



Kew Riverside News



Friday 13th March 2026

Headteacher Highlights

It has been a wonderful week here at Kew Riverside! Our week began with our Science Subject Leader, Will, launching Science Week with a special science assembly. This was followed by a range of exciting events, including super science lessons in the classroom, workshops from special visitors, and some very special new arrivals in Willow Class!

We have also been celebrating our mums, nans and grandmas in preparation for Mother's Day this Sunday. Thank you so much to our incredible PTA for organising the wonderful Mother's Day events this week.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Celebrating Diversity Day — a reminder of our value of inclusivity and that Kew Riverside is a place where **everyone belongs, achieves and thrives**.



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!



Science Week

This week, the staff and pupils at Kew Riverside have fully embraced British Science Week, carrying out a range of exciting experiments and investigations to test their hypotheses and draw conclusions. Children explored a variety of scientific topics, from light and shadows to materials and forces, developing their curiosity and problem-solving skills along the way. Throughout the week, pupils have been mastering different types of scientific enquiry. These included classifying, grouping and sorting, pattern seeking, and carrying out comparative and fair tests. By asking questions, making predictions, and carefully observing results, everyone has been thinking and working like real scientists. Some children in Cherry Class have even taken part in some astronaut training!

It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity across the school as pupils investigated the world around them. Well done, Kew Riverside!



Ducklings in Willow Class

On Monday, a very special delivery arrived in Willow Class — an incubator with five eggs inside. Throughout the week, the children have been busy developing their scientific skills as they carefully observed the eggs and learned about the hatching process.

The children have been using new vocabulary, asking questions to find out more, and describing what they can see, hear and feel. They have been very curious and thoughtful scientists, checking their understanding and sharing their ideas with one another.

Before long, the eggs began to hatch! We are delighted to now have five wonderful, fluffy yellow ducklings in our classroom. The children are incredibly excited and have been spending lots of time watching the ducklings eat, stretch their tiny wings and seemingly grow right in front of their eyes.

We are all looking forward to watching them grow even more next week!



Pond Life Workshop

Continuing our community links with the Morris Consultancy and Macfarlane Associates, who are responsible for the Melliss Avenue development site, representatives from both organisations led a very engaging workshop for Ash and Oak classes about British pond life.

The workshop was an important part of our Science Week celebrations and helped the children to understand ponds as ecosystems and the different plants and wildlife that live there. The children learned lots of weird and wonderful facts and were then tasked with designing their own British pond. The winning entries will once again be displayed on the hoardings around the building site!

In the Summer Term, volunteers from both organisations will be coming to the school to clear and develop our own school pond, which will be an excellent resource to support learning across the curriculum.

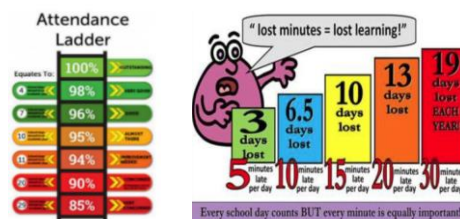


Attendance and Punctuality

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:

- 1st Place: Cherry Class – 96.1%**
- 2nd Place: Ash Class – 95.2%**
- 3rd Place: Oak Class – 93.8%**



Willow Class Visit to Kew Bookshop

On Friday 6th March, Willow Class enjoyed a special trip to Kew Village to exchange their World Book Day vouchers at Kew Bookshop. Despite the wet weather, the children were excited as we walked together to the village.

When we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by the owners of the bookshop, who invited the class to explore the shop. The children enjoyed looking at the many different types of books on display, as well as the stationery and other items available to buy. The highlight of the visit was, of course, choosing their own book to take home using their World Book Day vouchers. The children took great care in selecting their books and were very excited about their new reads.

It was a lovely way to end our week, which had been full of sharing and enjoying wonderful books together.



Parking on Courtlands Avenue

We kindly remind parents and carers who drive when collecting children from after-school clubs to park considerately and safely. Unfortunately, we have continued to receive concerns from residents on Courtlands Avenue that some vehicles are not always parked in a way that allows pedestrians and cyclists to pass safely, and in some cases driveways and gateways have been blocked.

We ask all drivers to please take extra care when parking and ensure that pavements, driveways, gateways and access routes remain clear at all times. We also ask families to be mindful of the need to respect our neighbours and the wider community when arriving at and leaving the school site. Please take care when manoeuvring vehicles so that everyone in our community can move around safely.

As a reminder, parents and carers have access to the car park at Putney Rowing Club, which is only a short walk from the school's front entrance and provides a convenient alternative to parking on nearby residential roads.

With the days becoming brighter and the weather improving, we would also encourage families, where possible, to walk to and from school. This helps to reduce congestion around the school and supports the safety and wellbeing of both our pupils and the local community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community and neighbourhood safe and respectful for everyone.



PTA EVENTS: Mother's Day Stall and Breakfast

This week, we enjoyed two fantastic Mother's Day events, made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful PTA.

The Mother's Day Stall was a great success, with a lovely selection of gifts for children to choose from so they could surprise their mums with something special. Then on Friday, we held our annual Mother's Day Breakfast, where children had the opportunity to share some delicious treats with their mums and celebrate just how amazing they are.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make these events such a success—whether by organising the stall, wrapping gifts, selling tickets or setting up the hall ready for the event. A special mention must be given to all the Dads who helped serve the breakfast this morning. Your time and support are greatly appreciated.

We wish all our Kew Riverside mums a very happy and special Mother's Day this Sunday!



Dates for the diary

16/3/26: Year 6 Trip to Junior Citizenship
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.



Spring Term Parents Evenings

16/3/26: Willow Class 1-6pm
23/3/26: Cherry, Ash and Oak Class 1.30-5pm
24/3/26: Cherry, Ash and Oak Class 3.30 – 7pm

For Willow class bookings will go live for parents on Arbor from **6pm on 10th March until 9am on 16th March.**

For Cherry, Ash and Oak class bookings will go live for parents on Arbor from **6pm on 10th March until 9am on 20th March.**

If you have any queries please speak to Lisa in the school office.

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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