

Governors Summer Newsletter 2025



Chair of Governor Michelle Green

Dear Kew Riverside Community,

As we come to the end of another successful summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and dedication.

This term, we celebrated excellent SATs results, a reflection of the hard work and commitment of our pupils, the dedication of our staff, and the strong support from families at home. The school continues to offer a high quality educational experience for every child, and it is a privilege to be part of a community that places children's learning, wellbeing, and development at its core.

To our amazing staff, thank you for your professionalism, care, and passion. The PTA who raise money to enhance learning experiences and foster a sense of community. To our parents and carers, your partnership and encouragement make a huge difference. We know Kew Riverside School offers the best start for our children, and we've been heartened by the way so many of you have recommended the school to other families. We continue to welcome new starters each month as a result. And to our governing board, your thoughtful leadership and dedication are the foundation of our school's continued success.

A special thank you must go to Ardeep, our headteacher, who continues to lead the school from strength to strength. Under Ardeep's calm and focused leadership, the school remains a place of high ambition, care, and opportunity for every child. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such a committed and inspiring leader.

As this term comes to a close, so does my time as part of the governing board. It has been a real honour to serve as chair of governor, and I leave with confidence that the school remains in very capable hands. Our governors bring strength, vision, and integrity, and I know they will continue to guide the school with dedication and care.

Wishing you all a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards

Michelle Green
Chair of Governor

What governors are saying ...

We as Governors have been thoroughly impressed by the willingness and enthusiasm of parents and caregivers to be involved in life here at Kew. At the start of this (academic) year Ardeep held our first "Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside" that Governors also attended. It was so encouraging to see the great turn at this event. Throughout the year there have also been events like the Reception and KS1 phonics workshop where many parents attend to learn about the school's programmes and how to support pupils with their learning at home. This year also saw the establishment of a volunteer group of parents to help the school in promoting to the wider community all the great aspects of Kew Riverside. And of course there is our PTA whose ongoing support has been outstanding yet again in helping the school in so many ways.

Michael Kirker

**VICE CHAIR
OF F&R**

It's been an outstanding academic year for all our pupils. The school is celebrating excellent SATs results and continues to deliver a high-quality, mixed-age curriculum through exceptional teaching. Strong progress has been made across all areas of learning. We are pleased to see continued progress in phonics, supported by strong attendance at the phonics workshop for parents. Specialised resources have also been provided for parents who themselves have English as an Additional Language (EAL). Governors were pleased to note how this initiative aligns with the school's vision to support each child's individual journey, and its core values of aspiration and inclusivity. We were also delighted to be given the opportunity to see the hard work of our teachers, who gave a presentation on curriculum development and the strategies they are using to support pupil progress and engagement across all year groups.

James Symonds

CHAIR OF C&A

What governors are saying ...

I can't believe we are at the end of year, again, already! We continue to be impressed by what the team at Kew manage to achieve on such limited resources. Ardeep and Anna-Marie have again worked tirelessly to ensure that the best value is got from every single penny and we are all, as always, grateful of the efforts from parents and the PTA to help support the school financially. I cannot end without mentioning the repair works that were done this year on the roof and commending both for their persistence. Wishing all a restful summer.

Helen Oakley

**CHAIR OF
F&R**

I have very much enjoyed my time as Governor over the last six years. I am delighted that the school continues to move ahead in confidence and a dynamic education for all, full of learning, growth and celebration!

Patrick Neave

LOCAL AUTHORITY

It is a pleasure to be part of a committed and caring school, and I feel proud to contribute as a governor in support of its ongoing success. One of the most memorable events this year was International Day, a joyful celebration of the diversity and togetherness that make Kew Riverside so special. And pupils taking to the stage to share poems, songs, or stories in their home languages, and they did so with such confidence, passion, and creativity.

