



Kew Riverside News



Friday 24th April 2026

Headteacher Highlights

It's been another fabulous week at Kew Riverside, and it has been lovely to see all the children so enthused by their new learning. Many children have proudly showcased their work to me, ranging from diary entries about finding the perfect settlement, to beautifully formed handwriting, to confidently visualising maths problems before solving them.

We were delighted to take part in the Small Schools' Football Tournament, kicking off with the Year 3 teams. They performed incredibly well, and we are looking forward to the Year 4 teams participating next month.

Two classes have also enjoyed further enrichment opportunities this week as part of their learning. Willow Class visited Hobbledown Heath Farm, while Ash Class enjoyed a trip to the library.

Next week, we are looking forward to more incredible learning, including our Year 4 children starting their brass lessons with Richmond Music Trust.



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 above and beyond last week and in the week leading up to the Easter holidays. They were nominated by their class staff to enjoy a special hot chocolate with Ardeep.

Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



Small Schools Football Tournament

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday at the Small Schools Football Competition! Our Year 3 boys' and girls' teams, joined by a few enthusiastic pupils from other year groups, represented the school with great energy and determination.

Both teams played an impressive 7–8 matches throughout the day, showing remarkable effort and teamwork in what was their very first tournament. We are incredibly proud of how they rose to the challenge!

The girls played brilliantly and progressed to the Plate Playoffs, where they put on a strong performance. In a very close and exciting match, they finished in a well-earned 4th place—an excellent achievement. The boys also had an outstanding tournament, advancing to the Chalice Playoffs. Demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork, and perseverance, they went on to win the Chalice—an amazing accomplishment!

Well done to all of our players for their hard work, sportsmanship, and positive attitude throughout the day. You represented the school wonderfully! A huge thank you to Jess and Mr O.



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 last week were:

1st Place: Oak Class – 93.5%

2nd Place: Ash Class – 93%

3rd Place: Cherry Class – 92%

Attendance Matters



Sunshine, Animals, and Adventure at Hobbledown Heath

On Wednesday Willow class visited Hobbledown Heath which was a wonderful highlight of our farm animals project and a day full of discovery, adventure, and chat. We travelled sustainably using public transport, taking two buses and a train. The journey itself was an exciting part of the day, and we were fortunate to be greeted by lovely weather when we arrived.

In the morning, we explored the different animals, carefully observing their features and thinking about how they are suited to their environments. Many of the animals were busy grooming themselves, which sparked a fascinating discussion among the children about how animals keep clean without showers or baths. It was one of those valuable learning moments that could only happen through first-hand experience.

A particular favourite of the day was the capybaras, who we found basking peacefully in the sunshine. The children were captivated by these gentle animals and enjoyed watching their relaxed behaviour.

We also made the most of the fantastic play areas, with plenty of opportunities for bouncing, climbing, and active fun. This added an extra layer of excitement to an already memorable trip.

Overall, it was a truly special day filled with learning, laughter, and new experiences. The children returned with lots of wonderful memories and stories to share, making it a trip we will not forget anytime soon. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.



Ash Class Library Trip

On Wednesday, Ash class took a trip to Kew Library! We had the head librarian read us some of her favourite stories before letting Ash class explore the various books on display and even let us read them! We had a great time and we hope we get to go back very soon. Thank you to everyone who supported with the trip.



Design and build a Lego community

Redesign Richmond upon Thames this half term!

Do you think Richmond should have a theme park? A zoo? A space shuttle?

This half term we are inviting all budding architects, archivists and, most importantly, fans of Lego, to join us in re-imagining a Richmond for the future.

- **Date:** Friday 29 May 2026
- **Time:** 10.30am to 12.00pm
- **Location:** Twickenham Library
- **Price** Free event, no booking required.



Suitable for ages 7-10. Children must be supervised.

Parking on Courtlands

Avenue

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



As the weather starts to get warmer please can all children come to school with a suitable hat to wear outside during break times, lunch times and any outdoor learning.

Thank you.

Dates for the diary

5/5/26: Ash Class trip to London Zoo

8/5/26: Eco Day in celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday

11/5/26: Year 6 SATS Week

14/5/26: Cherry Class trip to Science Museum (Letter to follow)

18/5/26: Q Factor

19/5/26: Small Schools Football Tournament for Year 4

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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