



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for the Summer Term ahead. It has been lovely to see the children return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity for the weeks to come.

We have an exciting term planned, with plenty of memorable events on the horizon. Highlights include Eco Day, where we will be celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, our annual talent show *The Q Factor*, and, of course, Sports Day. We are very much looking forward to these special occasions and the opportunities they bring for creativity, teamwork, and fun.

This week, the children have already begun their new history topics, including *Intrepid Explorers*, *The Vikings*, and *Elizabethan England*. It will be a pleasure to watch their progress as they continue to develop key historical skills, from handling evidence to exploring historical interpretations.

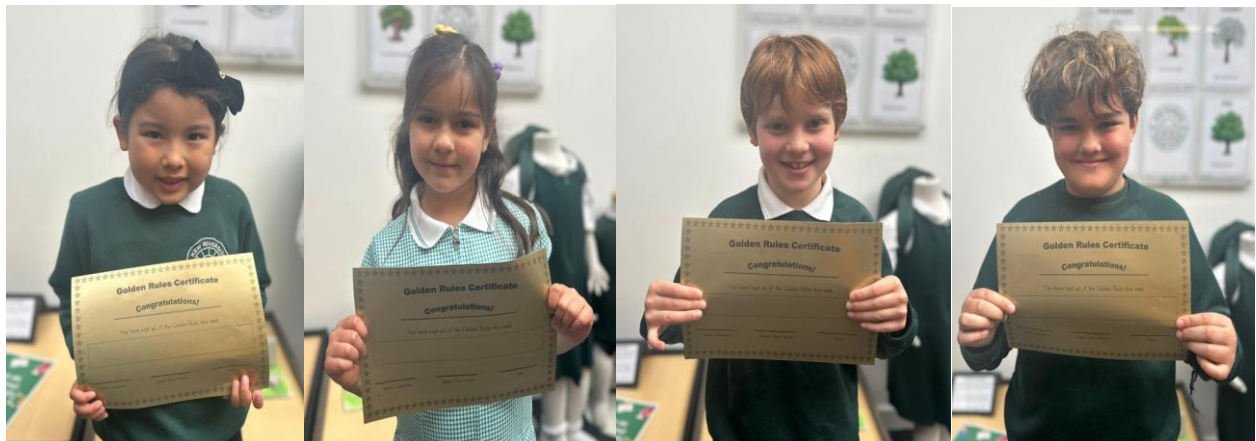
I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Alex, who has joined the Kew Riverside team as the Ash Class teacher for the Summer Term. Alex has already made a fantastic impression, and we are thrilled to have him as part of our school.

Wishing everybody in the Kew Riverside community a happy and successful term ahead.



## Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from the end of 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.



## Describe Kew Riverside in One Word

In our first assembly of the Summer Term, Ardeep set the school a challenge: to find one word to describe Kew Riverside. The response from both staff and pupils was overwhelming, reflecting the pride everyone takes in belonging to our school.

Below is a snapshot of some of the words shared by our community, celebrating all the things that make Kew Riverside such a special place.

What a wonderful way to start the new term!



**What word would you choose to describe our wonderful school?**

## 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 the Easter break were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 91.6%%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ash Class – 90%**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Willow Class – 85%**

## Attendance Matters



## 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

**21/4/26:** Small schools football tournament  
**22/4/26:** Ash Class trip to library  
**22/4/26:** Willow Class trip to Hobbledown Heath  
**5/5/26:** Ash Class trip to London Zoo (Letter to follow)  
**8/5/26:** Scooter training for Year 2  
**8/5/26:** Eco Day in celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
**11/5/26:** Year 6 SATS Week  
**18/5/26:** Q Factor



**W/B 25/5/26: Half Term**

**1/6/26: INSET DAY**

**2/6/26: Children return to school**

**17/6/26:** Sports Day (AM)

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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