



Kew Riverside News



Friday 27th March 2026

Headteacher Highlights

Here we are at the end of the spring term, and we are so proud of everything we have achieved. Our pupils continue to be our pride and joy as they embrace every opportunity they are offered to feed their curiosity, develop their character, and become positive citizens of change.

Thank you to everyone in the Kew Riverside community for another successful term – it truly is a partnership in supporting our pupils to be the very best they can be. It has been a pleasure speaking with parents and carers this week during parent consultation meetings to discuss the progress your children are making.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming one of our Governors, Suzanne, into school to work alongside our Deputy Headteacher, Kat, reviewing the curriculum for the foundation subjects – she was very impressed.

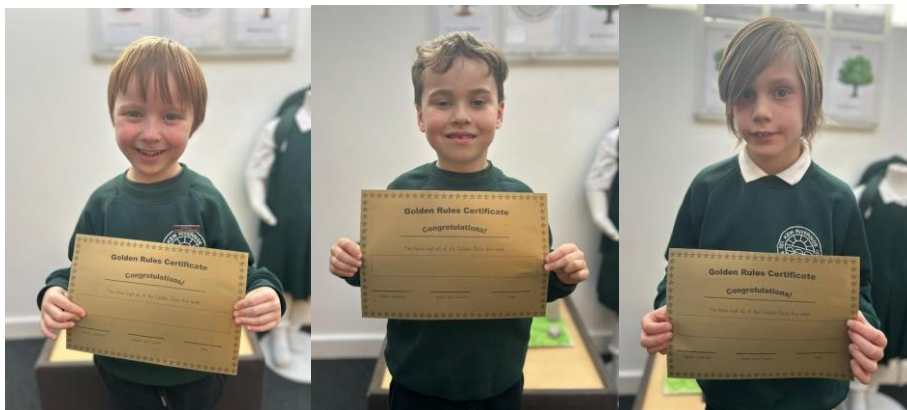
This term, we have also been joined by additional Learning Support Assistants, Razika and Leonie, who are working in Cherry and Ash classes. Thank you both for your hard work and support as you settle into the team at Kew Riverside.

We wish you all a wonderful break and hope it is a time for making special memories with friends and family. A very Happy Easter to everyone celebrating, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.



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.



Easter Bonnet Parade 2026

We finished the term with our much-anticipated annual Easter Bonnet Parade – a true highlight of the spring term. We were incredibly impressed with the children’s creativity, effort, and enthusiasm, and the way their bonnets reflected a wide range of Easter themes, from traditional symbols to wonderfully imaginative designs.

For many of the children, this also formed part of their half-term homework, and it was fantastic to see the time, care, and thought that had gone into each creation. The bonnets looked spectacular on display, and it was clear how proud the children were to share their work with their friends and staff.

Thank you to parents and carers for your support in helping bring these ideas to life – it really made the event extra special. Well done to everyone involved for making it such a joyful and memorable occasion!



Spring 2 Galleries

This week, Cherry, Ash and Oak classes held their second Spring Term galleries, proudly showcasing their incredible work for families and peers to admire. The quality and presentation of the work continue to impress, reflecting the effort, creativity and pride the children take in their learning. Thank you to everyone who took part, and to all the adults who came along to support – it made the events feel very special for the children.

The focus for Willow Class this term was to design and create their own Easter bonnets, which they proudly showcased during the Easter Bonnet Parade. The children paraded their creations beautifully, demonstrating great creativity, effort and enthusiasm throughout.

