



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

This week may have been a blur of scorching temperatures, constantly refilling water bottles, early pick-ups, and competing for the air conditioning, but we all demonstrated our school value of **resilience** and made it through!

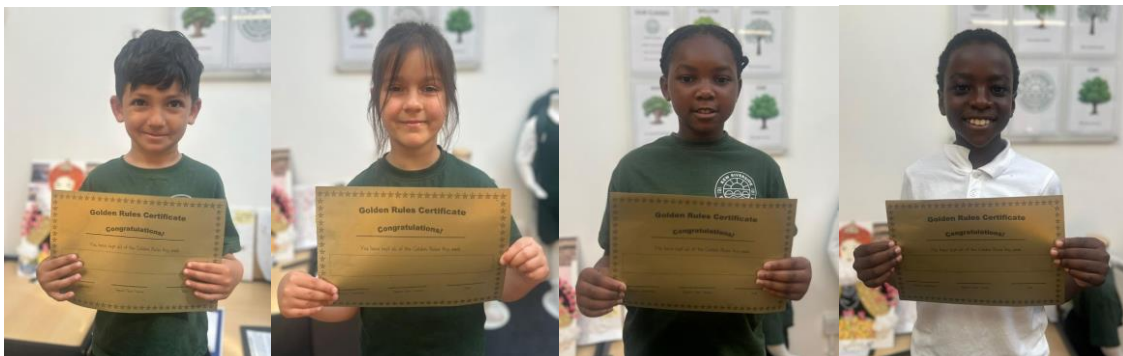
Thank you to everyone in our school community for your support and understanding as we made some last-minute changes and adjustments to ensure that our staff and pupils remained comfortable and safe during the unusually high temperatures.

Despite the weather, we were delighted to welcome Willow Class parents to a special meeting on Monday, where we shared a presentation about the transition to mixed-age classes in Key Stage 1. Year 4 also impressed us with a wonderful performance, showcasing the skills they have developed over the past eight weeks of brass lessons. It was fantastic to see their hard work and enthusiasm on display. On Thursday we were also joined by some of our new Willow class pupils and parents for a workshop to help prepare them for starting at Kew in September.

Next week, we are looking forward to cooler temperatures and our PTA Summer Barbecue on Friday 3rd July. We hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a great community event.

## 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.



## Ice Lolly Friday

Congratulations to the children who went above and beyond for the last two weeks and were nominated by the staff in their class to enjoy an ice lolly with Ardeep.

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



## Cooling Down with a Book!

Cherry Class certainly had the right idea this week! On a very warm afternoon, they escaped the heat and headed into our lovely air-conditioned library for story time.

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged as they enjoyed the call-and-response story *Why?* – a word that I suspect many of them use quite frequently! Their enthusiasm, participation and curiosity made for a fantastic storytelling session.

What a lovely way to spend a hot afternoon. Well done, Cherry Class!



## Year 4 Brass Performance

On Thursday, our Year 4 pupils put on a fantastic performance to showcase the skills they have been developing while learning to play a selection of brass instruments.

Over the past eight weeks, Owain from Richmond Music Trust has been working with the children to teach them a variety of musical skills, which culminated in this week's performance. We were all very impressed by the interactive concert, which encouraged parents and carers to guess the tunes being played and even included opportunities for the children to improvise.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the children. Well done, Year 4, on a wonderful performance!



## 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: Willow Class – 95%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 94%**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Oak 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.

## PTA NEWS



### Kew Riverside Primary School BARBECUE PARTY School Field

JULY

3

5 pm - 8 pm

# SAVE THE DATE

your PTA

### 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

7/7/26 - British Museum for Ash Class

7/7/26 – Orleans Gallery for Willow Class (letter to follow)

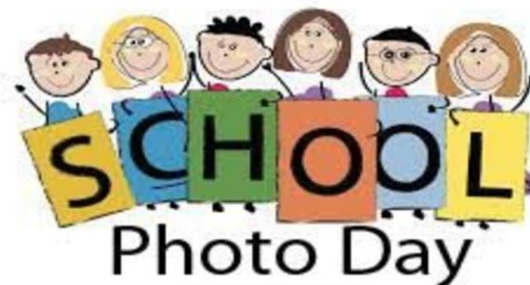
10/7/26 – Tour of London – Willow Class (new date)

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

## 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:

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