



Kew Riverside News



Friday 3rd October 2025

Headteacher Highlights

Of the many wonderful things about Kew Riverside, I am always especially appreciative of the strong sense of community spirit that defines our school. This was clearly demonstrated this week during our *Everything You Need to Know About Kew* evening, where staff, governors, parents, and carers came together to celebrate and share in the school's recent successes.

It was a fantastic opportunity for all stakeholders to reflect on the achievements of the last few years — including our incredible end-of-year results, which showed that we are performing above national averages in most areas. The evening also outlined our key school development priorities for the year ahead and featured a presentation from our Acting Chair of Governors, Helen Oakley. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and for your valuable feedback, which we will be taking forward throughout the year.

I also had the pleasure of meeting with our Chair of the PTA, Caroline, to discuss the exciting calendar of fundraising events planned for this year. We're kicking things off with the much-anticipated Halloween Disco Party in just two weeks' time!

Looking ahead to next week, Oak Class will be heading off to Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, and we'll be holding our *Everything You Need to Know About Willow Class* session on Wednesday.

Wishing you all a lovely 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.



A Magical Journey to the Time of King Arthur

On Tuesday, the children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 were whisked away to the legendary days of King Arthur during some fantastic drama workshops led by the Perform Group.

Throughout the sessions, the children met a host of mystical creatures – including fierce dragons – and even received wise advice from none other than Merlin the wizard himself! Through imaginative storytelling and role-play, the children explored a range of exciting characters and adventures from the world of Arthurian legend. It was a truly magical experience, and the children had a wonderful time bringing these tales to life. Well done to everyone involved!



Kew Qualities

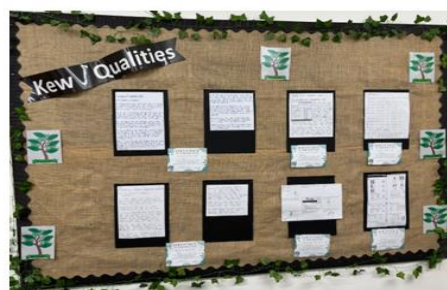
Well done to our children who have demonstrated their Kew Qualities within their work. Each week new children will be chosen and their work proudly shown on the display board for everyone to see.

Week beginning 22nd September:

Well done to **Lilah, Lily, Max, Misha, Catarina and MaiMai.**

Week beginning 29th September:

Well done to: **Archie, Harley, Suzanna, Lucas, Mark and Jasmine.**

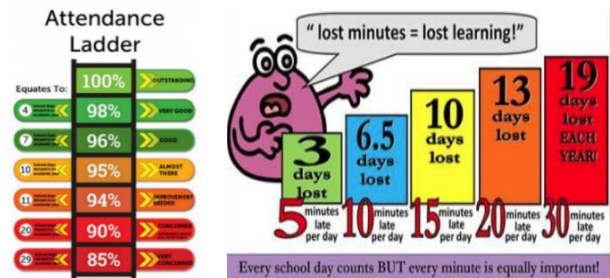


Attendance and Punctuality

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: Willow Class – 96.7%**
- 2nd Place: Ash Class – 95.6%**
- 3rd Place: Cherry Class - 95.3%**



Do You Know Someone Who Could Be a Great School Governor?

Here at Kew Riverside Primary School we're looking for **two new Governors** to join our Governing Board.

As parents and carers, you'll know how important strong governance is in supporting our school to thrive. While this opportunity is **not open to parents of current pupils**, we would love your help in spreading the word and reaching people in your wider networks who might be interested.

Please do share this opportunity with friends, colleagues, neighbours, or professional contacts who might be a good fit. For more information about the role, or to arrange an informal chat, please contact the school office.

Thank you.



Dates for the diary

- 7/10/25:** Oak Clas trip to Westminster Abbey
- 8/10/25:** Everything You Need to Know About Willow Class Meeting **9.15am**
- W/B 13/10/25 :** NSPCC Talk Pants Week
- 16/10/25:** Tag Rugby Tournament for year 5 & 6
- 21/10/25:** PTA Halloween Disco Party
- W/B 27/10/25: Half Term**
- 3/11/25: INSET DAY (School Closed)**
- 4/11/25:** Children return to school
- 5/11/25:** Heights and Weights for Reception and Year 6
- 17/11/25:** Flu Vaccinations for whole school



AUTUMN 1: Class Galleries

21/10/25 at 9am: Ash Class

22/10/25 at 9am: Cherry Class

22/10/25 at 9am: Willow Class

23/10/25 at 9am: Oak Class

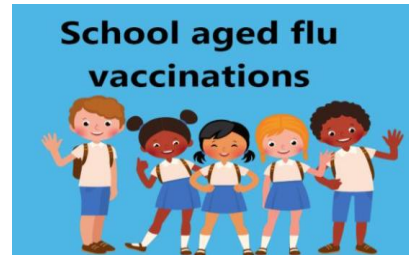


FLU VACCINATIONS

Monday 17th November

<https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/richmond>

(Above link closes 12th November)



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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