



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Welcome Back Kew Riverside!

I am delighted to welcome you all back to Kew Riverside for the new academic year. I hope you had a relaxing and fun-filled summer, making special memories with family and friends.

We've had a fantastic start to the term, and it has been truly heart-warming to see the children return with smiling faces, full of enthusiasm, and looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms. I've been so impressed by how quickly they've settled back into school routines and embraced the new changes that come with the beginning of the school year. We have started the year with some importance assemblies about our school rules and values, which we have agreed as our **non-negotiables**.

We have many exciting plans ahead, and I look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks. Thank you for all your positive feedback—it's genuinely appreciated by the whole team.

Here's to a successful and inspiring year ahead!



Be ready

Be respectful

Be safe

## Welcome to new staff members and families

A very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us at Kew Riverside this term. We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your children, and we're confident they will have a happy, enriching, and fulfilling educational journey with us.

Our wonderful Early Years Team has been busy carrying out home visits for our new Reception children. These children will join us for their first "Stay and Play" session, alongside their parents, on Monday. We are very excited to welcome them into Willow Class and to support them as they begin their primary school journey here at Kew Riverside.

I'd also like to officially welcome two new members of staff to our school community. Katy, who has joined us as the new Cherry Class teacher, and Basra, who will be teaching Oak Class alongside Will. We are thrilled to have you both on board and wish you long, happy, and successful careers at Kew Riverside.



# Uniform Champions

We expect all of our pupils to wear the correct school uniform as it promotes a sense of pride in our school and also gives pupils a sense of belonging. It has therefore been wonderful to see our pupils return to school looking super smart in their new school uniforms. Please ensure that uniform is clearly labelled.

Further details regarding our school uniform can be found on our school website.



## Everything you need to know about...

This half term we would like to invite you to some very important meetings in regard to both the school and your child's class.

The first set of meetings will be, **"Everything you need to know about X Class"** (Previously known as Meet the Teacher). These meetings will take place W/B 15<sup>th</sup> September and will be an opportunity to find out key information about your child's class, meet the class team and understand the rules routines and expectations. These meetings are crucial in allowing parents and teachers to work together to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential. The meeting will take place as follows:



**Willow:** TBC

**Cherry:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am

**Ash:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9am

**Oak:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am

The second meeting will be an **"Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside"** evening for the whole school community including parents, staff and school governors. This will take place on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** with refreshments being served from 5.30pm and presentations for the Headteacher and Acting Chair of Governors at 6pm. The evening will provide an opportunity for parents to meet the staff and the governing body, discover the school's most recent achievements and academic success and find out more about the school's development priorities for this academic year.

This will be an invaluable opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate our parent partnership and our commitment to continuous school improvement. We look forward to seeing you there.

## New Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that Cecilia Webb-Vargas has been appointed as a new Parent Governor and will be joining the Governing Board this month.

Cecilia brings with her a wealth of experience in administration and human resources, and we are confident that she will contribute greatly to the ongoing strategic work being carried out by our fantastic team of Governors.

We warmly welcome Cecilia to the role and look forward to working with her as we continue to develop and strengthen our school community.



## PE Days

The class PE days are as follows:

**Willow:** Thursday and Friday

**Cherry:** Tuesday and Thursday

**Ash:** Wednesday and Thursday

**Oak:** Monday (Swimming for Autumn Term) & Friday



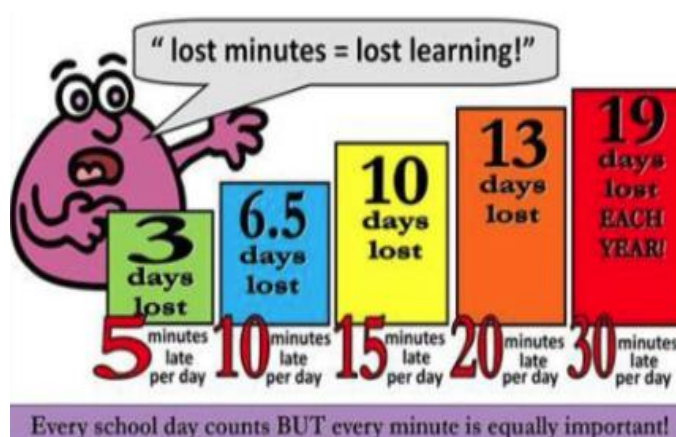
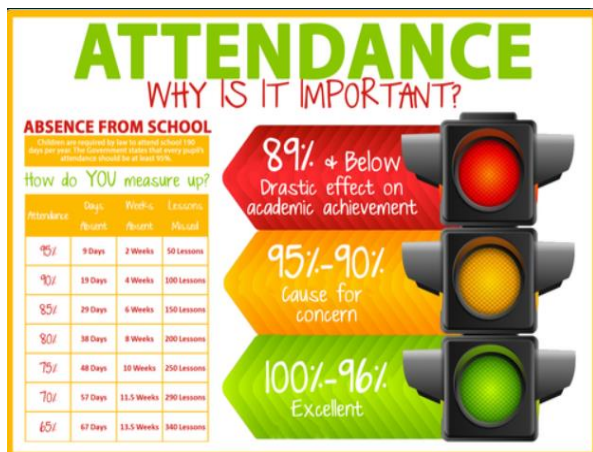
*Please can all children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days – uniform guidance can be found on our school website.*

## Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendance at school are the happiest and most successful learners; we are grateful to all our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children in this.

A reminder that the school gates and classroom doors open from 8.40am in the morning and will be closed **promptly** at 8.50am, which is the start of the school day.

If children arrive after 8.50am they need to walk around to the main office, where parents or carers will be asked to sign the late book providing a reason for their late arrival.



## Polite Reminders

We are smart phone free school and do not permit children to bring in smartphones. If your child in Year 5 or 6 walks to and from school alone, we encourage families to either give them a brick phone (without access to the curriculum) or have a GPS tracker.

All children should be collected from the classroom doors on time at the end of the school day via the back gate. This allows for staff to provide any necessary feedback as well as keep our office area from getting too busy.

To keep everyone safe on the playground please can we ensure that children do not ride their bikes and scooters on the playground at drop off and pick up.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**



## Dates for the diary

**8/09/25:** Swimming starts for Oak Class

**W/B 15/9/25 :** "Everything you need to know about your class" meetings – see details above

**24/09/25 – 26/09/24:** Year 5 trip to Juniper Hall

**30/09/25:** Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside **5.30 – 6.30pm**

**7/10/25:** Oak Clas trip to Westminster Abbey

**W/B 13/10/25 :** NSPCC Talk Pants Week

**W/B 27/10/25: Half Term**

**3/11/25: INSET DAY (School Closed)**

**4/11/25:** Children return to school



## Safeguarding

A reminder that if you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy. If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police.

### Key contacts:

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