



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

This week, our school has been full of visitors – and even more creativity – as the children began their Art block as part of the curriculum. From Andy Warhol and Pop Art to Claude Monet and the Impressionists, pupils have been channelling their inner artists while learning a wide range of new skills and techniques.

We were also delighted to celebrate the opening of our new Meadow Room, which has been transformed into a vibrant art studio for our future Picassos and Van Goghs. The space is already proving to be an inspiring environment for creativity to flourish.

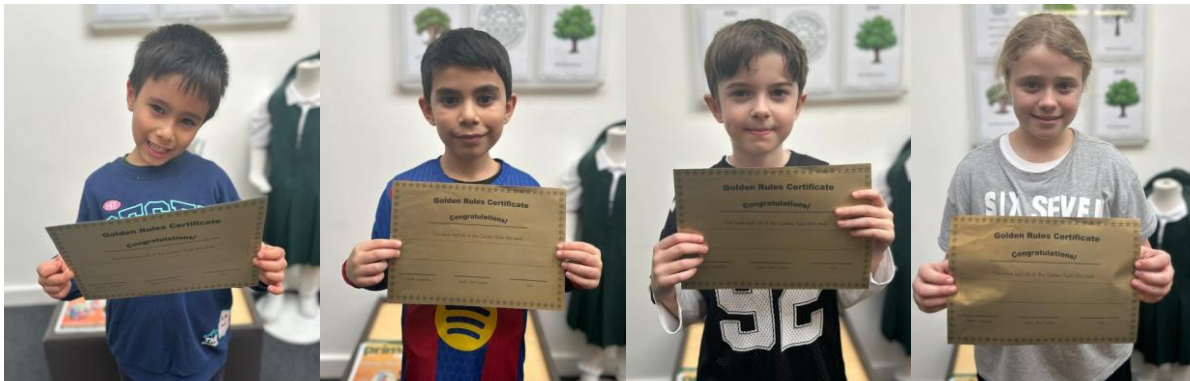
On Wednesday, we welcomed a visit from our School Improvement Partner, Emma Smith, who thoroughly enjoyed visiting classes and was impressed by seeing learning in action across the school. On Friday, we embraced our love of numbers by taking part in NSPCC Number Day, raising awareness and support for this amazing charity.

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week as well as Safer Internet Day, with a range of activities planned to support pupils’ wellbeing and online safety.



## 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.

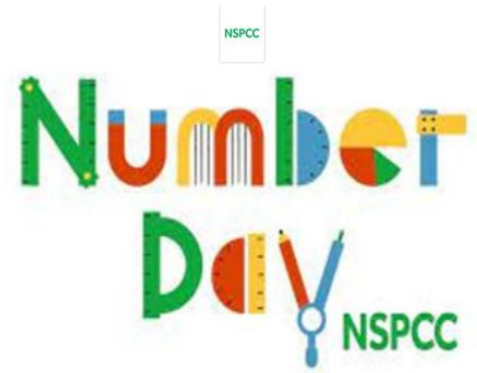


# NSPCC Number Day

Kew Riverside really enjoyed celebrating **NSPCC Number Day** on Friday. It was lovely to see both children and adults wearing numbers, dressing up as numbers, and even setting number challenges for others to solve!

Everyone took part in additional maths-based activities throughout the day, including the Times Tables Rock Stars NSPCC Rocks event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise money for the incredible NSPCC, who believe that every childhood is worth fighting for. There is still time to donate by scanning the QR code.



## Kew's fundraiser for NSPCC NUMBER DAY!

A fundraiser organised by Kew Riverside Primary School for NSPCC

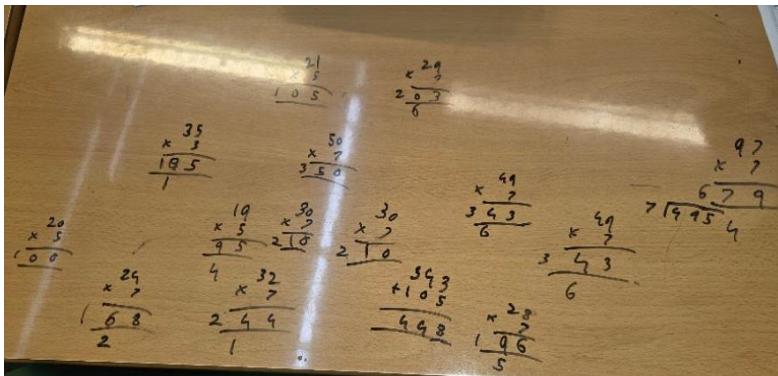
We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6th February to help support the amazing work they do to keep children safe. To join in, children are invited to come to school dressed with a number theme - this could be their favourite football shirt, a top with a number on it, or anything number-related they love! We're kindly asking parents to consider donating £1 or



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Help us reach our £150 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**



## The Meadow

We are delighted to introduce our new **Meadow Room**, a dedicated art studio designed for all our budding artists to showcase their creative flair. The room is fully equipped with the tools and materials the children need to develop their skills across a range of art-based projects, from painting and drawing to sculpting. We can't wait to see the wonderful masterpieces that will be created in this inspiring new space!



## Oak Class Solve The London Eye Mystery

Oak Class had an unforgettable day visiting the London Eye, inspired by their class text *The London Eye Mystery*. Walking in the footsteps of Ted, Kat and Salim, the children brought the story vividly to life as they explored the area and even stepped inside one of the iconic pods themselves. As the city stretched out beneath them, imaginations ran wild and the big questions returned: Where is Salim? How did he disappear? What really happened?

It was an exciting, thought-provoking trip that deepened their love of the story and made learning feel truly magical. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.



# Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, we will be marking **Children's Mental Health Week 2026**. This year's theme is **'This Is My Place'**, which focuses on the importance of belonging for our mental health and wellbeing.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities designed to help them explore what belonging means to them and how feeling safe, valued and included can support positive mental health. Staff have been planning a variety of activities to show how, together, we can help every child and young person feel that they truly belong, build lifelong skills and thrive.

**Place2Be**, the charity that organises Children's Mental Health Week each year, has a wealth of excellent resources available for parents and carers. These provide practical advice and ideas to help support children's mental health and wellbeing at home. We encourage families to explore these resources on the Place2Be website.



[Families and communities - Children's Mental Health Week](#)

## Safer Internet Day: 10<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has some excellent resources to support parents with this theme and we encourage our families to explore them by clicking the link below.

[Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

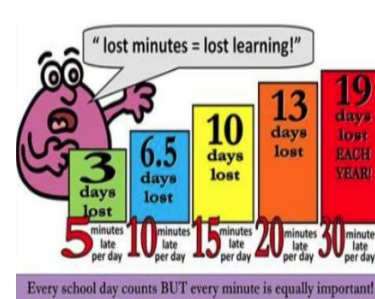


## Attendance and Punctuality

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: Cherry Class – 98.3%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ash Class – 96.2%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Willow Class - 95.7%**



## SPORTING NEWS

### Boys' Football Make History! ⚽🔥

Friday 30th January saw the Kew boys' football team light up Mortlake Playing Fields as they took on Thomson House in a thrilling league clash. From the first whistle to the last, the boys played with incredible energy, strength, and determination, showcasing outstanding skill and teamwork throughout the match. Their relentless effort paid off with a fantastic 2–1 victory—our first win of the league! This result is a true testament to the hard work, commitment, and belief the boys have shown all season. We couldn't be prouder of their effort and achievement. What a performance!



### 🏉 First League Win for Kew Tag Rugby!

What a match it was for Kew against St Elizabeth's! The team came in ready and well prepared, and it showed with a confident display of skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the game. Kew put on a great performance in a fast-paced and competitive match, finishing with an impressive 6–3 victory. This win is a big moment for the team as it marks our first tag rugby win of the league, and a brilliant achievement to build momentum going forward.



### Girls' Football

The girls put in a fantastic performance yesterday, clearly demonstrating the progress they have made this season, despite a 4–1 result against Holy Trinity. The match was evenly contested and remained 0–0 for much of the game, with the team showing improved skills, strong teamwork and great determination. It was only in the final eight minutes that Holy Trinity managed to score.

A special mention goes to Ariaah, who was voted Player of the Match after an outstanding display in goal, making several excellent saves and keeping the team competitive throughout. A very encouraging performance that highlights how far the team has come.

***Teamwork Makes the Dream Work***



***A huge thank you to the amazing staff and parents who organise and support with all of these events.***



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.

An illustration of a family of five (a woman, a man, and three children) sitting on a pink bench in a park-like setting with trees and a large sun in the background.

# FAMILY SUPPORT DROP-IN

## 11<sup>th</sup> February 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email  
Belinda- [fsw@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:fsw@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk)  
or speak to the school office.

## Dates for the diary

- 9/2/26: Children's Mental Health Week
- 10/2/26: Safer Internet Day
- 13/2/26: Ancient Egyptian Workshop for Ash Class

### 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term

- 2/3/26: Year 6 bikeability
- 4/3/26: Willow and Cherry Class trip to Holly Lodge
- 6/3/26: Willow Class trip to Kew Bookshop
- 12/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Stall
- 13/3/26: PTA Mother's Day Breakfast

Term dates for the next academic year are now on our website – a reminder that family holidays should not be booked during term time.



# 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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