Anne-Claire Landrein

**PARENT
GOVERNOR**

Having just completed my first year as a Governor of Kew Riverside, I have been reflecting on how welcoming the school has been to me. Every time I come to a Governors' meeting or a visit to the school, everyone I see at the school has a smile on their face. I was also very pleased to come to a tour of the school and to explore the Maths Hub further with both students and relevant staff members. It was so pleasing to see that the students love learning Maths and, at every age, were very pleased to be learning Maths through the interactive resources that Maths Hub allows. I look forward to further visits to the school and meeting more students, staff and parents in due course. Wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Angus Roy

CHAIR OF PAY

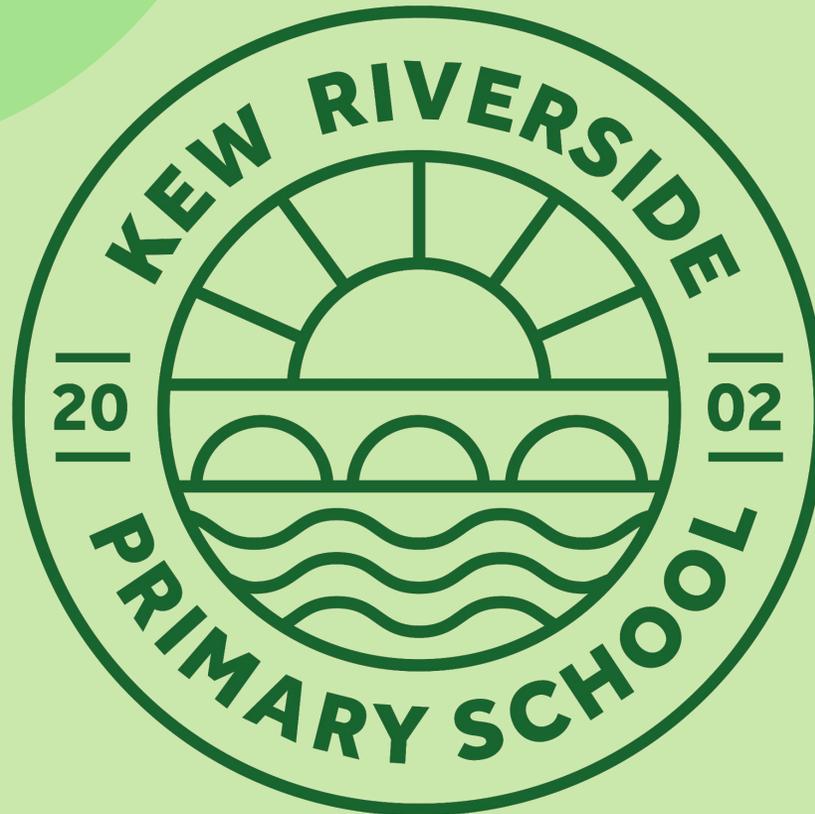
Your Governors

We are a dedicated team of governors at Kew Riverside, consisting of:

Michelle Green - Chair of Governors
Helen Oakley - Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Resources, (F&R)
James Symonds - Chair of Curriculum & Assessment (C&A)
Patrick Neave - Local Authority Governor
Kristine Overton - Safeguarding Lead
Hayden Hainsworth-Millar - Parent Governor, Vice Chair of F&R, Health & Safety
Lesley Shalbot - Staff Governor
Anne Claire Landrein - Parent Governor, C&A, F&R
Michael Kirker – C&A, F&R
Angus Roy - Chair of Pay, C&A, F&R

Our governors meet at least 13 times a year to discuss crucial topics including curriculum updates, safeguarding reviews, performance evaluations and budget reports. They actively engage with our school community by visiting regularly, interacting with students and staff, participating in events, and supporting community activities. This commitment allows governors to stay informed about educational developments, best governance practices and ensuring effective support for Kew Riverside school.

Thank you from the Governors
We look forward to welcoming you in
September



Kew Riverside is a school that offers an exceptional, engaging and enriching educational experience, which enables, energises and elevates all our pupil to become positive citizens of change.