



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Headteacher Highlights

I am delighted to announce that, following our first Full Governing Body meeting of the academic year on Wednesday, the governors have elected **Helen Oakley** as our new **Chair of Governors**. Helen has been a dedicated member of our Governing Body for several years and has previously served as both **Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee** and **Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body**. Her experience, commitment, and insight have been invaluable in supporting the school's ongoing development. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work closely with Helen as we lead the **strategic direction of the school** and maintain our strong focus on **continuous school improvement**. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Helen on her new role.

Next week, we are looking forward to taking part in **NSPCC's Talk PANTS Week**, which runs from **October 13th to 17th**. This important campaign helps children aged **3–11** learn how to stay safe in a simple, age-appropriate way. Using the friendly character **Pantosaurus** and the easy-to-remember **PANTS** acronym, the NSPCC provides guidance to help children understand that:

- **P** – Privates are private
- **A** – Always remember your body belongs to you
- **N** – No means no
- **T** – Talk about secrets that upset you
- **S** – Speak up, someone can help



Throughout the week, we'll be sharing messages in class to reinforce these important safety rules in a safe, supportive and child-friendly way. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home. You can find helpful resources, including videos and tips, on the [NSPCC website](#).

## 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 over the last two weeks 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



# Oak Class' Trip to Westminster Abbey

Oak Class had a wonderful day visiting **Westminster Abbey**, one of the most important and historic buildings in Britain. During our tour, we learned all about the Abbey's incredible history, from royal coronations to the many famous people remembered there. The trip also helped us explore key **British Values** such as respect, tolerance, and democracy, as we discovered how the Abbey has shaped our country's traditions. One of the highlights of the day was when a few of us even got to take part in our very own **mini coronation** — a truly royal experience!



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> October:

Well done to: **Archie, Miley, Mark, Sire, Matilda and Harris.**



## Pencil Cases

As part of our commitment to ensuring that every child feels equal, supported, and ready to learn, we kindly ask that pupils do not bring pencil cases or their own stationery into school.

The school will provide **all the equipment** your child needs for lessons – including pens, pencils, rulers, and any other resources required during the school day. This helps us create a learning environment where:

- Every child has access to the same high-quality tools
- No one feels left out or under pressure to have certain items
- We reduce distractions and prevent issues around swapping or sharing stationery

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain an inclusive and focused learning environment for all pupils. If you have any further questions please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and a range of related merchandise in the lead-up to Remembrance Day. Your support will help honour those who have served and continue to serve.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Pupil Parliament Campaign Launches

In assembly on Monday, we officially launched this year's exciting campaign to find our new Pupil Parliament Ministers. We are looking for enthusiastic role models from across the school who are eager to work alongside staff and governors on key areas of school improvement.

Applications have already been coming in thick and fast! The deadline to submit your application is **Wednesday 15th October**, so make sure you don't miss out on the chance to be part of this important student leadership opportunity. Once applications close, we'll be getting ready for our **whole school election** — an exciting chance for every pupil to have their voice heard.

Good luck to all our future Pupil Parliament Ministers!



## 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.

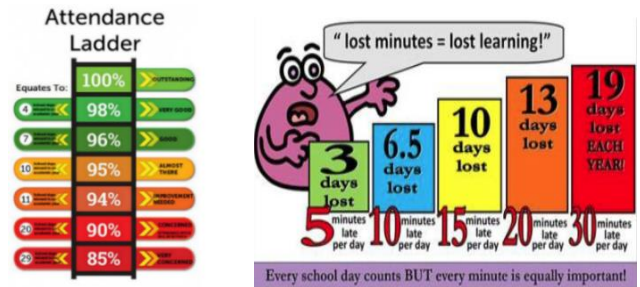


# Attendance and Punctuality

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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 94.2%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ash Class – 92.3%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Oak Class - 91.2%**



## Dates for the diary

- 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
- 5/11/25**: Parents Evening for Willow Class (2 – 6.30pm)
- 6/11/25**: Parents Evening for Cherry, Ash and Oak (1.30 – 5pm)
- 11/11/25**: Parents Evening for Cherry, Ash and Oak (3.30 – 7pm)
- Booking Information to follow*
- 17/11/25**: Flu Vaccinations for whole school



**SUPPORTING BIG EMOTIONS & ENERGY AT HOME**

Does your child have big emotions and energy at home? Would you like support and advice from our Educational Psychologist Matt Skinner? Please come to our workshop on:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2:20pm**  
**At Kew Riverside**

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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

(Above link closes 12<sup>th</sup> November)



## PTA Events



Hello everyone,



We're excited to announce this year's **Halloween Disco Party** for the whole family! It will take place at the school hall on **Tuesday, 21st October, from 5pm to 7pm.**

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday, 13th to Friday, 17th October** during morning drop-off only.

**Entry:** £3 per person.

Costumes are required for both children and adults, so get creative! 🎃👻🐱

We look forward to seeing you all for a spooky, fun-filled family evening!



Your PTA :)

## 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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