



Kew Riverside News



Friday 11th September 2026

Welcome Back Kew Riverside!

A very warm welcome back to our whole school community! I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and that you had the opportunity to make lots of special memories with family and friends.

It was a busy summer term, which culminated in our Ofsted inspection. We were very pleased with how the inspection went and felt that it provided a positive opportunity to showcase the many successes and achievements of our school. We are now looking forward to receiving the final report shortly, and we cannot wait to share it with you and celebrate our school's achievements together.

We have had a fantastic start to the new term, and it has been truly heart-warming to see the children return with smiling faces, full of enthusiasm and looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms. Over the summer holidays, our school has also been freshly painted, proudly reflecting our school colours and creating a bright and welcoming environment ready for the new school year. I have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school routines and embraced the new experiences and changes that come with the beginning of a new school year.

Our dedicated staff team have been working hard to prepare for another successful year, with a strong focus on providing enriching educational experiences and opportunities that inspire, challenge and support every one of our pupils. We have many exciting plans ahead, and I look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make this another wonderful year for our school community.

Uniform Champions

We expect all of our pupils to wear the correct school uniform as it promotes a sense of pride in our school and also gives pupils a sense of belonging. It has therefore been wonderful to see our pupils return to school looking super smart in their new school uniforms, including their PE kits. Please ensure that the uniform is clearly labelled.

Further details regarding our school uniform can be found on our school website.



A Wonderful First Week for Reception

What a wonderful first week it has been for our newest and youngest children!

Following our lovely home visits, where it was so special to meet the children and their families in their own homes, it was finally time for our Reception children to start school. They arrived looking incredibly smart and ready in their new uniforms, full of excitement, smiles and anticipation for the adventures ahead.

Throughout the week, the children have been busy getting to know their new friends and teachers, exploring their new surroundings and becoming familiar with their classroom. Our learning environment has been carefully prepared to encourage curiosity, independence and discovery, giving the children plenty of opportunities to explore, play and learn together. We shared our very first book as a class, listening, talking and enjoying the story together. Today brought a particularly special end to the week as we enjoyed a family lunch together, giving the children another opportunity to build friendships and enjoy being part of our school community.

It has been a fantastic start to school, and we are so proud of how confidently and happily our Reception children have settled in. What an exciting first week – and what a wonderful journey we have ahead!

Welcome to our school, Reception. We are delighted to have you with us!



Everything you need to know about...

We are delighted to invite you to our 'Everything You Need to Know About X Class' meetings, taking place next week during the week beginning 14th September.

These meetings provide an important opportunity for parents and carers to find out key information about your child's class, meet the class team, and learn more about the rules, routines and expectations for the year ahead.

Working in partnership with families is essential to ensuring that every pupil feels supported, settled and ready to learn. These meetings will help parents and teachers build strong relationships and work together to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing everything you need to know about your child's class.



