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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school has been buzzing with activity this term! We were delighted to welcome families to our recent parent-teacher-pupil progress meetings, which provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate achievements and discuss next steps in learning. If you missed your appointment, please re-arrange with the school office.

Pupils and staff also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in World Book Day, arriving in fantastic costumes and sharing their love of reading through a range of fun, book-themed activities.

In addition, Science Week 2026 inspired curiosity across the school, with hands-on experiments, investigations, and special workshops led by our Year 5 pupils that encouraged everyone to think like young scientists.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events such a success!

Next term, we are looking forward to our annual Apsol Bake Off competition (details below) and Apsol Languages week!

We would like to wish all our Muslim families a Happy Eid for March and our Christian families a Happy Easter for April.

Y5 parents/carers - please sign up with school office if you intend to come to our Y6 transition to secondary school meeting on Friday 17th April at 3pm.

Wishing our families a wonderful spring break, see you on 13th April.

Marta Correia
Headteacher

APSOL Bake Off

Monday 13th April 2026


All cakes have to be inspired on a children's book.
You can choose to keep or sell your cake.

All cakes must be brought in the morning as they
will be judged in the then.

Cake sale at 3:45pm.

The proceedings from cakes sold: half towards
school fund and half to our International Charity of
choice Unicef.

House Points for the House with most entries





To apply for a place at APSOL Reception September 2026: please complete an e-admission form via your local authority of residence. For all admission enquiries or to book a tour please contact: 0203 417 0905

Year 5 Update from Mr Oscar, Assistant Headteacher

At the end of National Science Week, each class across the school visited the Year 5 classroom to watch an action-packed science show full of live demonstrations. The children discovered how it is possible to pass a skewer through a balloon without it bursting, how to create a mini vortex to retrieve an orange from a full jug of water without spilling a drop, and how Newton's laws of motion can be used to propel balloon rockets across the classroom. By far the biggest gasps of excitement came from watching the results of mixing chemicals to create 'elephant toothpaste', as well as the exploding canister rockets which nearly made a hole in the ceiling! Year 5 were excellent presenters, confidently explaining scientific concepts such as exothermic reactions and density throughout the show. As one pupil shared, "I was nervous at first, but I felt proud explaining the science to the whole school. I loved being a scientist for the day!" The audiences were fully engaged and demonstrated our school value of curiosity, which also happens to be the theme of this year's Science Week. Another pupil commented, "My favourite part was the elephant toothpaste because it exploded everywhere!"





Science week started with an assembly from Ms Marta about this year's theme: Curiosity which is also one of our school values. The children observed various experiments and asked lots of scientific questions to activate their curiosity!

Students from Year 4 and Year 5 received a visit from three Portuguese scientists at our school!

Scientists from the Native Scientists project shared their work with us in different areas of science.

Carolina Piçarra explained how MRI scans work and talked about some parts of the brain.

Beatriz Morais explained how vaccines work and how they help our bodies defend themselves against viruses and bacteria.

Joana Pessoa talked about microbiology and explained how bacteria behave.

#NativeScientists #ScienceWorkshop #STEMEducation #WomenInScience #Microbiology #Vaccines #Biomedicine #CienciaNaEscola #ScienceAtSchool #AprenderCiencia



Thank you to Ms Alexandra and the Native Scientists for such highly engaging workshops with Portuguese scientists.



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PORTUGUESE UPDATE FROM MS ALEXANDRA



Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils recently enjoyed a very special visit from three Portuguese scientists as part of the Native Scientists project. This inspiring initiative brought real-world science into the classroom and sparked great curiosity among our students.

The scientists shared their expertise across different areas of science. Carolina Piçarra introduced pupils to MRI scans, explaining how they work and exploring key parts of the brain. Beatriz Morais talked about vaccines, helping students understand how they protect our bodies from viruses and bacteria. Joana Pessoa focused on microbiology, giving an engaging insight into how bacteria behave.

On World Book Day, we were also delighted to welcome Nuno Caravela, author and illustrator of O Bando das Cavernas. His visit was a fantastic opportunity to promote reading and creativity, and pupils greatly enjoyed meeting a Portuguese author.

We are also pleased to announce the arrival of a new teacher from the Camões Institute. Mr Daniel will be working closely with Miss Alexandra to further enrich Portuguese teaching across the school.

