



Kew Riverside News



Friday 22nd May 2026

Headteacher Highlights

This Friday, I have had the pleasure of handing over the reins to one of our Year 4 pupils, who won the Christmas Fair auction prize to become Headteacher for the Day. She has been a fantastic Headteacher — carrying out learning walks, leading assembly, speaking to staff about behaviour and, of course, overseeing the first Ice Lolly Friday of the term! Our guest Headteacher was brilliantly supported by her personal assistant across a whole range of tasks. Together, they have made quite the team, and Lisa and I are now beginning to worry about our jobs!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish the entire Kew Riverside community a relaxing half term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 2nd June**.

Guest Headteacher for the Day

My name is Seun and I was the Headteacher for the day. I had a very exciting day and really enjoyed experiencing what it was like to be a Headteacher.

One of my jobs was giving out the Golden Certificates in assembly. Because it was such a hot day, we had ice lollies instead of hot chocolate.

My highlights for the week were Q Factor, class galleries, this week's Golden Certificates, and being a Headteacher!

I was invited to see Willow Class doing their phonics, and they sang a lovely song that we all liked. At break time, Emiko and I ate in the staff room and we had hot chocolate together after a very busy morning!

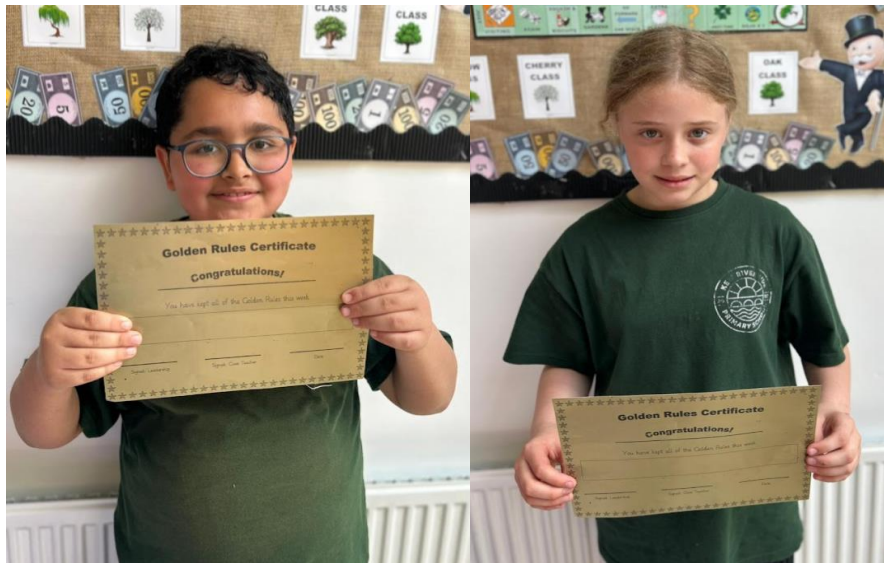
I also visited different classes around the school. I saw Cherry Class doing maths, Ash Class working on their English lesson about *Varjak Paw*, and Oak Class publishing their Big Write. Willow Class were doing their PE lesson with Mr M and they behaved so well that Mr M said they should play dodgeball.

I hope everybody had a wonderful half term!



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.

