Burlington Weekly Reminders - 13th November 2026

★ Diary Dates

W/B 16th November	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 17th November	Carver Y4 to Apple Store Workshop
Wednesday 18th November	Tesla and Turing to Odeon Kingston
Thursday 19th November	Goodall and Carver to Odeon Kingston
Friday 20th November	Children in Need - £2 for charity
Friday 20th November	MANGO morning **Year 4** - 9-10am
Friday 20th November	Jemison class assembly 2.50pm

★ Handwriting Pens

Once children have a pen licence, they can use Berol handwriting pens in blue or Stabilo pens if they need further support with hand posture. We kindly ask that children have two of these pens in school at all times. Please do not send children in with biros.

★ New Malden Christmas Lights Switch On

Father Christmas is booked to switch the Christmas lights on in New Malden High Street, as he always does on the last Friday of November. He will be travelling from the Fountain roundabout to St Georges square (next to the station) on Friday 27th November at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the crowds and atmosphere along the High Street and there will be small gifts for children meeting Santa in the square.
Please come along and join the fun.
This annual event is organised by the local Rotary Club and other volunteers.

★ Everyone's coming to ours in Kingston this christmas

Kingston First, the town's Business Improvement District (BID), is inviting everyone to celebrate Christmas in Kingston this year, with a festive programme combining two brand-new winter attractions, the return of much-loved traditions and plenty of opportunities to shop, eat, drink and enjoy the season together.

New this year, two spectacular winter attractions will bring an extra touch of magic to Kingston town centre. At Memorial Gardens, the Ice Garden will transform the space into an enchanting winter landscape, with cascading lights, magical projections and immersive soundscapes. Meanwhile, at Eagle Brewery Wharf, Beacon, a striking new giant light structure, will offer

an interactive experience combining illuminated displays and touch features. Both attractions are free and will provide opportunities to explore and capture memorable photos, by day and after dark.

Click here to read more.

★ **Free monthly coding club for children**
CoderDojo KU is a volunteer-led free coding club for children and young people of 7-17 years of age. We provide opportunities to learn how to code, develop websites, apps and games; or program robots and other electronic devices.

Our sessions are held one Saturday afternoon monthly during school term at the STEM outreach facilities at Kingston University where we welcome around 100 children each month.

Our volunteer mentors include software engineers from the local community, together with the Kingston University computer science staff and student volunteers.

You can check our schedule on **our website** or @coderdojoku and contact us with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you at our club soon.

Flyer here.

★ **Protecting young minds- Safeguarding young people from online harmful influences**
Friday 27 November - In person interactive workshop 10:40 am to 12 noon at the Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden KT3 5NB.

This event is primarily targeted at parents, carers, and professionals responsible for children and young people. It is designed for those seeking practical tools to manage online risks while maintaining a supportive, non-judgmental relationship with the minors in their care.

Please complete this **short registration form** or scan the QR code on the **poster** to secure your place at the event.

★ **Parents and carers webinar - Promoting healthy masculinity: Understanding the pressures boys are navigating today**
Tuesday 1 December 2026, 6–7pm, online via Zoom. **Register here**.

Free, delivered by Voicebox, for parents and carers in Richmond and

Wandsworth.

Explore the messages and pressures boys and young people face around masculinity and unspoken “rulebooks” influence behaviour, including how fitting in, gaining status, and fear of social consequences can shape choices and identity.

Voicebox discuss practical ways parents can support their children and help them navigate peer pressure and gender expectations, while maintaining clear boundaries and staying connected, supporting them to grow into confident, caring and emotionally resilient people.

More details and registration links can be on found on Richmond Council website; **Events and training to tackle VAWG in Richmond - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames**.

★ **Parent carer champions network (PCCN) fabulous Fridays parents’ café**

Message from Sanya Walker-Batson, Parent Champion Network Coordinator

I am delighted to share details of an upcoming session at the Parent Carer Champions Network (PCCN) Fabulous Fridays Parents’ Café that may be of interest to the families you support.

On Friday 20 November at 10:40 am, the Richmond and Kingston Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) will join us at the Old Malden Family Hub. The session starts at 10:40am and finishes at 12:30 pm.

Friendly support workers from SENDIASS will be present to meet parents and carers, answer questions, share practical resources, and offer free, impartial, and confidential guidance regarding the EHCP (Education, Health and Care Plan) application process.

Event Details:
• Date: Friday 20 November 2026
• Time: 10:40 am
• Venue: Old Malden Family Hub, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden, KT3 5NB

Attendees can secure their place by completing the **short online form** or by scanning the QR code on the **poster**.

Free school meals

From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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