



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

## Headteacher Highlights

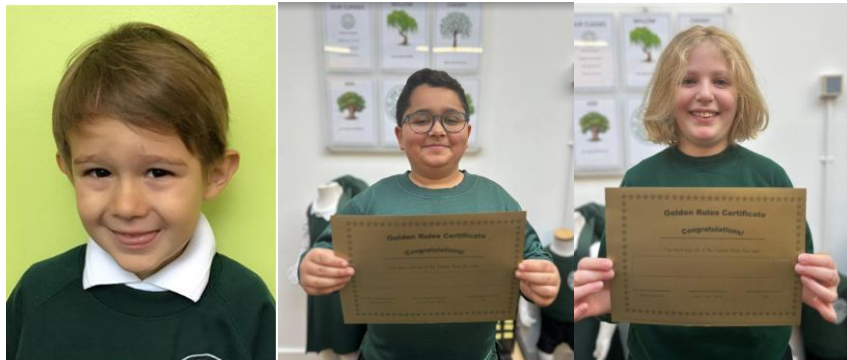
Winter has definitely arrived at Kew this week, with everyone embracing the chill in the air as our festive plans get underway. The Christmas performances are being prepared, and we are looking forward to our much-loved annual events such as the PTA Christmas Fair, Christmas Jumper Day, and of course the highlight of the term — the whole-school trip to the pantomime!

It has been wonderful to welcome parents into school this week for our phonics workshops and for a talk from our Educational Psychologist, Matt, on managing big emotions. The high level of engagement in these events really shows what a fantastic community we have here at Kew Riverside.

Next week, we are excited to invite some of our governors in to see the amazing English learning taking place across the school. We will also be meeting with representatives from Expect Amazing Books, who have an exciting donation to make to our school!

## 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.

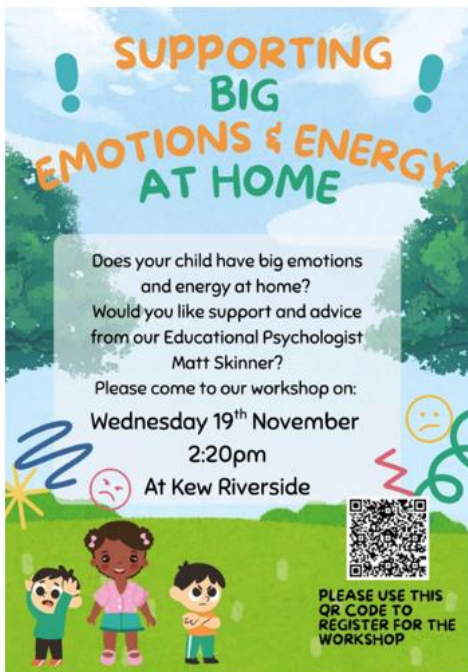
Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



# Phonics Workshop

A huge thank you to all the Willow Class parents who attended the phonics workshop on Wednesday morning, led by Lisa M, Katie and Dilek. It was lovely to see everyone engaging in the activities with their children and gaining an insight into how phonics is taught at Kew Riverside.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



We had a fantastic turn out to our Supporting Big Emotions workshop on Wednesday afternoon led by our Educational Psychologist, Matt Skinner.

You can find a link to Matt's presentations [here](#) and we will also upload it onto the school website.

We hope to hold more workshops like this in the future.



# 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Willow Class – 95.6%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Oak Class – 94%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cherry Class - 92.4%**



# Secret Kindness Agents

In celebration of World Kindness Day, we have been on the lookout for *Secret Kindness Agents*—children who sprinkle kindness around like confetti. When Aras in Ash Class was sent to see Ardeep for kindly helping to calm the nerves of a friend before her flu vaccination, Aras and Ardeep hatched a plan to start searching for Kindness Agents in the playground.

We shared some of these names in assembly this morning, and it was wonderful to hear about all the random acts of kindness the children have been showing. From supporting our Reception pupils, to helping clear up spilt cereal, from lending swimming goggles to tidying classrooms, it was clear to see the confetti of kindness sprinkled all over Kew Riverside.

Well done, everyone!



**YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION**

Winners work performed at The Exchange Theatre

Themes: Something extraordinary  
My World

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  
short stories up to 500 words but can be shorter.  
poetry with a maximum of 20 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.** ✨

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

# 🎄 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 taking part in**

 Save the Children

**Christmas Jumper Day** 



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WE'RE CELEBRATING



Get ready to spread some festive cheer — it's almost Christmas Jumper Day! This year, it will take place on [insert day here].

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 by [insert date here] so we have time to prepare the stall. All proceeds from jumper sales will go towards [insert chosen charity or school fund, if applicable].

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!). 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

**24/11/25:** Individual school photographs

**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

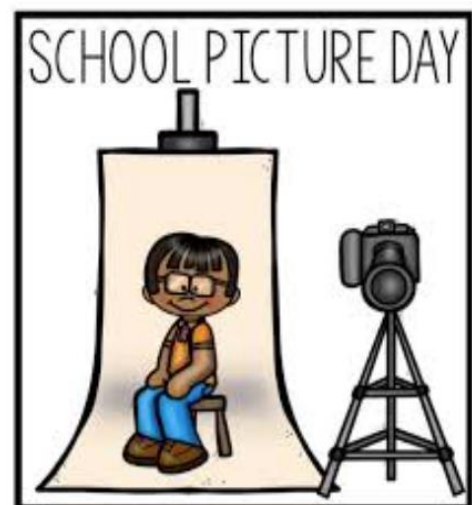
**11/12/25:** Whole School Pantomime Trip

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

**18/12/25:** Christmas Dinner

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

*More details about tickets for performances to follow.*



**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



# 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, 28TH

£2 ENTRY (UNDER 4s FREE)

£1 RAFFLE TICKET



## 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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