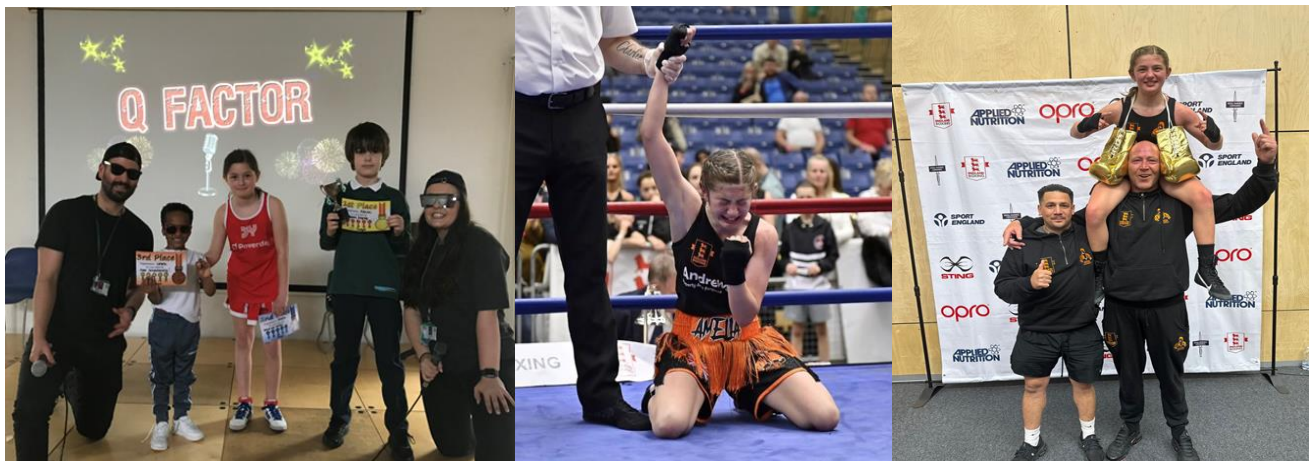


The Best in England!

We are delighted to announce that one of our former pupils, who left the school in July 2024, is officially the best female boxer in England for her weight category!

After years of training and competitions, she won her fight last weekend to earn this well-deserved title. Many of us at Kew Riverside have witnessed first-hand her dedication and determination to reach this point, and we are incredibly proud of her achievements. At Q Factor 2024, our boxing champion showcased some of her incredible skills and came in second place — and now, just two years later, she is the best in England! What an amazing example of someone who has truly demonstrated our school values of resilience and aspiration.

We also know that she is currently in talks with Team GB, and we cannot wait to hear more about her continued success in the future. What a legend!



Q Factor 2026

On Monday, Kew Riverside gathered together for the school event we had all been waiting for... *The Q Factor!* After weeks of hard work and auditions, the live show finally arrived — and what a show it was!

Not only were we joined by three incredible “Spice Girls” as our judges, but we also welcomed our fantastic new hosting duo, Will and Alex — our very own Ant and Dec!

Throughout the afternoon, we were amazed by the sheer talent on display from the many brave children who sang, danced, acted, and entertained us all. Every performer did brilliantly, making it incredibly difficult to choose the top three.

Well done to everyone who took part, and a huge congratulations to our winners!

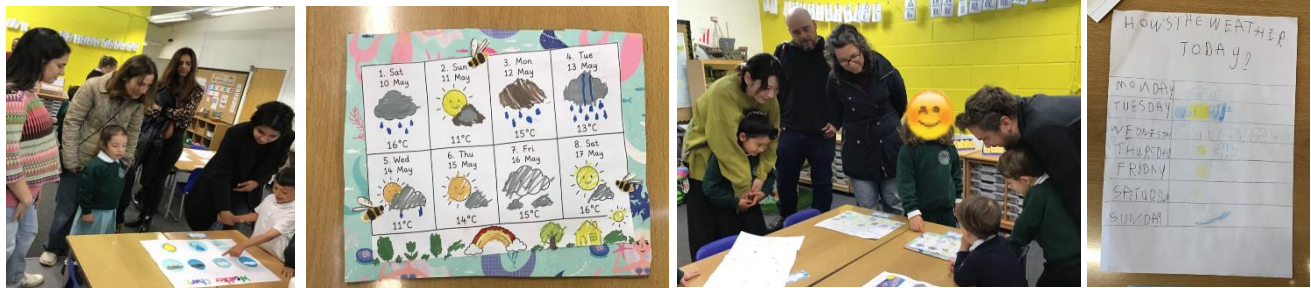


Summer 1 Class Galleries

This week, we held our first Summer Term Galleries and, as always, they did not disappoint! The children have been working incredibly hard throughout the half term to complete their projects, and they presented them at the galleries with great pride and confidence. It was wonderful to see the children speaking so enthusiastically about their learning and showcasing the effort and creativity that had gone into their work.

Well done, Kew Riverside — keep up the fantastic hard work!

Willow Class showed off their skills as Magnificent Meteorologists! The children recorded the weather each day for a month and brought in their weather chart to show everyone all the different weather conditions they spotted.



