



Kew Riverside News



Friday 19th September 2024

Headteacher Highlights

It has been **lovely to see so many of our parents and carers** attending the *Everything About X Class* meetings this week for **Cherry, Ash, and Oak Classes**. These meetings are a vital part of building strong home-school partnerships and ensuring that all our pupils have the **best possible educational experience**. Thank you for your attendance and engagement — your feedback is always valued. We will be following up on any queries raised as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, our **Willow Class pupils** have completed their first full week in school and have made a fantastic start to their primary school journey. They've embraced everything school has to offer with enthusiasm and curiosity — well done, Willow Class! Across the school, I've had the pleasure of seeing some **outstanding learning** in action this week — from **place value work in Maths** to **incredible story writing** that truly showcases our pupils' creativity and progress.

Looking ahead, our **Year 5 pupils are excited for their residential trip to Juniper Hall** next week with Jess and Will. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

Wishing you all a **wonderful and restful weekend**.

Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from last week. Thank you for championing our school values and showing excellent learning behaviour. We are lucky to have such wonderful role models in our school.



Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the children who went over and above last week and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep.

Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



Super Sports Leaders

We are **delighted to announce our incredible team of Sports Leaders** from Years 4, 5 and 6 for this academic year! The children went through a **rigorous application process**, and it was no easy task for Mr O to select from such a strong group of enthusiastic applicants. A huge well done to everyone who applied — your passion for sport and leadership really shone through.

Our new Sports Leaders will play a vital role in school life. They will be responsible for:

- Setting up and managing **playground zones** during lunchtime
- Encouraging and supporting other children to **stay active and engaged** through fun games and activities
- Promoting **positive play** and teamwork across the school

Over the coming weeks, the team will receive **further training from Mr O** to help them thrive in their new roles. They will be key in helping us drive forward our school's goal of creating **more active, inclusive, and engaging playtimes** for everyone.

Congratulations to our new Sports Leaders, and a big thank you to Mr O for organising and leading this brilliant initiative!



Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award

We are thrilled to announce that Kew Riverside Primary School has been awarded the **Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award**! This fantastic achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our entire school community.

A special thank you goes to our **Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group**, who have played a key role in guiding how the programme has been implemented across the school. Their thoughtful contributions and leadership have helped ensure that children's rights are at the heart of everything we do.

Throughout the year, we've been exploring the importance of children's rights in our assemblies and class discussions, as well as the **responsibilities we all share** in upholding and protecting those rights. Our pupils have shown great maturity and empathy in these conversations.

With the Bronze Award now proudly in place, **our sights are set on achieving the Silver Award** over the next two years. We're excited to continue our journey towards becoming a fully Rights Respecting School and to build on the strong foundations we've already laid.

Well done to everyone at Kew Riverside!

Your hard work and enthusiasm have made this possible.



Learning in Action

It's been another brilliant week of learning here at Kew Riverside, and we couldn't be prouder of our pupils! From the **fantastic reading in Willow Class** to the high-quality **Maths and English work across Key Stage 1 and 2**, the children have been showing real focus, determination, and enthusiasm for their learning.

Following **Kat's inspiring assembly on presentation and the Kew Qualities**, we've also seen a noticeable improvement in how pupils are presenting their work. Books across the school are looking exceptional — a true reflection of the pride our children take in their learning.

A huge well done to everyone — your hard work and commitment continue to shine through. **Keep up the fantastic work, Kew!**



In Cherry Class the children have been learning about 1 more and 1 less in Maths. They have also been reading the book *Bog Baby* and have started to design their own bog babies to help them write their own version of the story.

In Ash Class the children have been learning about place value in Maths by using the part whole model. Some of the Year 4s have been looking at place value up to the ten thousands!

In Oak Class the children have been reading, *Who Let the Gods Out?* And are now writing their own version of the story focussing on parenthesis and relative clauses.

Everything you need to know about Kew Riverside

Following on from last year's success, we are delighted to invite all parents, carers, staff, and governors to our upcoming **"Everything You Need to Know About Kew Riverside"** evening — a special event for the whole school community.

Date: Tuesday 30th September

Time: Refreshments from 5.30pm | Presentations begin at 6.00pm

Location: Kew Riverside Primary School

This will be a fantastic opportunity to:

- Meet the staff team and the governing body
- Hear presentations from the Headteacher and Acting Chair of Governors
- Celebrate the school's recent achievements and academic successes
- Learn more about our priorities for school development this academic year

We believe in strong parent partnerships, and this evening is a valuable chance to come together, share in our collective successes, and look ahead to the future of our school. **We hope to see you there!**



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 of our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children with this.

Our top three classes for attendance last week were:

1st Place: Ash Class – 98.2%

2nd Place: Oak Class – 94.4%

3rd Place: Willow Class - 90%



Richmond Family Support Service

Need support with home life?
 Unsure how to handle a situation with your child or navigate changes in your family life? We're here to help.

FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN
1st October 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email [Belinda- bnorfolk@darell.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:Belinda-bnorfolk@darell.richmond.sch.uk) or speak to the school office.



Dates for the diary

- 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
- 30/09/25: Reception to Y3 Workshop: Castles, Knights and Princesses
- 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



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OPEN DAYS

Discover why Kew Riverside Primary School is the perfect choice for your family. Join us at our open days!

- Hear about our academic excellence, with students outperforming national averages
- And our close-knit community, where every child is safe, known, and valued

Upcoming dates

23rd September 2025
21st October 2025
12th November 2025
3rd December 2025
7th January 2026

9.15am - 10.15am

**37 Courtlands Avenue,
Richmond TW9 4ES**

Book your space

Email info@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

Call 020 8487 8437

or use the QR code below



Nut Free School

We'd like to remind all parents and carers that our school is a **nut-free environment**. This means that **no nuts or nut products** should be brought into school in packed lunches, snacks, or treats for special occasions. We have several students with severe nut allergies, and even small traces can cause serious reactions. By keeping our school nut-free, we help to ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Family support and engagement are invaluable to us at Kew Riverside, and this is not just about how you support your child at home:

- Coming into school, to share your time, life experiences, achievements and skills is truly inspiring to our pupils. We value all types of professions and backgrounds and would love you to come in and share your ideas and passion with the pupils.
- We would also greatly appreciate hearing from you if you are willing to regularly read with children. Extra practice each week can make a real difference.

So, mums and dads, carers and grandparents, uncles and aunts, please do sign up and contribute to the development of our children at Kew Riverside.

Best wishes,
Team Kew Riverside



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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:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
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