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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

April has been a particularly busy and energetic month for everyone.

One highlight was the APSOL Bake Off, which brought plenty of creativity (and delicious results!) when we returned to school on Monday 13th April. It was great to see so many participants getting involved, showcasing not just baking skills but also teamwork and enthusiasm. Events like these really add something special beyond the classroom and help build a strong sense of community.

Well done to all the children who took part. A massive congratulations to our winners and runners up elected by school council, who won a fabulous set of baking utensils! The Bake sale raised just under £80. School council will be organising another bake sale for a charitable cause.



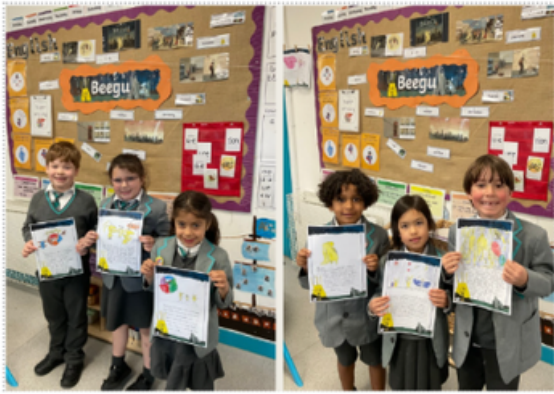
Thursday 16th April was National Offer Day. We are delighted to hear about our Reception September 2026 admissions and would like to welcome all our new families to APSOL. If your child didn't get a place at APSOL for September, please contact the school office.

Year 5 parents were invited to a meeting on the 17th of April focusing on transition to secondary school. During the meeting, we shared key information about the process of choosing and applying for secondary schools, including important dates, things to consider when visiting schools and how both the school and families can support our eldest Apsolings to be ready for this exciting next step. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and don't forget that key information about secondary school transfer can also be found in the parent zone section of the school website.

Marta Correia
Principal



For admissions information, contact us on 0203 417 0905



Year 1

In English year 1 have been working extremely hard on their new fiction topic of **Beegu**. For the first few weeks since being back they have been building word banks, retelling the story and completing a character description. They are so proud to showcase their hard work and efforts.



In Art they have been learning about Woven Wonders and yesterday collected sticks from outside and wrapped different strings of wool around to create a colourful piece of art. Throughout their lesson they had conversations with their partners about their designs and how they were wrapping.

Year 3

In science, the children investigated the structure of plants by dissecting them. They labelled each part and described its function, including how roots absorb water, stems transport water and hold the plant upright, leaves make food, and flowers create new life.



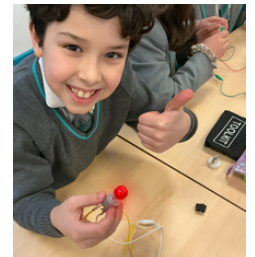
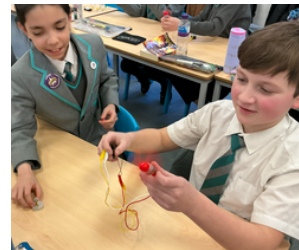
Children explored capacity and volume (ml) in maths using a range of beakers and measuring cylinders. They practised reading scales accurately and pouring water between containers. Pupils compared amounts and explained their reasoning using mathematical vocabulary such as more, less, equal, and millilitres.



This month, we have begun our new history topic on the Windrush generation. The children have been exploring the background to Windrush, as well as beginning to understand the important impact and lasting legacy of the Windrush generation in Britain. Alongside this, our focus text is *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah, which is helping the children to develop their understanding of the experiences, emotions and challenges faced by those who travelled to Britain during this significant period in history.

In PSHE, we have been learning about safe online relationships. The children have discussed how to communicate respectfully online, how to recognise when something does not feel right, and the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they are ever worried or unsure.

We have also started an exciting DT project linked to circuits. The children have begun exploring how electrical circuits work and will be using this knowledge to design and make their own electric doodlers. This promises to be exciting project, combining problem-solving, design skills and scientific understanding.



Teaching Staff

Reception

Ms Dina
Ms Lauren

Year 1

Ms Erin
Ms Naz
Ms Frankie

Year 2

Ms Tazi
Ms Clare
Mr Michael

Year 3

Ms Ellie
Ms Jessica
Ms Maddison

Year 4

Ms Lucy
Ms Andreia

Year 5

Mr Oscar
Ms Georgia

APSOL Class Updates

April



Year R



Reception have been busy gardening and getting their hands dirty in the outdoor area. The class are learning how to care for their garden, developing their curiosity and teamwork skills while exploring how things grow.



