



Kew Riverside News



Friday 7th November 2025

Headteacher Highlights

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It has been lovely to hear about what the children got up to and to see them return to school full of enthusiasm and determination for learning.

It's been a busy first week back, with new learning topics beginning and the first of our Parents' Evenings taking place. It has been a pleasure to share with families the fantastic progress the children are making.

On Wednesday, we explored the story of **The Gunpowder Plot** as part of our **Bonfire Night** celebrations and discussed the importance of following the **firework safety code**.

Looking ahead, next week we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week**, focusing on the importance of using *"The Power for Good"* to speak up and raise awareness about bullying. Further information has been sent to parents in a separate email to help support your children in understanding this important topic.

We'll be starting the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November**, where everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and remind us that it's great to be unique!



Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from the week before half term. 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 the week before half term 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



Willow Class Remember

Willow Class had a very special visitor on Thursday — Andy, who has been kindly helping us in our school garden. Andy is a former soldier, and he shared with the children some fascinating stories from his time in the Army. He showed us his regimental tie, his beret, and the medals he was awarded for his service during tours of duty in various parts of the world. Andy explained that, during his time in the Army, he helped people to feel safe in their homes and supported children so that they could go to school — just as we do here. He also told the children that he will be taking part in a parade soon, proudly wearing his medals.

As part of our learning about Remembrance, the children have been busy creating poppies to make a class wreath, ready for Tuesday 11th November. Andy helped the children understand the meaning behind the different parts of the poppy: the red petals represent the lives lost, the black centre stands for the mourning of that loss, and the green leaf points upwards as a symbol of hope for a better future.

It was a wonderful and memorable opportunity for the children to learn about remembrance and the importance of peace. **A huge thank you to Andy for sharing his time and experiences with us!**



To Be Or Not To Be? – That is Oak Class' Question!

This week in Oak Class, to fully immerse ourselves in our new class text – *Hamlet* – we brought one of the most famous monologues ever written to life: “*To be, or not to be...*”

Every pupil had the chance to deliver these powerful words to their talk partners, exploring the emotion and meaning behind Shakespeare’s language. A few brave superstars even took to the stage to perform in front of the whole class — showing confidence, creativity, and plenty of dramatic flair! Well done Oak Class.



Gardening Club Prepares For Winter

This week, our Gardening Club members have been busy getting the raised beds ready for winter! Thanks to the recent wet weather, the soil was soft and easy to dig, which helped the children clear away most of the weeds. The many fallen autumn leaves didn't go to waste — the children collected them and added them to our new compost bin, cleverly made from recycled tyres! If we leave the leaves to break down for about a year, we'll have our very own rich compost to feed the soil in our vegetable patch.

While working in the garden, the children discovered lots of wriggly worms and other fascinating minibeasts living in the soil. Once the ground was level, they placed sheets of cardboard over the surface to stop any persistent weeds from growing back.

Today was extra exciting, contractors from the local building site kindly donated **five tons of topsoil!** Willow Class were thrilled to watch the bulk bags being delivered by forklift to the back gate. With help from the workmen, the children worked hard to move all the new soil into the raised beds. We're so grateful for the generous support of McAleer & Rushe Contracts that made this possible. With our refreshed soil and all the children's hard work, we're looking forward to a bumper harvest next summer!



Football News



On Thursday, the boys' football team played Darell School at North Sheen Rec. During the first half, Kew Riverside needed to strengthen their defence, as they let one goal in. However, after a motivating pep talk from Mr O at half time, the boys came back fighting — with Charlie scoring a brilliant goal just seconds after the whistle blew!

From there, the team went from strength to strength, with Chris adding another tremendous goal. The match ended in a thrilling 2–2 draw.

Well done to the entire team for their determination, resilience, and sportsmanship — we are all very proud of you! 🏆👏

Cauliflower Christmas Cards and Gifts

FINAL REMINDER

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.**





YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Themes: Something extraordinary
My World

Winners work performed at The Exchange Theatre

Deadline Friday November 28th

EVENT RULES

- Open to all children.
- All work must be typed.
- Themes of writing: 'My World' & 'Something Extraordinary'.
- Short story which can be any length up to 500 words.
- Poem with a maximum of 25 lines.
- The story and poem can be shorter.
- One entry per pupil.
- Name not to be on the work itself only the title of the writing.
- Names of children's work will be completed on the entry form.

★ **WRITING** ★
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How to enter...
All entries to be returned to class teacher

Calling All Young Writers and Poets!



Do you love to write stories or poems? Here's your chance to shine!

Enter the **Young Writers Competition** for an amazing opportunity to **perform your work at The Exchange Theatre.** ✨

Stay tuned — more information will be shared in **Monday's assembly!**

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 – 94%**
- 2nd Place: Willow Class – 93.3%**
- 3rd Place: Cherry Class - 91.6%**



We have noticed an increasing number of children coming into school late. Please can we remind everyone that the school gates open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at **8.50am.**

Dates for the diary

- 10/11/25:** Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
- 11/11/25:** Parents Evening for Cherry, Ash and Oak (3.30 – 7pm)
- 12/11/25:** Willow Class Assembly at 2.45pm
- 13/11/25:** Willow Class trip to War Memorial
- 13/11/25:** Girls Football Tournament (Y5 and 6)
- 17/11/25:** Flu Vaccinations for whole school
- 19/11/25:** Phonics workshop for reception parents 9-10am
- 21/11/25:** Ash Class trip to London Zoo
- 27/11/25:** Individual school photographs
- 4/12/25:** School Christmas Fair



SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday, 4th December
5-7pm, School Hall



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@darell.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


FLU VACCINATIONS

Monday 17th November

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

(Above link closes 12th November)

School aged flu vaccinations



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 Keeping Children Safe 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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avirdi@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

Acting Chair of Governors:

Helen Oakley 020 8487 8437

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Single Point of Access (SPA):

020 8547 5008 Out of hours: 020 8770 5000

Local Authority Designated Officer:

020 8891 7370/ 07774 332675

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility