



Kew Riverside News



Friday 19th December 2025

Headteacher Highlights



And just like that, we are at the end of the Autumn Term – and what a term it has been! It has been a pleasure to see our pupils grow in confidence and resilience, developing into curious and conscientious learners. Each and every child at Kew fills me with pride, and the dedicated team here ensures that we celebrate every step of progress along the way.

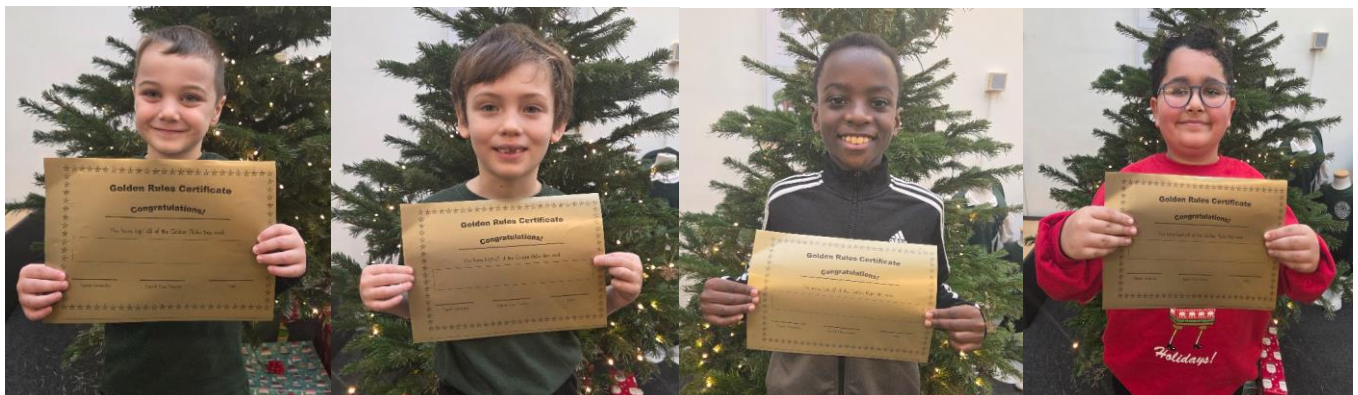
Thank you to our whole school community for your continued support and open communication, which help to keep the school–parent partnership strong. Together, we can continue to ensure that our pupils thrive and achieve their full potential.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year on **Monday 5th January 2026**.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

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!



Key Stage 2 Sparkle at Barn Church

On Tuesday morning, Ash and Oak Classes invited parents, families, and friends to their incredible **Kew Sparkle** event at the beautiful Barn Church. The children amazed us with their talents, transforming into singers, musicians and poets, and filling everyone with festive cheer.

The range of songs performed included traditional carols such as *Silent Night* and *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, as well as popular Christmas favourites like *Feliz Navidad*. It was a fabulous performance that made everyone in the audience extremely proud.

We were also lucky enough to be joined by Reverend Hannah, who concluded the show with a special blessing for the Christmas season.

A huge well done to all the pupils, staff, and parents for making this such a wonderful success!



Goodbye and Good Luck to Anna-Marie

At the end of this term, we sadly say goodbye to our wonderful School Business Manager, Anna-Marie.

Anna-Marie joined Kew Riverside in January 2021 and has been an incredibly valued and integral member of our school team over the past five years. Her dedication, professionalism and support have made a lasting impact on both staff and pupils alike. Anna-Marie currently commutes a considerable distance and will be moving to a school closer to where she lives. While we completely understand her decision, she will be greatly missed by everyone at Kew Riverside.

On Thursday, staff and pupils led a special assembly to thank Anna-Marie for all that she has done and to wish her well for the future. We wish Anna-Marie every success in her new role. Good luck, Anna-Marie – and thank you for everything!



Christmas Jumper Day – Thank You!

We are delighted to share that our Christmas Jumper Day was a great success. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised **£133**, which is an amazing **£33 over our target!**

A huge thank you to all who donated and supported the day. We absolutely loved seeing the wide variety of festive Christmas jumpers worn – they truly helped spread lots of Christmas cheer throughout the school.

Thank you once again for helping to make this event so special.

