



Kew Riverside News



Friday 14th November 2025

Headteacher Highlights

I am super impressed with everything we have managed to achieve at **Kew Riverside** this week. As well as some spectacular learning taking place in the classrooms, we have celebrated and marked several important national events, including **Anti-Bullying Week**, **Road Safety Week**, and **World Nursery Rhyme Week**. These have led to special assemblies and memorable moments for everyone in our school community.

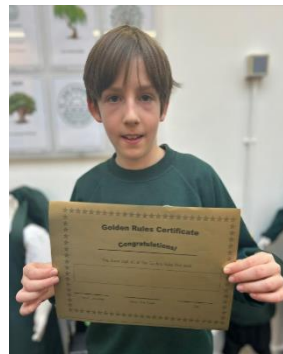
On Tuesday, we gathered as a whole school to observe a **two-minute silence for Remembrance Day** — a moment of reflection and respect shared by all.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents into school to celebrate their children's achievements during **Parents' Evening**, and to meet prospective families during our **third Open Day** of the year on Wednesday.

I am incredibly proud of the enriching experiences we continue to provide for our pupils, and of the amazing progress they are making every single day.

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!



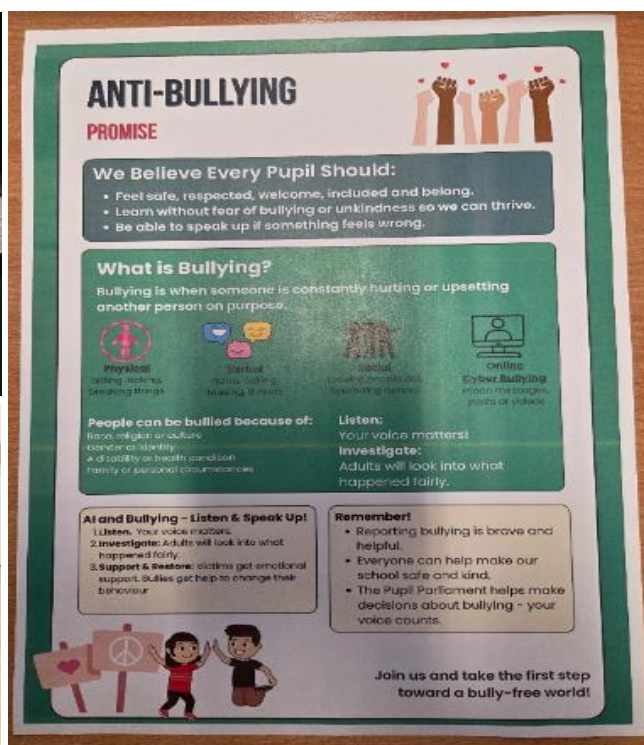
Standing Up, Speaking Out – Kew Riverside Marks Anti-Bullying Week

This week, Kew Riverside has been proud to take part in Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme focusing on the power of good — encouraging everyone to speak up safely and raise awareness when they see bullying, whether face to face or online. The week began with Odd Socks Day, where pupils and staff wore odd socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique. Throughout the week, children took part in discussions and activities exploring a range of topics, including what bullying means, where it can take place, and, most importantly, what we can do if we see or experience it.

Our Pupil Parliament also held its first meeting of the year. One of their key tasks was to work alongside Ardeep to review the school's Anti-Bullying Policy and help create a new Anti-Bullying Promise for the whole school community.

We ended the week with a sharing assembly, where each class presented the main lessons they had learned. It was inspiring to see how confidently and thoughtfully pupils spoke about kindness, respect, and standing up for others.

The reviewed Anti-Bullying Policy will be available on our school website soon.



Thank You Anna-Marie

Sadly, this week we learned that our incredible School Business Manager, Anna-Marie, will be leaving Kew Riverside at the end of this term as she relocates to another school in Surrey, closer to home. Anna-Marie has been a valued member of our school community since January 2021 and has made a significant impact on the success and smooth running of Kew Riverside. Her dedication, professionalism, and warmth will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike. While we are very sad to see her go, we wish Anna-Marie every success and happiness in her new role from January 2026.

The school will begin the recruitment process for a new School Business Manager next week, and we encourage our school community to spread the word to anyone who may be interested in applying. Please keep an eye on the school website for more details.