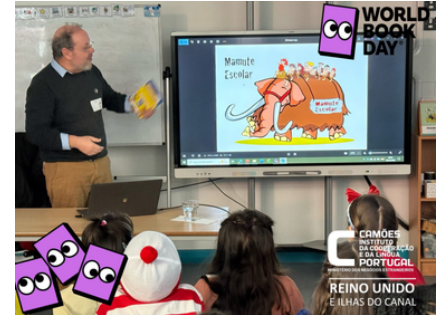
These experiences continue to strengthen our pupils' connection with the Portuguese language and culture, making learning both meaningful and memorable.

Os alunos do Year 4 e Year 5 tiveram recentemente o privilégio de receber uma visita muito especial de três cientistas portuguesas, no âmbito do projeto Native Scientists. Esta iniciativa inspiradora trouxe a ciência do mundo real para a sala de aula e despertou grande curiosidade nos nossos alunos.

As cientistas partilharam os seus conhecimentos em diferentes áreas da ciência. Carolina Piçarra apresentou aos alunos as ressonâncias magnéticas (MRI), explicando como funcionam e explorando algumas partes do cérebro. Beatriz Morais falou sobre vacinas, ajudando os alunos a compreender como protegem o nosso corpo de vírus e bactérias. Joana Pessoa abordou a microbiologia, oferecendo uma perspetiva envolvente sobre o comportamento das bactérias. No Dia Mundial do Livro, tivemos também o prazer de receber Nuno Caravela, autor e ilustrador de O Bando das Cavernas. A sua visita foi uma excelente oportunidade para promover a leitura e a criatividade, tendo sido muito apreciada pelos alunos.

Temos ainda o gosto de anunciar a chegada de um novo professor do Instituto Camões. O professor Daniel irá trabalhar em estreita colaboração com a professora Alexandra, com o objetivo de enriquecer o ensino do Português em toda a escola.

Estas experiências continuam a reforçar a ligação dos nossos alunos à língua e à cultura portuguesas, tornando a aprendizagem mais significativa e memorável.



We would like to welcome Mr Daniel to the APSOL Portuguese Team.



MARCH CLASS UPDATES



Our Reception mathematicians have been busy diving into the world of number bonds to 10! Through plenty of hands-on play, the children have been "breaking apart" the number ten to see how many different pairs they can find. Whether they were using colourful numicon, tens frames or number rods, it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.



Reception trip to Vauxhall City Farm



Reception traded the classroom for the great outdoors at Vauxhall City Farm! Our little explorers were beaming with excitement as they came face-to-face with different animals. The highlight of the morning was feeding the goats and sheep; there were lots of giggles as the animals gently nibbled food right from their hands! The class also turned into tiny detectives for a minibeast workshop discovering the secret world of the farm's smallest residents.





MARCH CLASS UPDATES

March has been a very busy month for year 1. We had some amazing home projects be presented to the class which shown hard work and dedication outside of school. They based their projects around their geography unit of all about London.



In week 3 they had science week where they conducted experiments to find whether an object could float or sink. They used their prior knowledge to predict what they thought was going to happen.



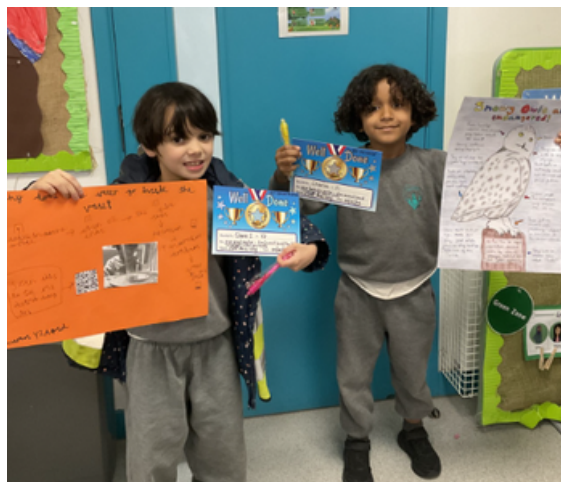
During their time at forest school, they went on a spring scavenger hunt to find all sorts of natural treasures. They have enjoyed this term so much!



To end the term year 1 had the brilliant opportunity to travel to the London Eye. They used their prior knowledge about transport and landmarks in London. They were all so brave to travel on the London Eye and enjoyed every minute of it.



Year 1





MARCH CLASS UPDATES

During March, Year 3 have been busy developing their creativity and problem-solving skills across the curriculum. In Art, the children proudly completed their final sculptures, building on the techniques they have been practising over recent weeks. They showed great imagination and care in shaping and refining their designs, and it has been wonderful to see their ideas come to life in their finished pieces.



In Computing, pupils have been exploring branching databases. They have begun creating their own sets of questions to help sort and identify different items, demonstrating strong logical thinking and an understanding of how information can be organised. The children have enjoyed testing their questions and refining them to make their databases more effective.



Year 3



Year 4 Trip to Science Museum





SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION



As part of our Science Week celebrations, children across the school took part in a competition to design their own science posters. The creativity, effort and scientific thinking on display were absolutely fantastic! Every child produced something unique, eye-catching and full of brilliant ideas. We are so proud of the amazing work they created!

Our Eco Council had the important job of judging the entries. They carefully looked through every poster, discussing the designs and the scientific messages behind them, before selecting a winner and a special mention in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. It was not an easy task, as the standard was incredibly high. A huge well done to all our budding scientists, and congratulations to our winners and special mentions!



KS1
Winners: Charles (Y1)
Special Mentions: Clara S (Y2)

KS2
Winner: Amanda (Y4)
Special Mentions: Rafael (Y4)



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ART & DESIGN UPDATE FROM MS LUCY ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER



We were delighted to introduce our new Art and DT exhibitions at this term's Parents' Evenings. These displays were created to showcase the fantastic creativity, effort and imagination that the children have poured into their projects this term. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking the time to explore the work on show, and we hope you enjoyed celebrating the children's achievements as much as we enjoyed preparing the exhibition. Thank you for your continued support in championing the hard work of our pupils.



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 5



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PUPIL VOICE: ECO-COUNCIL UPDATE FROM MS LUCY



As part of our Science Week celebrations, every child was invited to create a poster. Our Eco Council took on the important job of judging the entries, carefully looking through each poster from across the school. They spent time discussing the creativity, scientific thinking and presentation of each piece, before selecting a winner and a special mention in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Eco Council were incredibly impressed by the effort and imagination shown by all our young scientists. A huge well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our award recipients!

Our Eco Council have worked incredibly hard this term. The children prepared and delivered an assembly on the different ways we can all care for our environment, both in school and at home! Their enthusiasm for making positive, sustainable choices was inspiring. They put in a huge amount of effort to present their ideas, and we know the whole school enjoyed hearing their important reminders about looking after our planet. Well done to our Eco Council for leading the way!



Trips & events coming up:

Apsol Bake Off 13 April

Y5 performance for parents 12 May 3:15pm St Annes Church Hall

Y3 performance for parents 19 May 3:15pm St Annes Church Hall

Year 2 trip to Tower of London 11 May

Year 1 trip to Transport Museum 18 May

Reception trip to Chelsea Physic Gardens 18 May

Trinity Games y1 & Y2 19 May



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ENGLISH UPDATE



ENGLISH at APSol



World Book Day Live Lesson - Years 3, 4 and 5:

To help launch our World Book Day celebrations, children in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in an exciting live lesson led by Michael Rosen, Sandra Agard and Emily Hanna-Grazebrook. The session took the children on a wonderfully imaginative journey through food-themed stories from around the world, exploring how different cultures use food to spark creativity, build story worlds and bring characters to life.

The interactive livestream included animated storytelling, draw-along moments and creative prompts designed to inspire both reading and writing for pleasure. Michael Rosen also shared brilliant ideas to help children begin crafting their own food-inspired tales, encouraging them to think about mysterious treats, magical morsels and tempting wonders to include in their writing.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was a fantastic way to ignite creativity and celebrate the joy of storytelling in the leadup to World Book Day.



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5

World Book Day Live Lesson - Years 3, 4 and 5:

Following the session, pupils were invited to create their own food-themed stories. A big well done to Amanda (Y4), Evie (Y4), Eva (Y4), Laura (Y4), Nina (Y4) and Nevaeh (Y4) for their fantastic food inspired stories - we have loved reading and enjoying them all!





ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MARCH



Attendance

	R	1	2	3	4	5	All Years
Attendance	96.69%	94.66%	96.30%	94.73%	95.19%	94.45%	95.41%
Authorised	2.87%	4.61%	2.85%	4.38%	4.02%	3.91%	3.74%

Attendance Matters

Dear families,

We are on the trajectory to improvement in our biggest area for development - which is Attendance! Our target this year is **96%** at the end of the year, hopefully together, we will achieve this! Well done to **Reception and Year 2** - both year groups are on track to meeting the school target of 96%.

It's very positive to see whole school attendance at 95.41% which is slightly above National.

Congratulations to Our Reception and Year 2 Attendance Stars for March reaching school target !

