



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing half-term break. I can't believe we are already in the second half of this academic year — time really does fly!

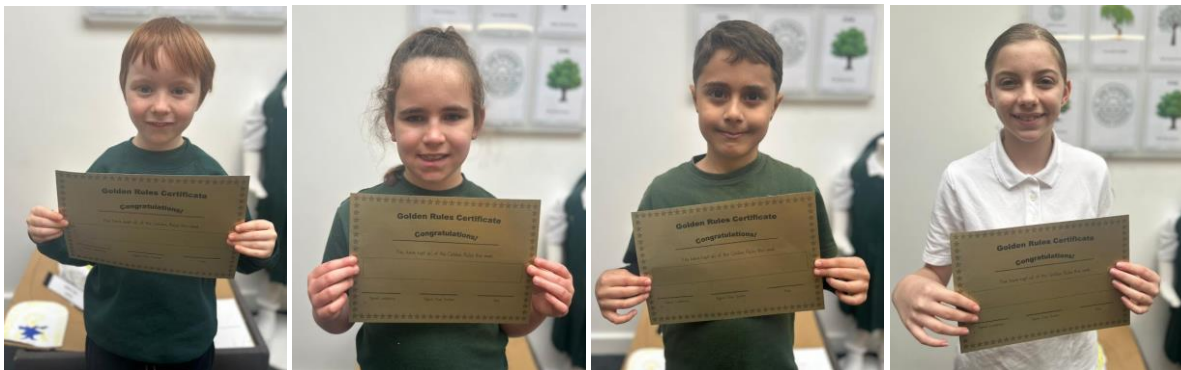
We have lots of exciting events planned for this half term, including World Book Day, the PTA's Mother's Day events, and our International Day celebrations. We are really looking forward to these special occasions and the opportunities they provide for our school community to come together.

This half term, the children will be starting their new geography topics. These range from exploring the natural world and completing fieldwork, to understanding the difference between physical and human features in our local area. It promises to be an engaging and hands-on learning experience for all year groups.

We are also looking forward to welcoming you to our Gallery Walks next week, where the children will be showcasing their wonderful artwork from last half term. It will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their creativity and hard work.

## Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from the week before half term. 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 the week before half term 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!



# Ash Class go back to Ancient Egypt

On the Friday before half term, Ash Class travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt during a fantastic hands-on workshop that truly brought their history learning to life.

The children had the opportunity to apply their knowledge of this incredible civilisation as they acted out key historical moments — from the discovery of the Rosetta Stone to the excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb. Their enthusiasm and understanding shone through as they stepped into the shoes of famous explorers and archaeologists.

Ash Class also enjoyed learning more about everyday life in Ancient Egypt. They explored the different roles people played in society, taking on parts ranging from powerful pharaohs to hardworking farmers and servants. One of the most exciting highlights of the day was taking part in a (rather careful!!) mummification demonstration — even mummifying a member of their class!

Well done to Ash Class for their fantastic participation and for fully embracing this memorable experience. What a brilliant way to end the half term!





# ANTI-BULLYING PROMISE



During Anti-Bullying Week in November, Ardeep worked alongside the Pupil Parliament to review and update our whole-school Anti-Bullying Policy. Together, they carefully considered how we can continue to ensure that our school remains a safe and supportive place for everyone.

We agreed that Kew Riverside Primary School is committed to providing a safe, respectful, inclusive and supportive environment where all pupils feel valued and are able to learn without fear. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

As part of the review, we discussed the importance of all members of the school community understanding the definition of bullying as stated in our policy and in our Anti-Bullying Promise, which uses child-friendly language to help everyone clearly understand what bullying is and what it is not.

The updated policy has now been ratified by the Governing Body and is available to read on the school website. It clearly outlines the roles and responsibilities of all members of our school community and encourages everyone to work together to prevent bullying in all its forms.

Well done to the Pupil Parliament for their thoughtful work in helping to strengthen this important policy.

## We Believe Every Pupil Should:

- Feel safe, respected, welcome, included and belong.
- Learn without fear of bullying or unkindness so we can thrive.
- Be able to speak up if something feels wrong.

## 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 the week before half term were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Cherry Class – 96%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **Oak Class – 92%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Ash Class - 87 %**



The school gates are open from 8.40am and will close promptly at 8.50am. If you arrive after this time you will need to go to the office to register your child's attendance with Lisa.



## PTA EVENTS

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY, 12TH OF MARCH

Small gifts will be on sale  
at school for children to buy  
to someone special.

GIFTS INCLUDES: SWEETS & CHOCOLATES,  
PLANTS, MUGS, RELAXING TREATS AND MORE.

**£1 - £3**

(We would appreciate if you could send  
exact change, please)



## Dates for the diary

**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
- 5/3/26: World Book Day
- 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
- 18/3/26: International Day
- 18/3/26: Kew Library (Cherry Class)
- 19/3/26: Cherry Class Trip to Tower of London
- 27/3/26: Last Day of Term 2pm Finish**



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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