Year 4



A group of Year 4 children had a fantastic time attending a fun netball event this term. The children took part in a range of practical activities that helped them develop their skills and confidence, while also learning more about the game of netball and its rules. Everyone showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and resilience, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying being active and trying something new.

In Art & Design this half term, Year 4 are exploring how artists develop ideas for fabric design. Using a single piece of artwork, the children zoomed in on different details to create multiple drawings, helping them notice shapes, textures and patterns. These designs will then be developed into fabric patterns using batik to create bold, decorative effects. This project helps children understand how artwork can be transformed into real-life textile designs.

Reception had a lovely time reading to the ducklings and watching them swim. They sang a Portuguese song to them, 'Todos os Patinhos.'



Thank you to Mr Oscar and Year 5 for a very enthusiastic science fair for everyone!



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APSOL ENRICHMENT UPDATES APRIL



Art club with Ms Andreia:

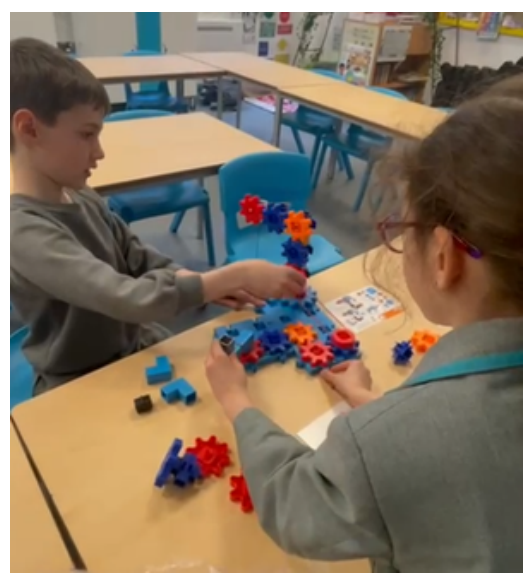
Last term, children in the art club requested to make more sculptures.

With this in mind, they were given air-dry clay and encouraged to use their imagination to design and create their own sculptures. They explored different textures by pressing, shaping, and molding the clay, developing their ideas through hands-on work. The results were fantastic, with each child producing unique and creative pieces. Once the sculptures had dried, they were painted with bright, vibrant colours, bringing their creations to life.

STEM (engineering) club with Ms Alexandra:

The children are building and testing moving machines, exploring how gears work and how different parts connect. They are experimenting, adjusting their designs, and working together to solve problems as they go.

#STEM #HandsOnLearning #ProblemSolving #Teamwork #LearningThroughPlay





Attendance

	R	1	2	3	4	5	All Years
Attendance	96.30%	94.60%	95.95%	95.29%	95.39%	94.42%	95.38%

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** for 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 Attendance Stars for April reaching school target ! ★★★

Punctuality

	R	1	2	3	4	5	All Years
All	0.34%	0.60%	1.36%	2.67%	2.45%	1.19%	1.41%

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. ★★★**

We need Lower Key stage 2 (Y3/Y4) parents to support us with improving our punctuality. Lateness not only affects the flow of the lessons for the children but also affects the late children's emotional wellbeing.

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

School starts at 8:45am

Please ensure your child is at APSOL at 8:40am ready to start learning at 8:45am



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PARENT BOARD



Helping Children Feel Confident, Calm & Happy Support for Parents and Carers with the Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Friendly, practical **1:1 support for parents**
- **6-8 week parent sessions** with proven strategies
- **Free online webinars** on children's wellbeing
- Resources and **recorded workshops** to use anytime

- **Calmer routines** and **fewer conflicts** at home
- **Grow children's confidence** in new and social situations
- Children **learn to cope with worries** and **build resilience**
- **Parents feel supported**, reassured, and not alone

HOW IT HELPS:

WHAT PARENTS SAY:

*"...really grateful to have the **tools** that have now made home life a bit more peaceful"*

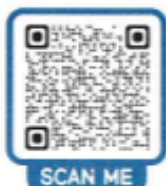
*Our practitioner "showed **great empathy** and care, **tailoring the support to the specific needs of our family**"*

"we looked forward to and valued our sessions a great deal"



Speak to your child's school for more information

Scan the QR code to sign up directly
We have an Eventbrite page where parents and carers can **book upcoming workshops and webinars**



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HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT:

For more information, please go to:
<https://swlstg.nhs.uk/education-wellbeing-service>,
or email wandsworthwp@swlstg.nhs.uk

- Respectful
- Open
- Collaborative
- Compassionate
- Consistent

Support for parents and carers:

Are you struggling with your child at home? Tantrums, defiance, rudeness?