Willow: Tuesday 15th September at 9am

Cherry: Thursday 17th September at 9am

Ash: Friday 18th September at 9am

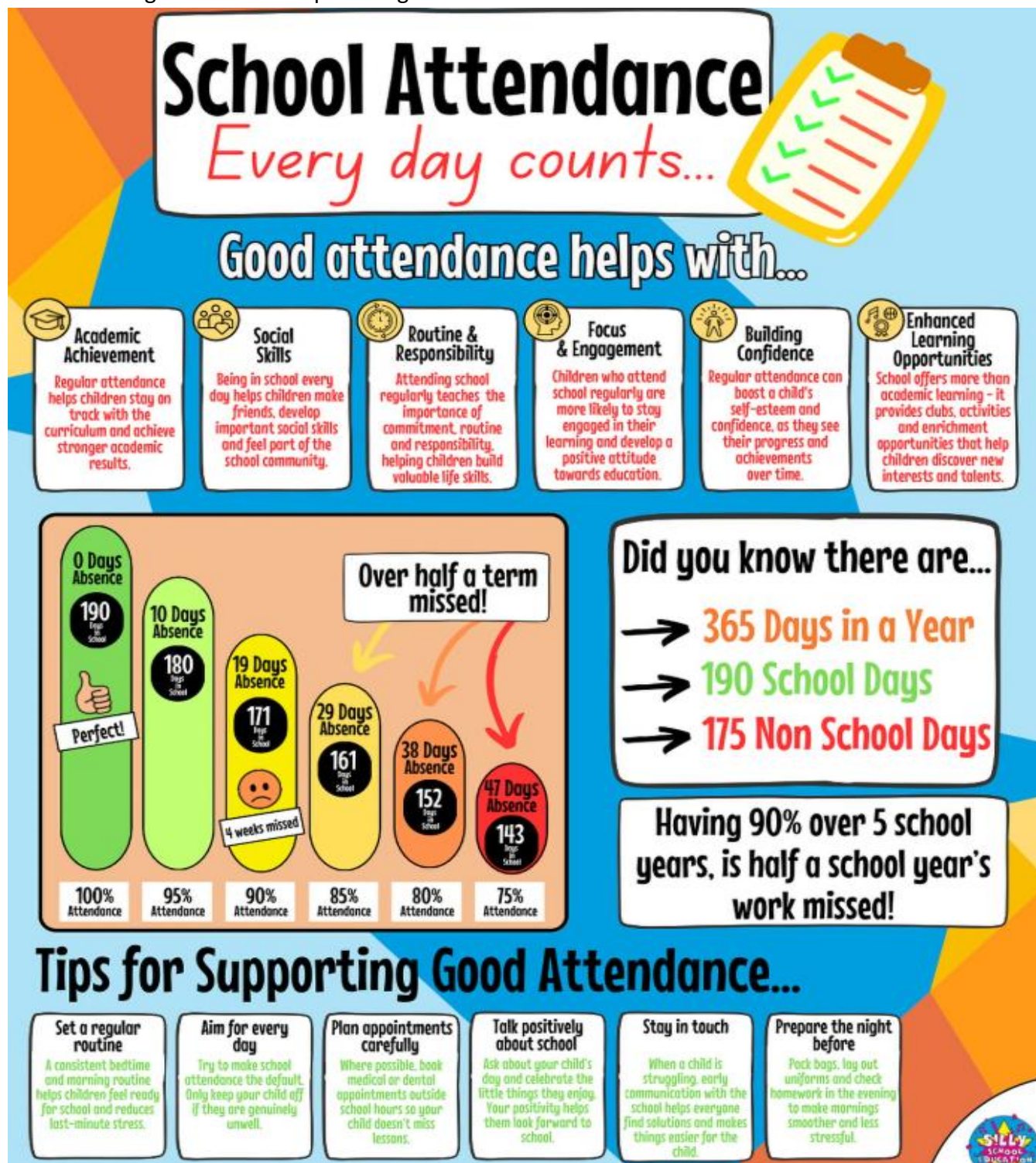
Oak: Wednesday 16th September at 9am

Attendance and Punctuality

This year our whole school attendance target is at least 96% - we know that children who have between 96-100% attendance at school are the happiest and most successful learners; we are grateful to all our parents and carers who are committed to supporting their children in this.

A reminder that the school gates and classroom doors open from 8.40am in the morning and will be closed **promptly** at 8.50am, which is the start of the school day.

If children arrive after 8.50am they need to walk around to the main office, where parents or carers will be asked to sign the late book providing a reason for their late arrival.



PE Days

Willow: Thursday and Friday

Cherry: Tuesday and Thursday

Ash: Monday (Swimming for Autumn Term) and Thursday

Oak: Monday and Friday



Please can all children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days – uniform guidance can be found on our school website.

Dates for the diary

14/09/26: Swimming starts for Ash Class

W/B 14/9/26: “Everything you need to know about your class” meetings – see details above

W/B 21/9/26: Year 6 Cycling

28/09/26 – 30/09/26: Year 5 trip to Juniper Hall



W/B 26/10/26: Half Term

2/11/25: INSET DAY (School Closed)

3/11/25: Children return to school

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 Child Protection and Safeguarding 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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