



Kew Riverside News



Friday 12th December 2025

Headteacher Highlights

The penultimate week of term has been full of festivity, with Nativity performances, Christmas Jumper Day, and of course our whole-school trip to the pantomime.

On Wednesday, both Willow and Cherry Class impressed us all with their incredible performance of *Busy Busy Bethlehem*. Then on Thursday, we added extra sparkle and Christmas magic by wearing our Christmas jumpers in support of Save the Children, before heading off for an exciting afternoon at Richmond Theatre to watch *Cinderella*.

Alongside all the festivities, the learning has continued, with most classes now coming to the end of their RE and Geography topics. I was particularly impressed with Cherry Class' understanding of physical features and the actions they created to help them remember key vocabulary.

Next week, we are looking forward to Ash and Oak Class performing at Barn Church on Tuesday, as well as enjoying our class galleries, Christmas parties, and our Christmas lunch. It is sure to be a busy but joyful end to the Autumn Term.



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 for 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!



Busy Busy Bethlehem – What A Performance!

On Wednesday, Willow and Cherry Classes delighted us all with their Nativity performance, and what a success it was! The children sang so many lovely songs, delivered their lines clearly and on cue, and truly brought the story to life.

Our narrator made sure that everyone knew exactly what was happening. Such a lot to read, but it was done absolutely beautifully. The angels shone brightly, the kings looked regal, and the Christmas family looked cosy and content in their stable at the end of the performance. We must also give a special mention to the Little Soldier, who kept everything running smoothly in *Busy, Busy Bethlehem!*

A huge thank you to all the parents for coming along and for all your support in the lead-up to Wednesday—it really made a difference. Thank you also to the incredible staff who have organised, led and supported with the performance. From all of us, we wish you a very Happy Christmas!



Pantomime Trip – Oh Yes We Did!

On Thursday, the whole school visited Richmond Theatre to watch the pantomime *Cinderella*. We all had a wonderful time and fully participated in the performance, enjoying the full pantomime experience!

In celebration of Christmas Jumper Day, the children wore their festive Christmas jumpers to school, helping to raise awareness and support for *Save the Children*. Their bright and cheerful jumpers added an extra touch of joy to an already exciting day.

As always, we were extremely impressed with our pupils and the way they conducted themselves both on the bus and in the theatre. Their enthusiasm, respect, and impeccable behaviour made us very proud. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with laughter, excitement, and festive cheer. A huge thank-you to everyone who helped make this trip such a memorable occasion.



Boys' and Girls' Football vs. Kings

On Wednesday afternoon, both our boys' and girls' football teams took to the field for their fixtures against Kings. Although the final scores didn't fall in our favour, what truly stood out was the remarkable progress shown by both squads. Their improvement was not only impressive but clearly noticeable from the first whistle to the last.

The way each team is beginning to gel, support one another, and play with growing confidence has been incredible to watch. Their overall performances were something to be extremely proud of, and this pride was evident as both teams walked off the pitch—heads held high, knowing they had given their all.

As a school, we have always celebrated the resilience, kindness, passion, teamwork, and dedication of our children, and Wednesday's matches were a perfect reflection of these values. Win or lose, our players represented the school with outstanding spirit and commitment. We could not be prouder of them.



Attendance and Punctuality

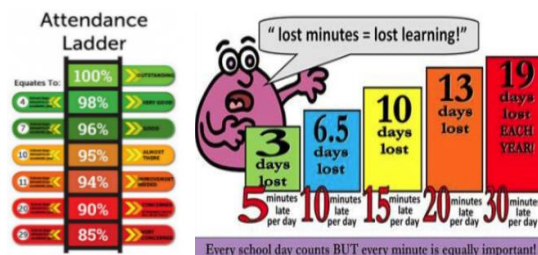
This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendances at school are the happiest and most successful learners; we are grateful to all of our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children with this.

Our top three classes for attendance last week were:

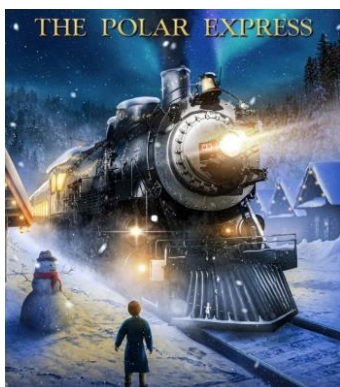
1st Place: Willow Class – 93.6%

2nd Place: Oak Class – 93%

3rd Place: Ash Class - 92.4%



Christmas Class Parties



Willow and Cherry Class will be taking part in a special Polar Express Day on Wednesday 17th December. Further details have been emailed out to parents.



Ash and Oak Class will be having their Christmas parties on Thursday 18th December. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes.

Dates for the diary

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

17/12/25: No Breakfast Club

18/12/25: Christmas Lunch

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

5/1/26: Children return to school



Parent Governor Vacancy for January 2026

We are looking for a new Parent Governor from the start of the new academic year, this is a fantastic opportunity to help support the strategic direction of the school.

Applications can be made by clicking [here](#). The deadline is **12 noon on Friday 9th January 2026**.

If you have any questions please come and speak to Ardeep.



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.

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