There is support for parents who are dealing with these challenging behaviours.

Dr Phoebe Wheeler, a clinical psychologist from NHS South West London & St George's mental Health led an information session at APSOL on Friday 24th April offering support and guidance.

Parents and Carers can self-refer using the information on the leaflet above.

If you need further support, please arrange a meeting with the Headteacher.



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES APRIL



WELL DONE!



A massive well done to all our Apsolings who completed their first Portuguese external exam! Congratulations to our year 5 pupil who achieved the top score in the country and attended an award ceremony at the Embassy of Portugal alongside Ms Alexandra, Portuguese teacher at Apsol. You have all made us exceptionally proud!

#portuguese #languageexams



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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

Wandle Sports League

Autumn	Football
Spring Term	Hockey
Summer Term	Athletics

	Allfarthing	Swaffield	Earlsfield	APSOL	Beatrix Potter	Gatton	Franciscan
Week 1	167	139		101	109		
Week 2	136		218	212	194		212
Week 3							
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							
Total	303	139	218	313	303	0	212

Well done to Apsol Athletics teams, in particular, Y4 Athletics! who who participated in week 2 - what a performance!

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



Celebration



April birthdays:

Children:

Rodrigo. S
Jessika
Nevaeh
Maria R
Matilde
Eleanor
Aroush
Vincenzo
Arabella M
Amba
Ivo
Moana
Bella
Samuel

Staff:

Ms Tazi



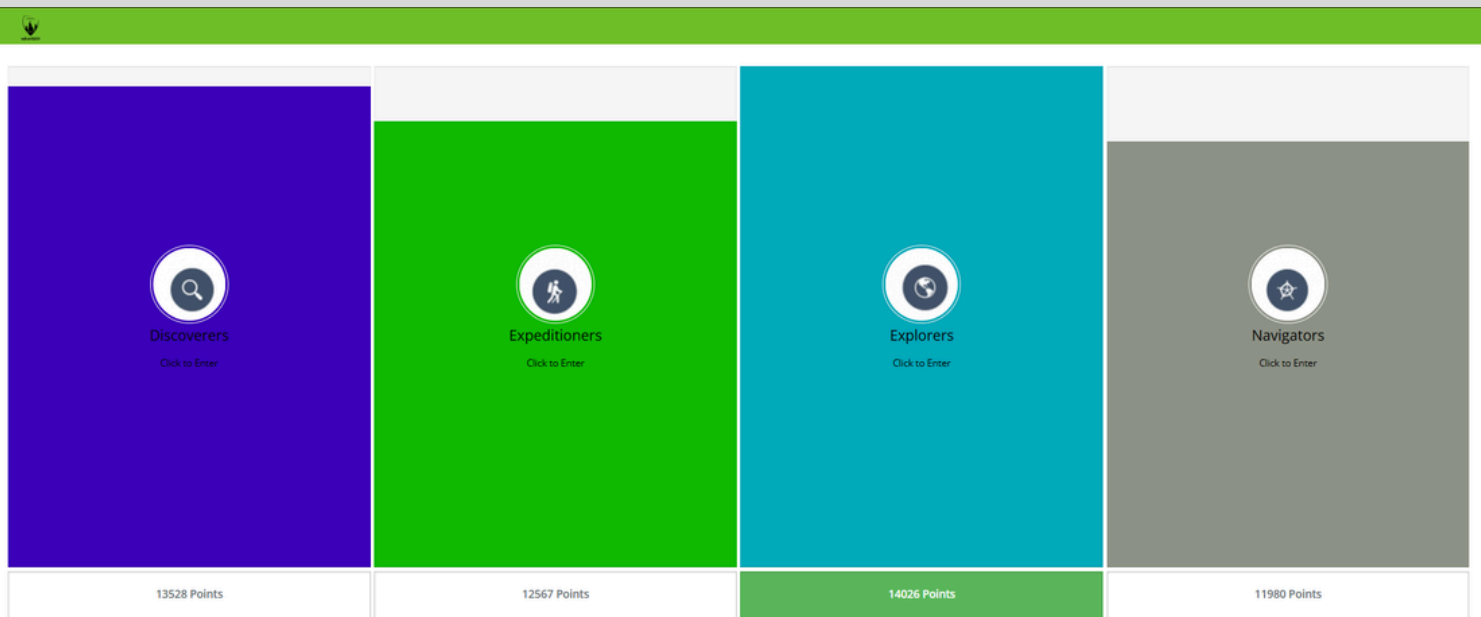
April House Points

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. 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



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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/>