day – championed by the charity National Numeracy - is on Wednesday 21st May. We will be marking this across the school with money related maths activities on Wednesday and Thursday.

The charity supports adults with becoming more confident with their numeracy skills.

Click on this link for activities to support adults:

<http://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/what-numeracy/challenge>

The charity also provides additional activities for parents to support children with developing maths skills:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/families>



Reception Butterflies

Reception have been observing the life cycle of a butterfly and had lots of fun releasing their butterflies into the wild. These brave young children held their butterflies and wished them a safe journey!

Reception class assembly: Croak!



Reception trip to Vauxhall City Farm

Reception visited Vauxhall City Farm, learnt about Minibeasts in a very fun workshop and got to explore the farm on a minibeast hunt whilst also seeing and feeding various farm animals!



Year 3 Rainforest class assembly

Year 3 showcased their fantastic learning about the Rainforest in their class assembly to their families.



Sports News

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Trinity Games day at Trinity Fields



Year 3 & 4 Tri-golf session at Southfields Academy



Year 4 Tennis session at King George's Park.



PORTUGUESE NEWS!

Notícias de Português

Tem sido um período cheio de descobertas, criatividade e muita imaginação nas aulas de Português! Os alunos da Reception adoraram explorar as histórias A Lagarta Comilona e A Casa da Mosca Fosca. Entre rimas, cores e personagens engraçadas, aprenderam novas palavras e divertiram-se a dramatizar as histórias. Para além disso têm ensaiado para a apresentação aos encarregados de educação.

O Year 2 mergulhou na ternurenta história O Pássaro da Avó, refletindo sobre a importância da memória e das ligações familiares.

Já o Year 3 mostrou o seu lado mais criativo: compôs uma música original sobre a Floresta Amazónica, combinando aprendizagem sobre o ambiente com talento musical! Além disso, o Year 3 está a participar no intercâmbio "Cartas com Cientistas", um projeto emocionante onde cientistas portugueses de várias áreas e partes do mundo escreveram cartas personalizadas para os nossos alunos — e já começaram a chegar respostas cheias de inspiração!

O Year 4 tem seguido com entusiasmo a longa viagem do Cavaleiro da Dinamarca, de Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen, aprendendo sobre lugares, lendas, culturas e valores como a coragem e a generosidade.

A equipa de Português também partilhou alguns dos excelentes trabalhos dos alunos com o Instituto Camões, como parte da candidatura ao Prémio de Melhor Aluno, cuja cerimónia terá lugar na Embaixada de Portugal. Desejamos boa sorte a todos os participantes!

Um destaque especial vai para a Ana Freire, do Year 4, que representou a nossa escola no concurso "Camões Tem Talento", onde contou a história de Pedro e Inês num auditório em Kensington. Foi homenageada com uma Menção Honrosa atribuída pelo Júri – parabéns, Ana, pelo teu empenho e talento!



Portuguese News

It has been a term full of discoveries, creativity, and imagination in our Portuguese lessons!

Reception pupils loved exploring the stories The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The House of the Fly. Through rhymes, colours, and funny characters, they learned new words and had great fun acting out the stories. They have also been rehearsing for their performance for parents and carers.

Year 2 dived into the heartwarming story Grandma's Bird, reflecting on the importance of memory and family connections.

Year 3 showed their creative side by composing an original song about the Amazon Rainforest, combining environmental learning with musical talent! In addition, Year 3 is taking part in the "Letters with Scientists" project — an exciting exchange where Portuguese scientists from various fields and parts of the world have written personalised letters to our pupils. Inspiring replies have already begun to arrive!

Year 4 has been enthusiastically following the long journey of The Knight of Denmark, by Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen, learning about places, legends, cultures, and values such as courage and generosity.

Our Portuguese teachers have also submitted some excellent pupil work to the Camões Institute, as part of the application for the Best Portuguese Student Award, which will be celebrated at the Portuguese Embassy. We wish the best of luck to all participants!

A special mention goes to Ana Freire, from Year 4, who represented our school in the "Camões Has Talent" competition, where she told the story of Pedro and Inês in an auditorium in Kensington. She was honoured with a Special Mention from the jury – congratulations, Ana, for your effort and talent!

Currently, all classes have Portuguese language lessons every day.

CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Lessons)

We are currently reviewing our Art/DT curriculum to add more language teaching into our school day through CLIL Art lessons!

The National Curriculum content for Art/DT will be the same, but the opportunities for learning language in context will increase.



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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

Maths Badges: Timetables!

Bronze: Hunter, Matilde in Year 2

Silver: Kaiser in Year 2

Well done children!

Personal Achievements

Well done to Vicente for getting to the final, winning the AFC Wimbledon Football Festival last weekend!

The club has kindly donated a few tickets for their next season which will be raffle to raise funds for Apsol.

Thank you to AFC Wimbledon!



Clara has participated in her 7th Ninja competition (Parkour) with Gymfinity Kids last Monday - 5th May. She has competed in the 4-6 years old mixed category (boys and girls). She won a Silver Medal in her Speed Run (timed obstacle course) and a Bronze Medal in the Window Jump (technical element).



Year 3 & 4 Football Team



A massive well done to the APSOL Football team for representing the school so well in the Wandle Schools Sports League.



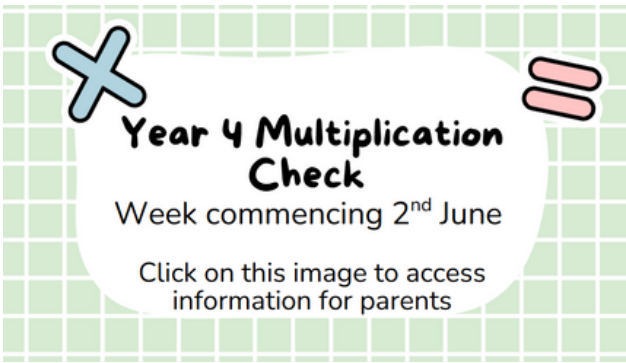
Apsol School Choir



A big round of applause for the school choir, who performed with remarkable eloquence, discipline, and musical adaptability. A massive thank you to our choir leader, Ms Sally, who dedicates her Tuesday mornings to supporting the school choir at APSOL. What extraordinary achievements in such a short space of time!

KEY DATES & WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Key Dates
All on MCAS



Date	Year group	Event
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)
17 June	Y4 Whole class	Cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club
27 June & 4 July	Y3 & Y4 (team)	Netball at Allfarthing
1 July	Year 3 Whole class	Cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club
9th July	Year 1 & Year 2	Wandsworth Music Summer Sounds Concert at the Civic Centre
17th July	Y3 & Y4	Inter-House Swimming Gala Putney Leisure Centre
21st July	Whole school	Sports Day at Trinity Fields



APSOL Sports Day
Whole school event
All families invited
Where? **Trinity Fields**
When? **Monday 21st July 2025**
More details in June newsletter



ATTENDANCE & STAFFING UPDATE MAY

Attendance & Punctuality Analysis May 2025

	R	1	2	3	4	All Years
Attendance	93.50%	95.32%	94.88%	95.54%	93.79%	94.59%

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 95.54%.

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 **May Term Attendance Cup** winners
are **Year 3!**
Well done everyone!



Staffing update May

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 & Garfield Francis

Year 2:

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

Year 3:

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

Year 4:

Class Teachers: Nicola Rice and Lucy Mathieson
Teaching Assistant: Garfield Francis (Ms Jessica returning in June from Maternity leave)
Student teacher: Ms Alice (April-July)
Lunch support: Lauren Regan & Garfield Francis

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: Mauro Vergani



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SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION



School Caterers from September 2025



From September, the school's catering service will be provided by a private company: "The Kidz Clean Kitchen" who cater for schools and nurseries who don't have on-site kitchen facilities.

The Kidz Clean Kitchen is a registered company in England and a certified provider of safe and nutritious meals for children.

Meals will be delivered in a specialist food transportation vehicle, ensuring the food is at the right temperature on arrival.

All Kidz Clean Kitchen food is:

- Halal
- Nut free
- No added sugar
- No added salt
- Allergens catered for and delivered in a yellow box with yellow label

The Kidz Clean Kitchen will be at the Fair on 15 June providing tasters to parents and answering any questions.



Parent Trustee Elections

The Trust Board announced 2 Parent Trustee vacancies on 12th May. The school received applications from 4 APSOL parents and the school community had a voting period until 19th May.

We are pleased to announce that, on the 20th May, the following two parents have been elected as Parent Trustees by the parents and carers at APSOL:

James Mutton
Laurie Forcier

The voting form was reviewed by an external person to the school, Kelly Ranford Headteacher at St Anne's Primary School.

James and Laurie will now represent the parents and school at future Trust Boards meetings.



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.

May birthdays:

Children:

Alexandre
Amiah
Isabel. C
Qays
Eyas
Harry
Georgie
Meer
Chloe

Staff:

Ms Lucy



May 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

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20901 Points



Expeditioners

[Click to Enter](#)

20736 Points



Explorers

[Click to Enter](#)

22562 Points



Navigators

[Click to Enter](#)

24100 Points