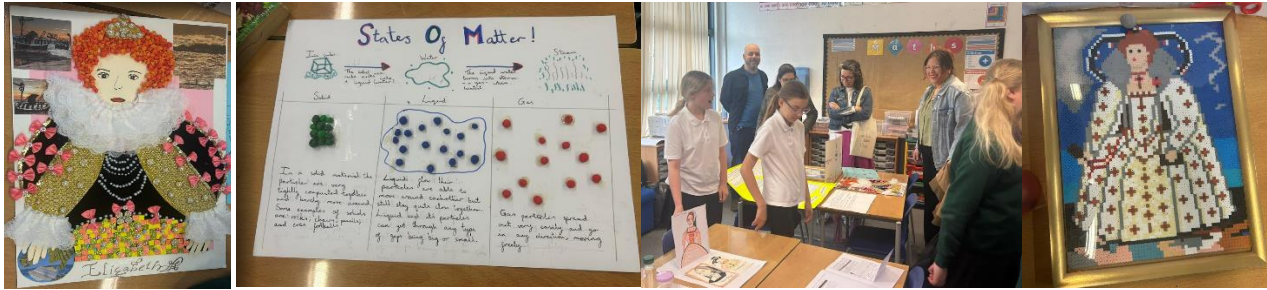
Cherry Class showcased some wonderful work inspired by their topic, *Intrepid Explorers*, which included learning about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. The children were proud to share their projects and talk confidently about what they had learned. As part of their Science learning, the children also carried out a range of investigations and explored how the seasons change throughout the year



Ash Class fully embraced their History topic on the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, creating fantastic shields and longships to showcase their learning. In Science, they explored states of matter through a range of creative models, including some colour-changing slime which proved very popular!



Oak Class were clearly inspired by their learning on Elizabethan England and created some amazing portraits of Queen Elizabeth I herself! They also presented their learning on the properties of materials in a range of exciting ways, including a fantastic lava lamp experiment.



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:

- Joint 1st Place: Oak Class – 96%**
- Joint 1st Place: Cherry Class – 96%**
- 2nd Place: Willow Class – 94%**

Attendance Matters



Parking on Courtlands Avenue

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



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.

May Half Term Activities



MAY HALF TERM FOR FAMILIES

FAMILY WORKSHOP: A Little House of Your Own

Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 May 2026, 10am to 12noon
Step into a tiny world of wonder! See the incredible dollhouse made by a dad for his daughter in 1949. Learn about its story, then get creative and build and decorate your very own miniature room or a tiny house to take home. A charming, hands-on workshop for all the family!
To book visit: museumofrichmond.com/families/workshops/



FREE LEGO Club at the Museum

Join us at the Museum of Richmond for LEGO Club — a monthly mash-up of colour, creativity, and connection. We provide the bricks; you bring the imagination. FREE - no need to book, just drop in! 1pm to 3pm, on Saturdays 13 June, 11 July, 8 August and more dates later in 2026. To find out more, visit: <https://www.museumofrichmond.com/families/lego-club/>

FREE CRAFTS: Bonkers Bookmarks

Need to get the kids out of the house for a few hours? Pop in to the Museum for our FREE crafts and get creative as a family! Available from 1pm each weekday and Saturday the Museum is open. No need to book, just drop in. Everything you need will be set out for you, including instruction sheets and materials. In May: make your own bonkers bookmarks! Please note: these activities are self-led and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. To find out more about visit: www.museumofrichmond.com/families/free-crafts

FREE TRAIL: Fabulous May Flowers

Explore the museum with mascots Lizzie and Harry, and match the flowers to their colours and solve the Springtime Puzzle! Once you are done, claim your prize! Just drop in any time the Museum is open in April. To find out more about future themes, visit: [museumofrichmond.com/families/free-trails/](https://www.museumofrichmond.com/families/free-trails/)



Museum of Richmond, 2nd floor, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, TW9 1TP
www.museumofrichmond.com/families
learning@museumofrichmond.com
020 8332 1141
OPEN: Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm
OPEN: Saturdays 10am to 4pm
CLOSED: Mondays and Sundays



Dates for the diary

W/B 25/5/26: Half Term

1/6/26: INSET DAY

2/6/26: Children return to school

2-5/6/26: Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight

10/6/26: Perform Drama Workshop for KS1

11/6/26: Tour of London trip for Willow Class

16/6/26: London Schools Literacy Festival for Willow and Cherry Class (Letter to follow)

17/6/26: Sports Day (AM)

18/6/26: Kew Gardens Trip for Willow Class (Letter to follow)

19/6/26: Year 2 Scooter Training (Letter to follow)

22-24/6/26: Year 3 Walking Scheme

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.

Key contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Ardeep Viridi 020 8487 8437

avirdi@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

Chair of Governors:

Helen Oakley 020 8487 8437

hoakley@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk

Single Point of Access (SPA):

020 8547 5008 Out of hours: 020 8770 5000

Local Authority Designated Officer:

020 8891 7370/ 07774 332675

lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk

