



PARENT BULLETIN | 31ST JANUARY, 2025

# SCHOOL NEWS

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Sunflower and Ubuntu Class

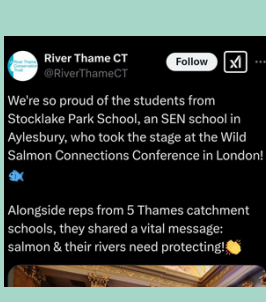
Students in Sunflower and Ubuntu class had a unique opportunity to work alongside The Salmon School, Wild Salmon Connections and multiple Thames Project Partners.

The project provided students with the perfect platform to foster students' investment in our shared habitats, local rivers, other wildlife species and explore what a healthy river looks like (or should look like) in the Thames River Basin. With their project leader, Chels Hotham, students carried out sampling, created natural artworks and had a zoom call with an artist.

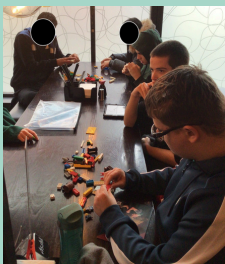
Daniyal (Ubuntu) and Azaam (Sunflower) had the pleasure of attending the Wild Salmon Connection Conference, led by The Missing Salmon Alliance at the Fishmongers Hall in London - all of the students work was a small puzzle piece connecting to this world wide issue. Their eDNA results were contributed to the COP26 Summit at the UN Climate Control Conference.

Daniyal and Azaam received a personal message of thanks from King Charles, listened to key note speakers and were interviewed on stage by BBC journalist Ella Macsweeney. Daniyal said he liked making art with his friends, and Azaam talked about his work sampling the local river, and wearing big welly boots!

We are incredibly proud of our young people and all they achieved during this project, from eDNA, travelling on the underground, to speaking in front of a large audience!



### Sixth Form Construction Club



The Sixth Form Construction Club visited Noodle Nation to celebrate Chinese New Year, it was a great social time with friends while we built our own mini Great Walls!

### Ikigai Class



Ikigai class celebrated Chinese New Year in their Communication class, trying some tasty traditional treats as we used our AAC to communicate and record our preferences

## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

This week we held our RSE coffee morning - I hope that you found this useful as again this week this came up in annual reviews.

I am pleased to say that we are relaunching our signing workshops, although this time there is a twist. We are trialling the next group Makacafe online to get round the issues of the lack of space in school and to make it easier for yourselves. Holding this on Teams also means that we are able to record the session, allowing you to go back and revisit signs if you are unsure, or to catch up if you were interrupted by the doorbell going off!

Next week we will be participating in National Story Telling Week so look out for information from your child's class about which stories they are focussing on.

Rhonda Gosney

## SIGNS OF THE WEEK

### Core Words

you/your



you



your



turn

paper

The sign you, can be used for both you and your.



### Additional Words



## SCHOOL MEALS



### SCHOOL MEAL ORDERING FOR NEXT HALF TERM:

The Arbor school meals ordering window is now **OPEN** to order all school meals for the next half term (Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April). Please access your school meals via the Arbor App or the online Arbor Portal to order your meal choice for your child's school meals. The menu is available from our website - [click here](#) to view. You can also view guidance notes for the Arbor system here.

- **You can choose any meal for any day. Payment of £3.00 per meal is to be paid via the Arbor App or Portal.**
- **The meal ordering window for next half term CLOSES at 12noon on Friday 7th February**
- **Any child without an ordered meal WILL BE REQUIRED to have a HOME SUPPLIED packed lunch**



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR



**1st – 9th February**  
Story Telling Week

**3rd – 7th February**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Friday 7th February**  
Preparation for Adulthood Event at Scout HQ

**Friday 7th February**  
School Meal ordering closes at 12 noon

**Tuesday 11th February**  
Safer Internet Day

**Friday 14th February – Last day of term**

**Half-Term:** 17th to 21st February  
(School closes Friday 14th February at 3.15pm and re-opens Monday 24th February at 8.55am)

**Monday 24th February**  
Students return to school

**3rd – 7th March**  
National Careers Week

**Thursday 6th March**  
World Book Day

**7th – 16th March**  
Science Week

**Wednesday 12th March**  
Parents' Evening

**Monday 17th March**  
St Patrick's Day

**Friday 21st March**  
Comic Relief

**24th – 30th March**  
Shakespeare Week

**Wednesday 2nd April**  
World Autism Awareness Day

**Friday 4th April – Last day of term**

**Easter Holidays:** 7th to 22nd April  
(School closes Friday 4th April at 3.15pm and re-opens Wednesday 23rd April at 8.55am)

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### The Makacafe is reopening!

Makacafes are making their return on Thursday 13th February at 6.30pm.

Parents and carers fed back that they found it difficult to access the Makaton Cafes during the school day. It was also difficult to find childcare in the evening, so I am bringing Makacafe to you.

Sit down with your tea/coffee and cake/biscuit and join me online, to either brush up on your Makaton signs or learn new signs. Join with your family or alone.

The sessions will last between forty five minutes and an hour. There will be time at the end of the session for parents/carers/siblings/students to feedback what signs they would like know. This will enable me to ensure the next session is tailored to suit your needs.

I will ask for permission on the day to record the session. This will give those who were unable to attend to opportunity to watch the session at a time more convenient for them. Those attending can also watch again go through the signs covered.

Just click on the link below and I will see you there!

**Denyse**



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Come along to the Parent for Adulthood – Life Beyond School event, on Friday 7th February from 10am, being held at Scout HQ, Oakfield Road, Aylesbury, HP20 1LL.

Find out more information on services and support for your child post 16/19.

### PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD - LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**THINKING OF OPTIONS POST 16/19?**

'MY CHILD IS ENTERING 6TH FORM I DIDNT KNOW I NEEDED TO REAPPLY FOR TRANSPORT.

Did you know as parents you need power of attorney to be able to make daily decisions on behalf of your adult child. FIND OUT MORE...

**7th February 2025**

**10am-1.30pm**

**Scout HQ, Oakfield Rd, Aylesbury HP20 1LL**

**Public parking available**

**10 am—11am - SEND Information**

**11am-1.30pm Post 16/Post19 Provision**



SOCIAL SUPPORT

COLLEGES

ENTITLED BENEFITS

POWER OF ATTORNEY

TRANSITIONS 16+

SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

CHILD FOCUSED

HEALTH

MENTAL CAPACITY

LIFE SKILLS



Have a great weekend.

**Bradley Taylor, Principal**  
**Stocklake Park School, Stocklake, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1DP**