Punctuality

Getting young children to school on time helps them start the day calm and ready to learn, ensures they don't miss key morning lessons, supports their social development, avoids disrupting the class, and builds strong lifelong habits about responsibility and routine.

Please can you support us to ensure all children are at school by **8:45am**. **The best punctuality in the school is in Reception and Year 1.**

Please remember school starts at 8:45am meaning all children should be at school then. Reception have superb punctuality!

	R	1	2	3	4	5	All Years
All	0.36%	0.60%	1.43%	2.89%	2.53%	1.09%	1.48%

ATTENDANCE - IMPORTANT MESSAGE TERM TIME HOLIDAYS AND PENALTY NOTICES

As we approach the Easter break, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the regulations surrounding school attendance.

At APSOL, we have been issuing penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays in line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE have stipulated that when a child has missed ten sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence a fine can be issued.

The DfE states that headteachers may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances.

Therefore, unauthorised absence due to a term time holiday will result in a request for a penalty notice to be issued in accordance with DfE guidance.

We strongly encourage families to plan holidays during the many school holidays each academic year. Good attendance is essential for children's academic progress, wellbeing and social development. Even short absences can have a significant impact on learning.

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances that require your child to be absent during term time, you must submit a leave of absence request in advance to info@angloportugueseschool.org This will be viewed by Susan Spinola, School Attendance Officer and each request will be considered individually, in line with DfE statutory guidance.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring all pupils attend school regularly.



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES MARCH





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SPORTS EVENTS



Wandsworth School Games

26 March	Y5 Spencer Lynx Hockey Club	Team - 12
29 April	Y4 Netball Burntwood School	group of 10 children
5 May	Y3 Tennis Tooting Common	group of 10 children
19 May	Trinity Games	Y1 AM / Y2 PM
2 June	Y5 Cricket - Spencer Cricket Club	group 10 girls
2 June	Trinity Shield Y4 Cricket	Whole class
8 June	Y5 - Dynamos - cricket tbc	Team - 8
16 June	Y5 Cricket festival	Group of 10 children
19 June	APSOL SPORTS DAY Trinity Fields	Whole school
30 June	Y3 Cricket Festival Spencer Cricket club - AM	Group 10 children
30 June	Y4 Cricket Festival Spencer Cricket club - PM	Group 10 children



APSOL is part of a cluster of local schools, forming the Wandle Sports League. Building on the success of our recent football festivals as part we were thrilled to see the Wandle League introduce hockey to the competition calendar this term. We have entered Hockey team for the competitions but create opportunities for various children to participate in the festivals.



Wandle Sports League

Autumn	Football
Spring Term	Hockey
Summer Term	Athletics



Wandsworth School Games

Our Year 5 pupils recently attended the 'Sportshall' athletics event, where they competed in a high-energy environment across a range of track and field events.

APSOL Swimming Gala



APSOL
YEAR 3, 4 & 5

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Friday 3rd July
Putney Leisure Centre
4 Houses, 24 participants

*Parents of participating children, welcome to attend

Celebration



We are very sorry to say farewell to Ms Phoebe, teaching assistant in Year 5 and would like to thank her for her hard work at APSOL.

We would like to wish Ms Phoebe all the best with her new career and adventure!



March birthdays:

