



Kew Riverside News



Friday 24th October 2025

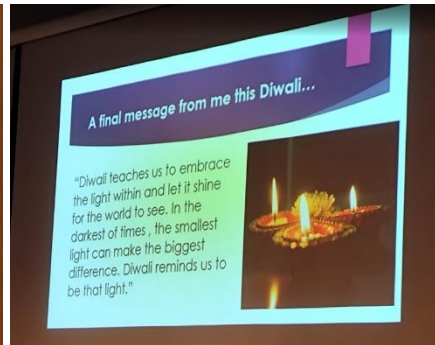
Headteacher Highlights

We started this week with a **special assembly to celebrate Diwali – the Festival of Lights**. With the help of some enthusiastic volunteers, I shared both the **Hindu story of Diwali** and the **Sikh story of Bandi Chhor Divas**. We reflected on the common themes of **good conquering evil** and how we can all strive to **be a light in someone's time of darkness**.

I hope that everyone who celebrated had a **wonderful time with friends and family**.

It's hard to believe that the **first half term** of this academic year has already come to an end! We've finished on a **wonderfully positive note** with our **PTA Halloween Disco** and our **much-anticipated class galleries**. This week, we also held our **second Open Day** of the year, which was **extremely well attended**. The school received many **lovely compliments** from prospective parents about the warm and welcoming atmosphere here at Kew Riverside.

A huge **thank you to our wonderful school community** for your continued support. I wish all our families a **restful and enjoyable half term**, and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 4th November**.



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 and adults 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



Autumn 1 Class Galleries

This week we have been **blown away** by the incredible standard of work showcased in the **first half-term homework projects** of this academic year — is there no end to your talents, **Kew Riverside**? A huge well done to all the children for their hard work and creativity, and a big thank you to all the families who came along to support the gallery events.

Willow Class impressed us with their creativity, producing **posters, sculptures, and models** inspired by the **signs of autumn**, including leaves and conkers. They also performed a lovely Autumn song with lots of actions!



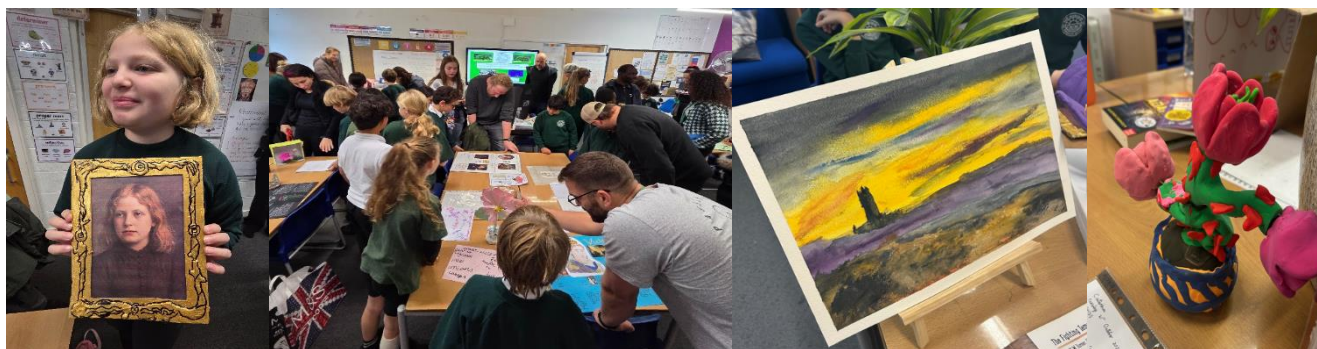
Cherry Class created fantastic work linked to the **Gunpowder Plot**, including beautiful **firework pictures** and **wanted posters for Guy Fawkes**. They also showcased their scientific knowledge by producing **fact sheets about different animals and their young**.



Ash Class focused on their learning about **eating and digestion**, creating **detailed models of the human body** and **healthy eating plates**. They also demonstrated their understanding of history by designing an array of impressive **Anglo-Saxon artefacts**.



Oak Class explored the **life cycles of plants** and identified their different parts through beautifully presented projects. They also produced **fact files about the Victorians**, showcasing their growing history knowledge and research skills.



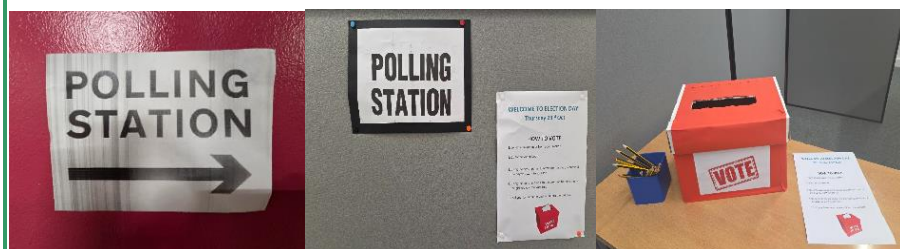
Pupil Parliament Election Results

On Thursday, **Kew Riverside** went to the **polls** to vote for our new **Pupil Parliament Ministers** for this academic year. All the shortlisted candidates confidently delivered their speeches to their classes before the **ballot papers** **Were distributed** and the voting could begin.

Each class then visited the **polling station** to cast their votes and place their papers into the **ballot box** — a real-life experience of democracy in action! It was a tough decision, and every candidate deserves a huge **well done** for taking part and putting themselves forward.

Our **first Pupil Parliament meeting** will take place after half term, with agenda items including **recycling initiatives** and the creation of a **Healthy Eating Policy**. **Huge congratulations** to our newly elected ministers — we can't wait to see the positive changes you'll make this year.

Together, we can make **Kew Riverside even better than it already is!**



Cherry Class' Visit to Construction Site

On Tuesday, **Cherry Class** were invited to visit the **Melliss Avenue Construction Site**, where new retirement flats are currently being built. The children enjoyed a **guided tour** led by the **McLee & Rushed contractor's** team, who taught them all about the importance of **health and safety** on a construction site. They were also excited to spot some of the **safety posters** designed by Kew pupils last year proudly displayed around the site!

Wearing their very own **hard hats and gloves**, the children explored the site and took part in a fun **spotting challenge**, looking out for **safety signs, cranes, and tele handlers**. They learned about the different types of machinery used in construction and were even lucky enough to **see the cranes in action**, which caused great excitement!

The visit sparked lots of curiosity, with many children eager to ask questions — and some even imagining themselves as future **electricians, plumbers, or scaffolders**. A few even tried to negotiate a good deal on getting their own bedrooms painted! It was a **memorable experience** for everyone involved.



PTA Events

Spooktacular Success! 🎃👻

Huge congratulations to our **incredible PTA**, who surpassed all expectations with another **Spooktacular Halloween Disco** on Tuesday evening! From the **decorations to the food, the drinks to the stalls** — everything was perfect, and the word on the corridor was that *“it was the best Halloween disco yet!”*

A big **thank you** to all our families for going all out with their **fantastic costumes** and for helping make the evening such a huge success. With Halloween hits like *Thriller* and *The Monster Mash*, our brilliant **DJ kept the dancefloor packed**, with everyone showing off their spookiest and scariest moves!

We are so grateful to our **PTA** for their hard work — not only for bringing our school community together but also for supporting the school in **raising valuable funds** to help us continue providing the very best for our pupils. A **special mention** goes to our amazing Chair, **Caroline**, without whom this fantastic event simply wouldn't have been possible.

What a wonderful way to celebrate the end of this half term— full of fun, laughter, and community spirit!



**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL
HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY!**



WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US FOR A FANTASTIC HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY! WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN HAD AS MUCH FUN AS WE DID. :)

TOGETHER, WE RAISED AN AMAZING £1,324 FOR THE SCHOOL!
YOUR SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH—THANK YOU
FOR MAKING THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL HALF-TERM BREAK!

YOUR PTA :)

Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Gifts

We are delighted to be taking part in the **Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project** this year! The children have been busy creating their festive designs, and they have now brought home their artwork forms. Each form includes a **unique code** that families can use to order a wonderful range of products featuring the children's artwork.

From **greeting cards** and **mugs** to **playing cards**, there's something for everyone — perfect for sharing a little festive cheer with family and friends!

To place your orders, please complete **Steps 1–3** on the artwork form and visit:

👉 www.shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk

Please ensure **all orders are completed and artwork forms are returned to school no later than Monday 10th November.**

**We're doing a Christmas
fundraising project!**

Help us to raise funds!

- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper

ARTWORK MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:
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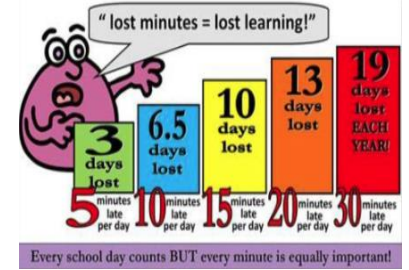
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Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendances 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: Oak Class – 97.6%**
- 2nd Place: Willow Class – 95.3%**
- 3rd Place: Ash Class - 95%**



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
26th November 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email
 Belinda- bnorfolk@darel.richmond.sch.uk
 or speak to the school office.

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 19th November 2:20pm
At Kew Riverside

PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP

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.

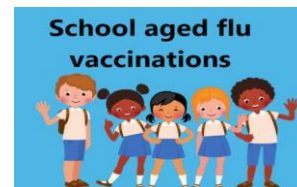


FLU VACCINATIONS

Monday 17th November

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

(Above link closes 12th November)



Dates for the diary

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 Link goes live at 6pm on Friday 17th October.

12/11/25: Willow Class Assembly at 2.45pm

17/11/25: Flu Vaccinations for whole school

19/11/25: Phonics workshop for reception parents 9-10am



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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