Oak Class Visit The National Archives

Last Friday Oak Class had a fantastic and fascinating afternoon at the National Archives exploring life during the Victorian era. We began our visit by learning about what the National Archives does and why it's such an important place for preserving history. Afterwards, we delved into the world of Victorian prisons, studying an original map to discover what the prisons were like and what kinds of punishments prisoners received.

Next, we examined a range of photographs from real Victorian prisons. Using our inference skills, we discussed what we thought was happening in each picture and what these images could tell us about life at the time. To finish the session, each pupil received a profile of a Victorian child prisoner. We explored their stories and compared how children were treated then to how they would be treated today.

It was a thought-provoking and memorable trip that brought our Victorian topic to life — helping us understand just how much society has changed over time!



A Budding Chef in Year 3!

When one of our Year 3 pupils told Ardeep that her dream job was to be a chef in a school kitchen, the team at Kew Riverside quickly went into action to make this dream a reality!

After chatting with our wonderful Chef Rashid, Lisa was able to arrange a special work experience session in the school kitchen. The first task on the menu? Baking a cake! The result looked — and smelled — absolutely delicious.

We may have a future Great British Bake Off contestant in our midst!

Well done, and keep cooking up your dreams!



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 10th October:
Well done to: **Haris, Suzanna, Sarah, Myloe, Ariah and Rose C-T.**



Kew Riverside Remembers

On Tuesday, everyone at Kew Riverside gathered together in the playground to mark Remembrance Day. We observed a two-minute silence as a whole school, taking time to reflect and appreciate the sacrifices made by so many people for our freedom and safety.

Each class created their own beautiful display of poppies, which were proudly shown by the school gate throughout the day. These have now been brought together to form a more permanent display inside the school, serving as a lasting reminder of remembrance and gratitude.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who bought a poppy and donated to the **Royal British Legion**. Your generosity will help support serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.



Willow Class Visit War Memorial

On Thursday, Willow Class enjoyed a very special walk to the Kew Green War Memorial. Following the two-minute silence that the whole school observed on Tuesday 11th November, the children set off in the sunshine to explore our local area and extend their learning by finding the memorial in Kew.

When we arrived, we carefully laid our class wreath alongside those placed there by other local schools. It was a thoughtful moment of remembrance and reflection. Afterward, we enjoyed a snack together on the green and listened as the church bell chimed at 11 o'clock. The children were delighted to visit the nearby church, where we discovered the most beautiful painted blue dome inside which a real highlight of the trip! On the way back, everyone enjoyed walking through the crisp autumn leaves, chatting happily about what they had seen and learned.

Well done, Willow Class, for representing our school so beautifully, and a big thank you to all the parents who supported and helped make the trip possible.



A Try-Tastic Evening at Twickenham Stoop!

Just before half term, we were delighted to offer families free tickets to **Twickenham Stoop** to watch the **Premiership Women's Rugby** match between *Harlequins* and *Loughborough*. We're thrilled that the **Landrein family** took up this opportunity and had a wonderful evening enjoying the rugby!

Thank you for sharing your fantastic photos with the rest of the **Kew Riverside community**!



Willow Class Assembly

On Wednesday, Willow Class treated their parents and the rest of the school to a special assembly to mark **World Nursery Rhyme Week**. The children amazed everyone with their confidence, beautiful singing, and expressive actions. They performed a fantastic range of classic nursery rhymes, including *Hickory Dickory Dock*, *The Grand Old Duke of York*, and *Humpty Dumpty*! To finish their wonderful assembly, the children invited the whole audience to join in with *The Pirate Song*. Soon everyone was singing along — going *this way, that way, forward and back* with great excitement!

What an incredible first assembly for our enthusiastic Reception children.

Well done, Willow Class!



Sporting News

St Mary's University Coaching Day

Twenty children from Years 4, 5, and 6 had a fantastic opportunity to take part in mini coaching sessions at St Mary's University as part of the university students' assessment week. The day was full of energy, teamwork, and fun, and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Ashley, one of the coaches at St Mary's University, praised our pupils highly, saying, "The children were fantastic throughout their entire time with us at St Mary's. They showed great enthusiasm for every student's sessions, asked great questions, behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. Having the children support the coaching has made the experience for our students even more positive and will stand them in good stead for future assessments. We would love to have the school supporting with future sessions if the children would like to take part and look forward to making this an annual event."