Children:
Manuela
Bianca
Lucas
Niveia
Sofia



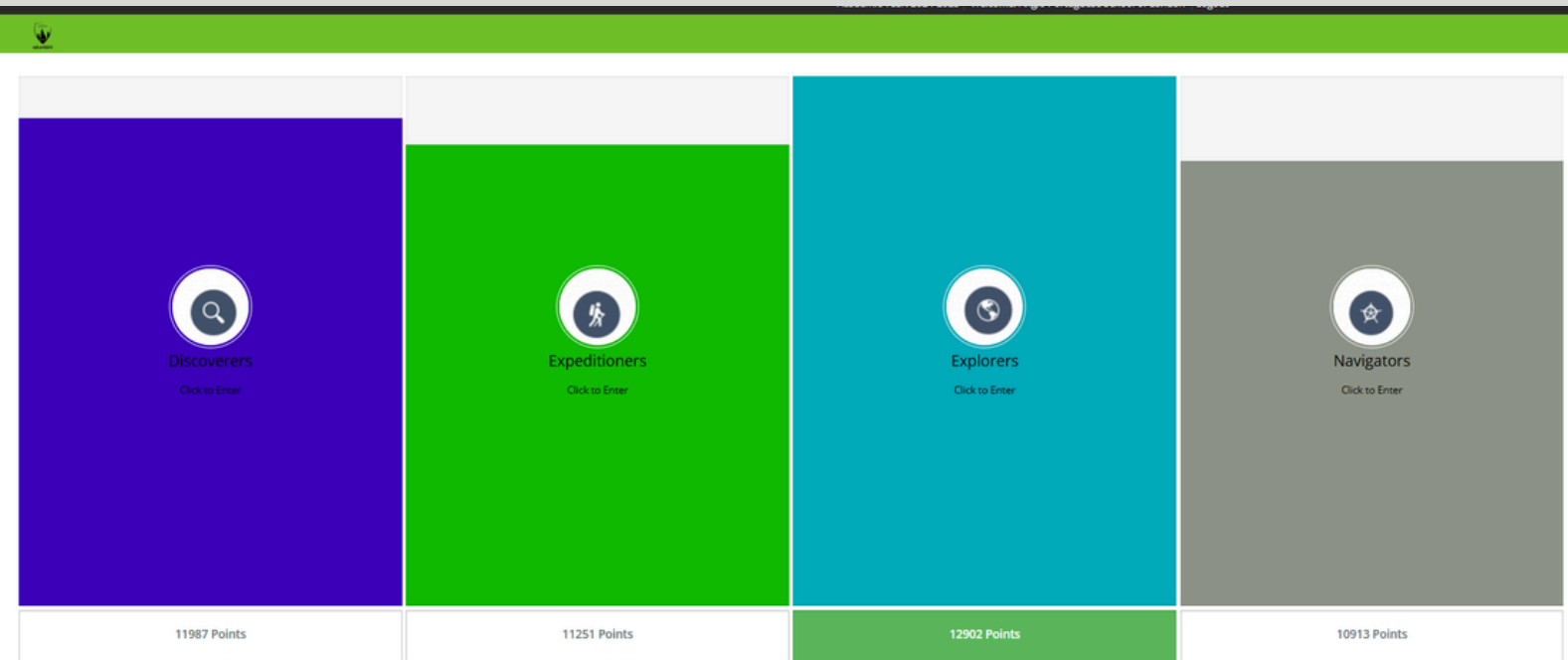
March House Points

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. Last summer the winning House attended a slime workshop! We wonder what the prize will be this year!



Your child is assigned a House when they join APSOL.

Parent Information



ANGLO PORTUGUESE SCHOOL COFFEE AFTERNOON



For all Parents & Carers



**Introduction to the Education
Wellbeing Service**

**FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
2-2.30PM AT SCHOOL**

**Come and join us for a relaxed, friendly coffee afternoon to
meet our Wellbeing Practitioners**

This is a great chance to:

**Hear about how the Education Wellbeing service can
support you. Ask questions in a relaxed setting**

Pop in for as long as you can – we'd love to see you there!

Provided by our NHS-in-School Education Wellbeing Service

Respectful Open Collaborative Compassionate Consistent

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JOIN OUR

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2026

Submit your
application by 15th
January 2026

- Was your child born between 1/9/2021 – 31/8/2022?

Then they need to join Reception!

- Deadline for applications was 15th January via your local authority of residence. If you missed the deadline, please contact our school administrator.



Contact:

info@angloportugueseschool.org
Tel 0203 417 0905

Volunteers

We welcome volunteers for reading and helping out at APSOL.

Before anyone volunteers at APSOL they have to undergo a robust vetting process as part of our safeguarding procedures and an enhanced DBS check.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office for a volunteer application pack.

Clubs Summer Term

Clubs bookings for the Summer Term are now open!

You can access all our summer term clubs by following this link:

<https://angloportugueseschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/APSOL-Summer-Term-Clubs-2026.pdf> or on our website Parent Zone

Medication Administration requests:

If your child needs to have medication at school such as antibiotics, please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/UEEFnSWQ3K6sYwAx8>

Is my child too ill for school?

Please check this [NHS Guidance on what to do if your child becomes unwell with early childhood illnesses:](#)

School start time: 8:45am

Please ensure your child is in at this time so that they are well prepared and settled for the morning.

School finish time:

3:50pm Reception, Year 1
4:00pm Y2,3,4,5

Reporting absence:

Please contact the school office on your child's day of absence to report the reason for absence. You can also provide this via the MCAS app.

In-year admissions into other year groups:

If you know anyone who would like for their child to join APSOL, please ask them to complete our in-year admission form

<https://forms.gle/JKKhywo5nC9esQmRA>

For more information on school meals, please visit our school website:
<https://angloportugueseschool.org/school-meals/>