



Kew Riverside News



Friday 28th November 2025

Headteacher Highlights

This week, both Kat and I were joined by one of our school governors, Michael, to see some of the wonderful English learning taking place around the school. We observed a wide range of skills being applied to writing, from Willow Class using their phonics knowledge to label body parts, to children in Oak Class editing a discursive text based on *Hamlet*. Oak Class certainly had some strong opinions about who was to blame for all the tragedy in this well-known Shakespearean play!

We also saw Cherry Class sequencing events from *Flat Stanley*, and Ash Class making some well-thought-out predictions about their new text.

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school after many have been off with various winter bugs. I really hope everyone is fully recovered in time for the festive season, which all begins next week with our annual PTA Christmas Fair on Thursday.

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!



Gift a Read: Every Child Receives a New Book!

In October, Ardeep received a wonderful email from a company called *Expect Amazing*, an organisation on a mission to ensure that every child owns their own book. We have been fortunate in the past to receive new books for our school library through their generosity, and this year we were thrilled to learn that Kew Riverside had been shortlisted for Expect Amazing's Gift a Read initiative.

This opportunity came thanks to the support of The Morris Consultancy, Elysian, and McAleer & Rushe, the companies involved in the Melliss Avenue development near Kew Retail Park. Through Gift a Read, Expect Amazing partners with local businesses to provide every child in a primary school with a brand-new, age-appropriate book—an incredible way to nurture a love of reading across the community.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to invite representatives from all three organisations into school to present the books to our pupils. They were welcomed by our Pupil Parliament before having the chance to visit each class and hand over the books in person.

We are truly grateful for their generosity and commitment to supporting our pupils. Thanks to their involvement, every child at Kew Riverside now has their own book to enjoy at home. **Happy reading, Kew Riverside!**



SPORTING NEWS

Tag Rugby Fixture vs Kings

Last week, our team took on Kings in an exciting Tag Rugby fixture. The pupils played brilliantly, showing tremendous determination and teamwork throughout the match. It was fantastic to see how much progress they have made since the recent Tag Rugby tournament—their confidence, communication, and tactical play have all noticeably improved.

Although we didn't come away with the win, finishing with a final score of 7–3, the team should be incredibly proud of their performance. Their hard work, effort, and positive attitude were evident from start to finish. Well done to everyone involved!

Boys' Football Tournament

Our boys' football team had a fantastic day at the tournament today. The team played with great energy and determination, winning or drawing the majority of their matches and losing only one. Their strong performances earned them a place in the second round, where they competed for the Plate.

In the group stage of the second round, the boys finished in a very respectable second place, narrowly missing out on a spot in the semi-finals. The whole team should be extremely proud of their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done team!



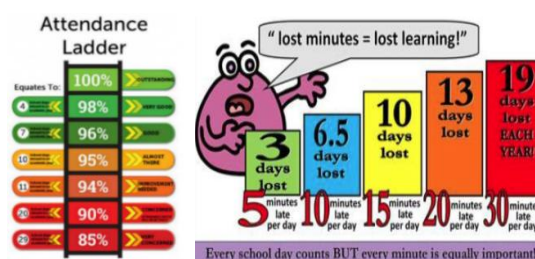
Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who enable us to take part in these events.

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: Willow Class – 95.7%**
- 2nd Place: Oak Class – 93.7%**
- 3rd Place: Cherry Class - 92.5%**



🎄 Christmas Jumper Day – 11 December 2025 🎄

We're excited to take part in the national Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday, 11th December 2025!** It's the perfect opportunity to fill the day with festive fun by wearing your brightest, silliest, or most sparkly Christmas jumper— all while supporting an incredible cause.

As part of this national fundraising event, all donations will go directly to Save the Children, helping to make a real difference to vulnerable children across the UK and Worldwide. We kindly ask everyone taking part to contribute a **£1 donation** through our JustGiving page by scanning the QR code.



WE'RE CELEBRATING



To make this celebration even more special, we're focusing on making it a Sustainable Christmas Jumper Day. Instead of buying new jumpers, we'd love everyone to think green and join in our Christmas Jumper Swap!

If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit or are ready for a new home, please consider donating them. We'll be setting up a festive jumper stall where families can swap a pre-loved jumper or buy one for a small donation.

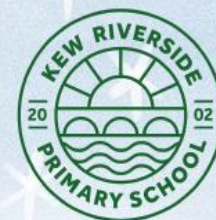
Alternatively, parents and children can get creative at home – add a bit of tinsel, some cotton wool, or any crafty touches to transform an ordinary jumper into something spectacularly festive!

Donations can be brought into school from today until 10th December and will be available on a clothes rail in the office area. All proceeds from jumper sales will go towards Save the Children.

It's a wonderful way to reduce waste, save money, and share the festive spirit – all while helping our planet!

Let's make this Christmas Jumper Day full of fun, colour, and kindness – both to each other and to the environment.

SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY





Giving Tuesday & Advent Giving – A Domino Effect of Kindness!

This year, our school is combining Giving Tuesday with our Advent Giving initiative in a fun and meaningful way! We're inviting every child to bring in a box of cereal to donate to local food banks and help families in our community (feel free to bring more if you'd like!).

Deadline for bringing in donations: Thursday 12th December

Once all the boxes have been collected, we'll line them up around the school to create an amazing domino run. The children will get to watch as around 100 cereal boxes topple over, one after another — a wonderful reminder that a small act of kindness can set off a chain reaction of good deeds.

After the fun, all the cereal will be donated to local food banks to support those in need during this festive season.

Let's make this an incredible Giving Tuesday that spreads joy, kindness, and community spirit.

Together, we can show our children the true meaning of giving and caring for others.

Please help us make this event amazing — one cereal box at a time!

Dates for the diary

4/12/25: 9am SATS meeting for Year 6 parents

4/12/25: School Christmas Fair

10/12/25: The Nativity Performance 9.30am – Willow & Cherry Class

11/12/25: Christmas Jumper Day

11/12/25: Whole School Pantomime Trip

16/12/25: Barn Church Performance 11.00am – Ash & Oak Class

17/12/25: No Breakfast Club

18/12/25: Christmas Dinner

19/12/25: Last Day of Term 2pm finish

Tickets for both The Nativity and Barn Church Performances will be on sale in the school office from Monday 1st December.

PTA NEWS



Christmas Fair

THURSDAY, 4TH DEC | 5 - 7PM

FOOD & DRINK. SWEET TREATS. SANTA GROTTO. TOMBOLAS.
RAFFLES, GAMES AND MORE

TICKETS ON SALE AT DROP OFF ONLY
FROM MONDAY, 24TH TO FRIDAY, 26TH

£2 ENTRY (UNDER 4s FREE)
£1 RAFFLE TICKET



On **Monday 1st December**, we will be holding a **non-uniform day** to support our upcoming **Summer Fair**. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a **bottle donation**.

This could be a bottle of drink, shampoo, ketchup—anything at all, as long as it's **new, full, and in a bottle**.

All donated bottles will be used at our **Christmas Fair**.
Thank you for your support!



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:

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