We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part. Their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour were a real credit to the school, and we look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership with St Mary's University in the future.



Girls' Football Tournament: Finishing on a High! ⚽

On Thursday our girls' football team showed amazing spirit and determination at this week's tournament. The morning got off to a tricky start, with some tough opponents and close games that didn't quite go our way. After lunch, though, the team came back stronger than ever! In the second group, we really found our rhythm — drawing two matches, losing one, and winning one. Every player gave it their all, showing brilliant teamwork, energy, and sportsmanship throughout.



It was fantastic to see the team finish on a high, coming **second in our group** and ending the day with big smiles and even bigger cheers. Well done, everyone — what a great effort! Thank you to all the adults who made this possible.

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 – 98%**
- 2nd Place: Ash Class – 93%**
- 3rd Place: Willow Class - 91%**





YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Themes: Something extraordinary
My World

Winners work
performed at
The Exchange Theatre

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.

Deadline Friday November 28th

★ **WRITING** ★
short stories
up to 500 words but can be shorter.
poetry
with a maximum of 25 lines.

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.** ✨

Dates for the diary

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

24/11/25: Individual school photographs

4/12/25: School Christmas Fair

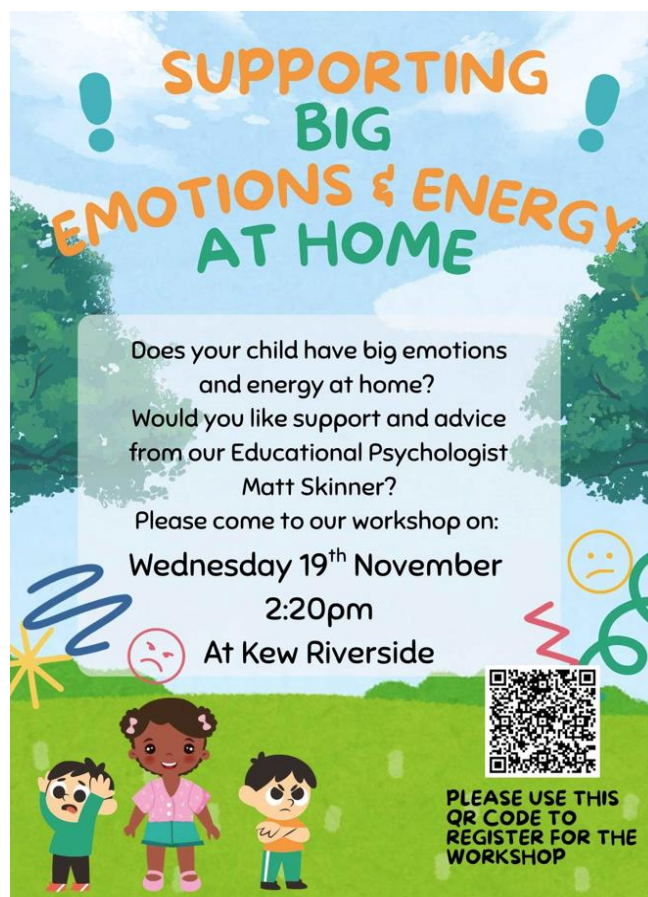


Richmond Family Support Service

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
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



Calm, Connect & Chat:
Join our **FREE** parent and carer meet ups!

FREE

Leave feeling safe, connected and full of ideas!
All led by Caitlin Curry, PATHS Coach, Primary Teacher and SEMH Lead

Why should I join?

- Learn simple, calming strategies for children
- Get support with big feelings, friendships and expressing emotions
- Hear from a dedicated PATHS Social emotional learning coach
- Chat with Caitlin and other parents, ask questions, and get advice

This will be a friendly, supportive session to help both you and your child feel calm and confident, while connecting with other parents and carers over a cosy drink and chat. You'll also leave with a handy leaflet to take home!

Join us by asking for our table at the till or look for our PATHS sign!

- Friday Nov 14 – Boutique Café, Sheen Lane | 9:30–11.00
- Friday Nov 21 – Butterbeans cafe, Richmond Station | 9:30–11.00
- Thursday Nov 27 – Press Rooms, Twickenham | 9:30–11.00

We can't wait to see you there!

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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 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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Chair of Governors:

Helen Oakley 020 8487 8437

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Single Point of Access (SPA):

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Local Authority Designated Officer:

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