



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

Our Celebrating Diversity Day on Wednesday was a true highlight of the week. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the rich variety of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs that make up our school community at Kew Riverside—a place where we all belong, achieve and thrive together.

We have also enjoyed some exciting trips this week. Year 6 took part in a Junior Citizen workshop, while Cherry Class visited the Tower of London to consolidate their learning in History.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers for our Parent Consultations, where we will share the excellent progress our children have been making. We will also be hosting our end-of-term galleries before finishing the spring term with our annual Easter Bonnet Parade.

Have a wonderful weekend and Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating over the next few days.



## 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!



# Celebrating Diversity Day

On Wednesday, Kew Riverside was filled with colour, music and dancing as we came together to celebrate diversity. There are many things that make us proud at Kew, and one of them is the wide range of cultures, beliefs and backgrounds we represent and learn from each other.

It was wonderful to see the children arrive at school dressed in national dress, national colours and flags. Many of the outfits also carried deep family history, with some beautiful handmade pieces passed down through generations.

A highlight of the day was each class taking part in a fantastic African drumming and dance workshop, led by the Zamble African Dance Club. The children learned new rhythms, moves and routines, which they proudly performed to parents and carers in a special outdoor assembly at the end of the day.

Thank you to all the parents who joined in with such enthusiasm—it truly added to the celebratory atmosphere. A special thank you also goes to Lisa M for organising such a memorable day.



## Cherries at The Tower of London

Cherry Class had an unforgettable trip to the Tower of London on Thursday! The children were amazed as they explored the historic site, especially when they saw the dazzling Crown Jewels up close. They also loved spotting the famous Ravens at the Tower of London and learning why they are such an important part of the Tower's history.

A real highlight of the day was meeting a knight, who brought history to life by sharing what it was like in medieval times. The children then took part in their own knight training, learning new skills and experiencing a taste of life in the past.

It was a fantastic day, full of learning, excitement, and memorable experiences for everyone—thank you to all who helped make it possible!



## Year 6 Junior Citizenship

On Monday, the Year 6s went on an education visit to Holly Lodge (in Richmond Park) to learn how to be 'Junior Citizens'. The topics they learned about ranged from road/travel safety to what to do in the event of a fire! We met with all of the emergency services and took part in a number of tasks aimed to help us be better citizens. They are now very well equipped to deal with a number of emergencies.



## A Sad Goodbye to our Ducklings

It was a sad day in Willows on Thursday. Our lovely ducklings have now returned to their farm, and we will miss them very much.

Over the past few days, the children have thoroughly enjoyed having the ducklings in our classroom. Watching them grow, play, and explore has been a truly special experience for everyone. On Thursday, we said our goodbyes as we watched them splashing about in their little pond—a lovely moment that we will all remember.

We also had a wonderful assembly on Monday, where the whole school was introduced to the ducklings. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children to see our visitors, ask questions, and observe the little yellow bundles of joy up close.

This has been a valuable hands-on and memorable learning experience. The children have learned about the life cycle, observing how the ducklings have developed and grown. They have also gained a deeper understanding of how to care for animals, showing kindness, responsibility, and respect. Experiences like this help bring learning to life, and we are very proud of how sensible and caring the children have been throughout.



## Tag Rugby Triumph: A Team to Be Proud Of

We are incredibly proud of our Tag Rugby team for their fantastic effort in reaching the knockout phase of the tournament against Kings. Although we won't be progressing any further, the children demonstrated outstanding determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the competition.

Their commitment and positive spirit truly reflect what it means to be part of our school community. As a small but mighty school, this achievement is something to celebrate, and reaching the knockout stage is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Well done to all involved – you have made us very proud!

## 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: Willow Class – 95%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Oak Class – 94.7%**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 93.3%**



## 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.



## Reminders for the last week of term

- No After School Clubs running next week
- Wrap Around Care (Breakfast and After School) will run as usual
- Drama Club show for parents: 24<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm
- Dance Club show for parents: 25<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm

## Dates for the diary

**23/3/26:** Cherry, Ash and Oak Class Parents Evening  
1.30-5pm

**24/3/26:** Cherry, Ash and Oak Class Parents Evening  
3.30 – 7pm

**25/3/26:** Cherry & Ash Class gallery

**26/3/26:** Oak Class Gallery

**27/3/26:** Easter Bonnet Parade

**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.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

We invite everyone to take part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade which will be taking place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.

Parents and Carers are invited to watch the parade at **1.30pm**.



## 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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