



Kew Riverside News



Friday 1st May 2026

Headteacher Highlights

It's been a glorious sunny week at Kew Riverside, and we've all enjoyed spending more time outdoors in the warmer weather. It has been wonderful to see the children working together, supporting one another, and making the most of active playtimes and lunchtimes, all led so brilliantly by our team of sports leaders.

In assemblies this week, we celebrated the incredible achievements of those who took part in the London Marathon last weekend, including many friends and family members from the Kew Riverside community. We reflected on how our school values are embodied in events like this, particularly resilience, inclusivity, aspiration and kindness. On Wednesday, Kat led an engaging assembly exploring how British wildlife will feature on the next series of banknotes. This inspired the children to design their own Kew Riverside currency, which sparked some wonderfully creative ideas.

Next week, we are very excited to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough with our very own Eco Day. We have a range of exciting activities planned, all focused on sustainability and celebrating our natural world.

I hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.



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. 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!



Update from Pupil Parliament

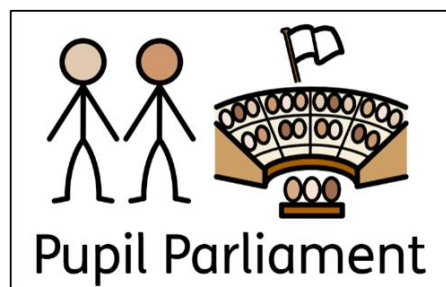
Last Friday, our Pupil Parliament met with Ardeep to review progress on the key areas discussed at our previous meeting, as well as to celebrate the many successes of our school. Ardeep was delighted to hear the children's reflections on what they feel makes Kew Riverside such a special place.

The children highlighted a number of strengths they are particularly proud of, including celebrating individuality, our mixed-age classes which help build more friendships, and the way the school supports them in their learning. They also spoke positively about PE and sport, trips and workshops, and the strong sense of safety, belonging and inclusion across the school.

It was also encouraging to hear the children recognise improvements made this academic year. They noted more positive playtimes and lunchtimes, fewer accidents in the playground, and were especially pleased to welcome Alex to the school community.

Looking ahead, the Pupil Parliament shared thoughtful ideas for future projects. These included increasing opportunities for learning outdoors in nature and introducing playground buddies to support children who may need someone to play with.

Well done to all involved for such a positive, reflective and forward-thinking meeting.



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: Willow Class – 95%

2nd Place: Cherry Class – 92%

3rd Place: Oak Class – 91%

Attendance Matters



Kew Riverside Eco-Day - Friday 8th May

Next Friday, 8th May, Kew Riverside will be marking the 100th birthday of David Attenborough by holding our Eco Day.

Throughout the day, we will be reflecting on key lessons around sustainability, protecting our planet and reducing energy waste. A range of exciting activities have been planned, including gardening and taking part in a nationwide live assembly.

We are also hoping to write to Sir David to share how his work has inspired us in our everyday lives and influenced the way we think about caring for the natural world.



AS part of our Eco Day we have created a fundraiser for the World Land Trust and would appreciate any contributions from our incredible school community.



Kew's fundraiser for World Land Trust

A fundraiser organised by Kew Riverside Primary School for World Land Trust

World Land Trust (WLT) protects the world's most biologically significant and threatened habitats. Through a network of 52 partners around the world, WLT funds the creation of reserves and provides permanent protection for habitats and wildlife. Partnerships are developed with established and highly respected local organisations who engage support



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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

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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