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Willow and Cherry board the Polar Express

Our Polar Express Day was a magical success! Children arrived at school in their pyjamas to the sound of Polar Express music, tickets in hand and ready to come aboard. Tickets were punched as the children "boarded" the train, and the morning was filled with fun Christmas crafts and activities. We enjoyed sharing the story together before settling down in the afternoon to watch the film with snacks. A huge thank you to our parents for their generous food donations, which helped make the day extra special.



Drama Club's Adventure To Narnia

On Monday, the Kew Riverside Drama Club put on an amazing production of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children, who have been attending the club every week after school, are led by Jess and truly transported the audience to the magical world of Narnia. Through confident performances, they brought to life much-loved characters such as Mr Tumnus, the White Witch and, of course, Aslan. We were all extremely impressed with the children's acting skills, their collaboration on stage and, from certain characters, their excellent comic timing!

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support the performance, and a very special thank you to Jess, who has led, organised and supported the pupils in bringing this wonderful production together. Well done, Drama Club!



Kew's Christmas Lunch

On Thursday, the hall was transformed into the perfect Christmas setting as we all sat down to enjoy a special Christmas lunch together as a school. With festive music, singing, plenty of merriment, and even the illusion of an open fire, it was a truly magical atmosphere and a wonderful way to finish a busy term.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising this lovely event, and an extra special thank you to Lisa H for her superb organisation and infectious enthusiasm!



Autumn 2 Galleries

This week, we held our Autumn 2 galleries and, as usual, the children amazed us with their creativity, curiosity, and pride in the work they have produced over the last half term.

Cherry Class focused on their Science and Geography topics. The children created some amazing fact files about Australian wildlife, as well as detailed maps showing the different Australian landscapes. We also saw some incredible models demonstrating the parts of a flower and informative posters explaining the life cycles of plants. Well done, Cherry Class – fantastic work



Ash Class created a range of models and posters about the human skeleton, with some even featuring moving parts, which was very impressive. Building on their Geography topic, *Our European Neighbours*, the children also produced maps and fact files about a variety of European countries, including France and Sweden. Another fantastic gallery from Ash Class – well done!



The Oak Class gallery was truly spectacular, showcasing a wide range of impressive work, from models and posters to detailed fact files.

The children created informative projects about the countries of North America, including landscape maps, models of the Grand Canyon and some fantastic 3D posters. They also built on their science knowledge by researching their favourite animals and exploring their family trees. Well done, Oak Class – excellent work!



Instead of a gallery this half term, Willow Class focussed on learning their lines and songs for their super performance of Busy Busy Bethlehem.

Well done Kew Riverside on another excellent half term of projects.

Christmas Crafts with Lisa M and Katie!

We were delighted to welcome the winner of the PTA Christmas Fair raffle for a very special festive craft session with Katie and Lisa. As his prize, Benjamin and his friends enjoyed a cosy and creative afternoon full of Christmas cheer.

The children had great fun baking delicious gingerbread biscuits, decorating wooden Christmas trees and clay stars, trees and mushrooms. One of the highlights was making child-friendly orange Christingle decorations, finished with Dolly Mixture sweets, which were very popular. With Christmas songs playing in the background, the children a lovely relaxed, festive atmosphere.

A big well done to Benjamin for winning the raffle and for choosing such lovely friends to join him. You helped make it a truly memorable and enjoyable afternoon for everyone involved. Happy Christmas everyone!



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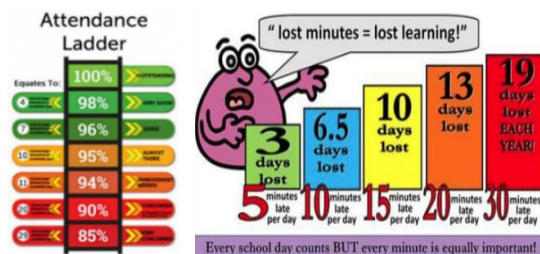
THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE PTA!

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 – 97.5%**
- 2nd Place: Willow Class – 95%**
- 3rd Place: Cherry Class - 93.2%**



Dates for the diary

5/1/26: Children return to school

8/1/26: Girls Football Match (*Letters to follow*)

14/1/26: Individual School Photos

16/1/26: Oak Class trip to Holly Lodge (*Letters to follow*)

29/1/26: Ash Class trip to Holly Lodge (*Letters to follow*)

16th – 20th February: Half Term

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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