



Kew Riverside News



Friday 5th June 2026

Headteacher Highlights

I can't believe we are already in the final half-term of this academic year – where has the time gone?

I hope everyone had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. It has been lovely talking to the children about their adventures and the quality time they spent with friends and family.

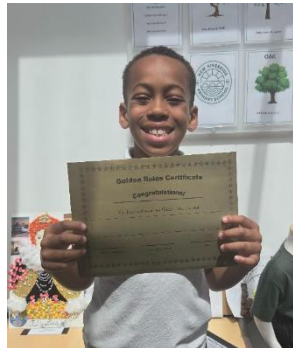
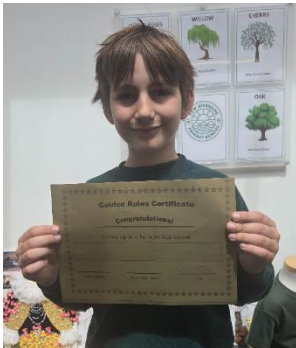
We have had an exciting first week back. Our Year 6 pupils have headed off on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight, and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return. We have also been delighted to welcome our new Reception parents, whose children will be joining our school in September. Both the children and parents were very excited, and we are looking forward to seeing them again later this month for our Mini Olympics session.

Next week promises to be another busy one, with some of our Year 4 children attending a football tournament, while Willow Class are eagerly looking forward to their trip to London.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners from the week before half 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.



Hot Chocolate Friday

It was a glorious sunny Friday the week before half term, so we swapped our hot chocolate for ice lollies and celebrated these wonderful children for going above and beyond in the last two weeks of the half term.

Keep up the incredible work!



Year 6 Residential: Isle of Wight

This week, six of our wonderful Year 6 pupils have been on an exciting adventure to the Isle of Wight with Will and Jess. Wearing their Leavers' Hoodies with pride, the children set off for Portsmouth on Tuesday morning before catching the ferry to the Isle of Wight and their adventure centre, Manor Adventure. They have had an incredible time taking part in a wide range of activities and, despite some rather wet weather, have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Throughout the trip, the children proudly represented our school and demonstrated our values of resilience, kindness and inclusivity. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and support the trip, and a special thank you to Jess and Will for accompanying the children and making this memorable experience possible.

Here are the live updates we received from the team each day:

Day 1 - We have arrived safely on the Isle of Wight and the excitement has been building all day! Everyone has settled into their rooms, unpacked their belongings, and is ready for the adventure ahead. The children are now preparing for their first activity – climbing – where they will have the chance to challenge themselves and build their confidence. After that, we'll be heading to the obstacle course for even more fun and teamwork. Spirits are high, smiles are everywhere, and we are all looking forward to an action-packed first evening!

Day 2 -The day started with a delicious cooked breakfast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! Unfortunately, our water sports activities had to be cancelled due to challenging weather conditions. Instead, we spent the morning on the beach, where we went crabbing and successfully caught three crabs. As the weather began to worsen, we found ourselves caught in a rainstorm and made our way back to the centre. Once indoors, everyone warmed up and enjoyed a range of indoor games, followed by a fun and engaging quiz.

This afternoon, we are looking forward to taking part in bush craft activities, where we will learn a range of survival skills and techniques. We will then finish the day with an exciting abseiling session, which promises to be a great way to end another fun-filled day at Manor Adventure.

Day 3 - Today we have had a day filled with fun! We started off the day with the 3G swing (giant swing), everyone took part in the activity and it was loved by all. We then went on to play some Aeroball which brought out some healthy competition! We did a tournament between all the children and again this was thoroughly enjoyed! This afternoon we are looking forward to the leap of faith and some team building games followed by a nice campfire with some marshmallows!



The Great British Pond Competition

Back in March, our wonderful friends from Morris Consultancy and Macfarlane Associates visited Ash and Oak Class to deliver an engaging workshop on Great British pond life.

The workshop was linked to an exciting project that will take place later this term, when work begins to clear and reactivate our school pond. The children learned about the variety of wildlife that can be found in and around ponds and explored the importance of these habitats for local biodiversity.

As part of the workshop, the children designed posters to promote pond life and environmental awareness. We are delighted to announce that five posters were selected to be displayed on the construction site in the near future. Huge congratulations to our winners!

We would like to thank Morris Consultancy and Macfarlane Associates for providing such a valuable learning experience and for supporting this exciting project within our school grounds.



Gardening Club Harvests Its First Crops!

After weeks of weeding, planting, watering, and caring for our garden, the Gardening Club is finally reaping the rewards of all their hard work! This week, the children harvested a wonderful basket of fresh produce, including two different varieties of lettuce as well as red and white onions. We were delighted to pass our harvest on to our school chef so that the fresh ingredients can be enjoyed by the whole school.

The garden is still full of promise. Our herb garden is flourishing, and our tomato and bean plants are growing well. If we continue to enjoy warm (but not too hot!) weather and receive regular rainfall, we hope to harvest even more produce later in the term.

Gardening Club is about much more than growing vegetables. Through their work in the garden, the children are developing a deeper connection with nature and gaining a valuable understanding of where food comes from. They are learning how much time, care, and natural resources are needed to grow the food we eat, helping them develop respect for both the environment and the food on their plates. We hope these experiences will encourage everyone to reduce food waste and appreciate the journey from garden to table.

Well done to all our young gardeners and Lisa M for their enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work!



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 from the week before half term were:

1st Place: Oak Class – 90%

2nd Place: Willow Class – 88%

3rd Place: Cherry Class – 85%

Attendance Matters



Parking on Courtlands Ave

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.

Father's Day Stall

Hi everyone! Our Father's Day Stall is coming up on Friday, 19th June, and we're getting ready for the kids to pick out something special for the father figures in their lives.

To make it a success, we'd LOVE your help!

If you can donate small gift items like chocolates, mugs, plants, socks, games, or other fun treats, we'd be so grateful. Every little bit helps!



💡 Donations can be dropped off with your class teacher or Lisa in the office by Tuesday, 16th June.

All money raised goes straight back into supporting our school – so it's a win-win!

Thanks so much for your support,
Your PTA 😊



Father's Day Stall

FRIDAY 19TH OF JUNE

Small gifts will be on sale at school
for children to buy to
someone special.

Gifts includes: sweets, treats,
plants, mugs, pens

£1.00 | £2.00 | £3.00

*(We would appreciate if you could send
exact change, please)*

Dates for the diary

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)

18/6/26: PTA Father's Day Stall

19/6/26: PTA Father's Day Breakfast

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.

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