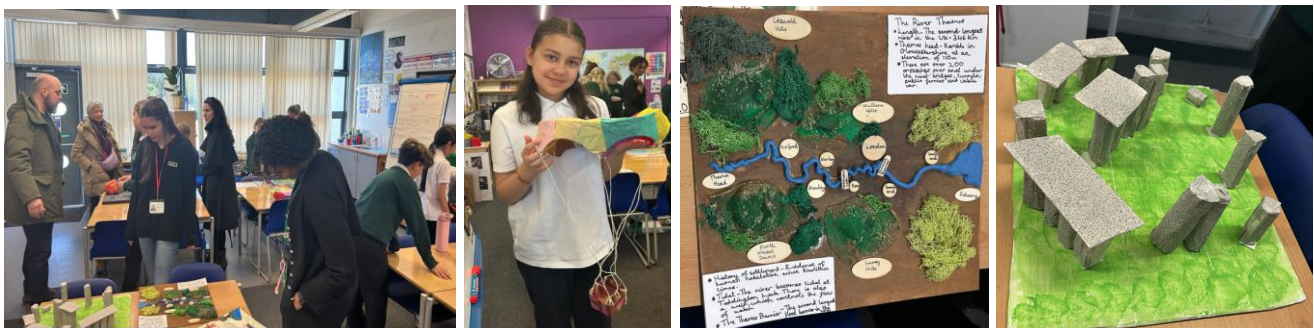
Cherry Class applied their skills in Geography and Science by creating maps of Kew, highlighting both human and physical features. They also designed and made some wonderful models using recycled materials, demonstrating creativity as well as an understanding of sustainability. Their work was both impressive and thoughtfully presented.



Ash Class explored the importance of Easter and created a range of thoughtful and creative outcomes, including posters, comic strips and mini Easter gardens. They also applied their Geography skills to create detailed maps of their local area, demonstrating both their understanding and creativity across the curriculum.



Oak Class drew on their learning about forces in Science to design and create parachutes, as well as models demonstrating the power of gravity. They also showcased their knowledge of different geographical features across the UK, presenting their learning with confidence and enthusiasm.



Welcoming Spring: A Week of Learning and Celebration

This week in Willow Class, our Reception children have been busy celebrating the official arrival of spring. The classroom has been full of excitement as we explored the changes happening around us and began learning about important seasonal and cultural celebrations.

As part of our learning, we discovered the Christian celebration of Easter. The children listened to the Easter story and began to understand its meaning. We also made links back to our learning about Christmas and the birth of Jesus, helping the children see how these important events are connected in the Christian faith. We also explored some of the traditional symbols of Easter, noticing how they appear in foods we eat. The children enjoyed tasting hot cross buns, with their cross symbol, and Italian colomba cake, which is shaped like a dove to represent peace.

We also learned about the Jewish festival of Passover, which celebrates the Israelites' journey to freedom from slavery in Egypt, led by Moses. As part of this, the children were introduced to the Seder plate. A Seder plate is a special plate used during the Passover meal, holding symbolic foods that help to tell the story of the Israelites' escape. Each item on the plate represents a different part of the story, helping families remember and reflect together.

Through tasting foods and learning about different traditions, the children have seen how sharing meals can be a wonderful way to learn about other cultures and faiths. It has been a lovely opportunity to make connections, celebrate diversity, and build understanding in our classroom community.

Well done, Willow Class, for your curiosity and enthusiasm this week!

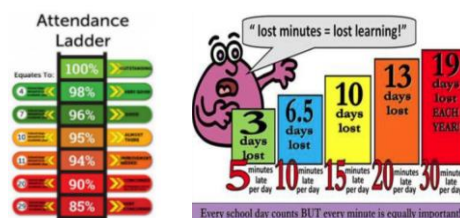


Attendance and Punctuality

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: Ash Class – 88%**
- 2nd Place: Cherry Class – 87%**
- 3rd Place: Oak Class – 85%**



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.



Dates for the diary

13/4/26: Children return to school

20/4/26: Oak Class trip to Library

22/4/26: Ash Class trip to library

22/4/26: Willow Class trip to Hobbledown Heath

11/5/26: Year 6 SATS Week

8/5/26: Scooter training for Year 2

W/B 25/5/26: Half Term

1/6/26: INSET DAY

2/6/26: Children return to school



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.

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