



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

Lots of special memories were made at Kew Riverside this week, from school trips to Kew Gardens and workshops at literacy festivals, to scooter training, our Father's Day breakfast, and of course, our annual Sports Day! What a wonderful week for bringing the school community together and celebrating all the amazing things we can achieve through our incredible partnership between school and home.

It has been a pleasure to see how much our pupils have grown over the course of this academic year, both in terms of their academic success and their confidence and resilience. The success of these events makes me feel incredibly proud of all the experiences we are able to offer our pupils, helping them to develop skills in a holistic way.

Next week, we have even more enrichment activities taking place, including our Year 5 football tournament and our Year 4 Brass Instrument Performance alongside Richmond Music Trust. Ash and Oak classes will be attending the London Literature Festival, and we are also looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children for a special Mini Olympics session.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend in the sunshine!



## 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.



## Willow and Cherry Class at Literacy Festival

Willow and Cherry Class had a wonderful time on their school trip to the London Schools Literature Festival at Richmond Theatre. The children were excited to attend a special event featuring the author and illustrator of *Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam*. During the session, they listened to two entertaining stories and learned more about the creative process behind the books. The illustrator also showed the children how to draw one of the characters from the stories, and everyone enjoyed following along and developing their drawing skills. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to inspire a love of reading, writing and illustration, and the children returned to school full of enthusiasm and creativity.



## Goodbye and Good Luck to Laura

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our incredible Learning Support Assistant, Laura, has left the team at Kew Riverside.

Following some recent health challenges, Laura will be focusing on her recovery and wellbeing. We know that the entire Kew Riverside community will join us in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

Laura has been a valued member of our school community for many years, both as a parent and as a dedicated member of staff. Throughout her time at Kew Riverside, she has provided unwavering support to countless pupils, helping them to grow in confidence and achieve success in their learning. Her kindness, commitment and positive spirit have made a lasting impact on both children and colleagues alike.

Laura will be greatly missed by everyone at Kew Riverside, and we thank her for all that she has contributed to our school community. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.



## Willow Class Visit to Kew Gardens

Willow Class had a wonderful day exploring Kew Gardens and learning all about the natural world. Our adventure began with a minibeast hunt, where we searched carefully among a wild meadow to discover the tiny creatures that call Kew Gardens home. We spotted a variety of fascinating minibeasts.

One of the highlights of the day was taking part in the amazing **Tremendous Trees** workshop. We became tree detectives, exploring the different parts of a tree and discovering why trees are so important for our planet. We learned how trees provide habitats for wildlife, help clean the air we breathe and support life across the world.

During the workshop, we enjoyed creating bark rubbings to investigate different tree textures. We also examined a variety of tree seeds and compared the shapes and sizes of leaves from different species. It was exciting to see how trees can look so different while all performing such important jobs.

We also visited the beautiful Princess of Wales Conservatory, where we explored a range of fascinating plants from around the world. The warm, tropical environment was full of unusual sights and helped us understand how plants adapt to different climates.

After a busy morning of learning, we enjoyed our lunch in the sunshine before making the most of the open spaces at Kew Gardens. There was plenty of time for running on the grass, playing with friends and enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity to combine science learning with outdoor exploration. Willow Class returned to school full of new knowledge, wonderful memories and a greater appreciation for the importance of trees and plants in our world.

A great big thank you to all the parents that came along to make this trip possible.



# SPORTS DAY 2026

On Wednesday, Kew Riverside held its annual Sports Day – and what a day it was! What started as an overcast morning soon turned into a beautiful sunny day as pupils competed in their house teams, showcasing their fantastic PE skills across a range of track and field events. From sprint races to throwing and jumping activities, every child gave their very best effort and represented their house with pride.

It was incredible to see pupils supporting and encouraging one another throughout the day, while demonstrating our school values of aspiration and resilience. We are so proud of every single child for their determination, sportsmanship and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to all the members of our school community who came along to support the children and join in the fun. The parent races and the much-anticipated Parents vs Staff Tug of War were particular highlights and added to the wonderful atmosphere of the day.

Congratulations to Rashford-Daley House, who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions and proudly took home the cup. However, every house should be proud of their efforts, team spirit and positive attitude throughout the event.

Finally, a very special thank you to Mr O for organising such a successful and enjoyable day for everyone. We are already looking forward to next year's Sports Day!



## PTA NEWS

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising two fantastic Father's Day events today to celebrate all the incredible dads and father figures in our school community.

This morning, we hosted our Father's Day Breakfast, where children treated their dads and special guests to a delicious feast of muffins, pastries and cheese strings. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together and starting the day with smiles.

This afternoon, the PTA returned to run our popular Father's Day Gift Stall. Children were invited to choose and purchase a special gift from the wonderful donations that had been generously contributed over the past few weeks. There was great excitement as pupils carefully selected presents for the important people in their lives.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts, volunteered their time, and helped make these events such a success. Your support helps create memorable experiences for our children and families.

We would like to wish all of the dads and father figures in our community a very Happy Father's Day!



## 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Oak Class – 93%**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ash Class – 92%**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Willow Class – 91%**

### Attendance Matters



We are continuing to see an increasing number of pupils arriving late to school. A reminder that the school day starts promptly at **8:50am**, and it is important that pupils are in school and ready to learn before this time. We will be contacting the parents and carers of pupils who are persistently late to discuss how we can work together to improve attendance and punctuality, and to identify any support that may be needed.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring pupils arrive on time and are ready for a positive start to the school day.

## Parking on Courtlands Ave

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

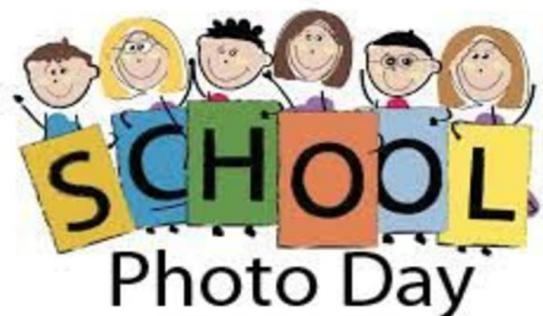


Please can all children come to school with a suitable hat to wear outside during break times, lunch times and any outdoor learning.

Thank you.

## Dates for the diary

- 22-24/6/26:** Year 3 Walking Scheme
- 23/6/26:** Year 5 Small schools football tournament
- 25/6/26:** Year 4 Brass performance at 2.30pm
- 26/6/26** – Barnes Literacy Festival for Ash and Oak Class
- 7/7/26** - British Museum for Ash Class
- 7/7/26** – Orleans Gallery for Willow Class (letter to follow)
- 10/7/26** – Tour of London – Willow Class (new date)
- 10/7/26:** End of Year Reports out to parents
- 8/7/26:** Ash Class Assembly at 2.30pm
- 15/7/26:** Oak Class Production
- 17/7/26:** Last day of term 2pm finish



**Class Photo Day: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



**Kew Riverside Primary School**  
**BARBECUE PARTY**  
School Field

JULY 3 5pm - 8 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

your PTA

## 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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