



Kew Riverside News



Friday 18th September 2026

Headteacher Highlights

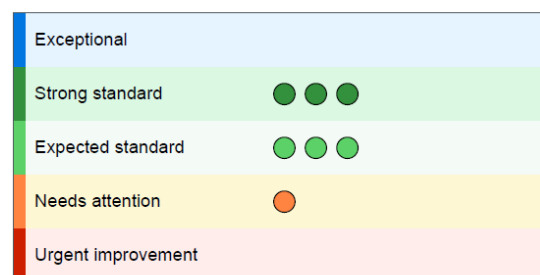
A huge congratulations to our entire school community on the fantastic OFSTED report we received following our inspection at the end of the Summer Term. As many of you will know, the inspection took place under the new framework. Rather than a school receiving one overall judgement, schools are now evaluated across seven areas, alongside an additional judgement on whether safeguarding arrangements meet the required standards.

As you can see from the report card below, six out of the seven areas were judged to be Expected or above, and all safeguarding standards were met. While attendance and behaviour have been identified as areas requiring attention, it is important to highlight that the report makes clear that behaviour is “a real strength of the school.” The focus on attendance reflects the fact that our attendance remains below the national average.

Our commitment to continuous school improvement will therefore focus on attendance, alongside the other priorities identified in the report. We have no doubt that, with the commitment, dedication and support of our whole school community, these are areas in which we can continue to make positive progress.

Thank you for working alongside us to ensure that our pupils remain at the heart of everything we do. Together, we will continue to nurture, challenge and inspire our children, helping them to flourish both academically and personally.

Inspection report: 8 July 2026



“Pupils at Kew Riverside are happy, confident and responsible individuals. Pupils are safe and behave very well.”

“Pupils enjoy coming to school and they learn well because of the well organised curriculum.”

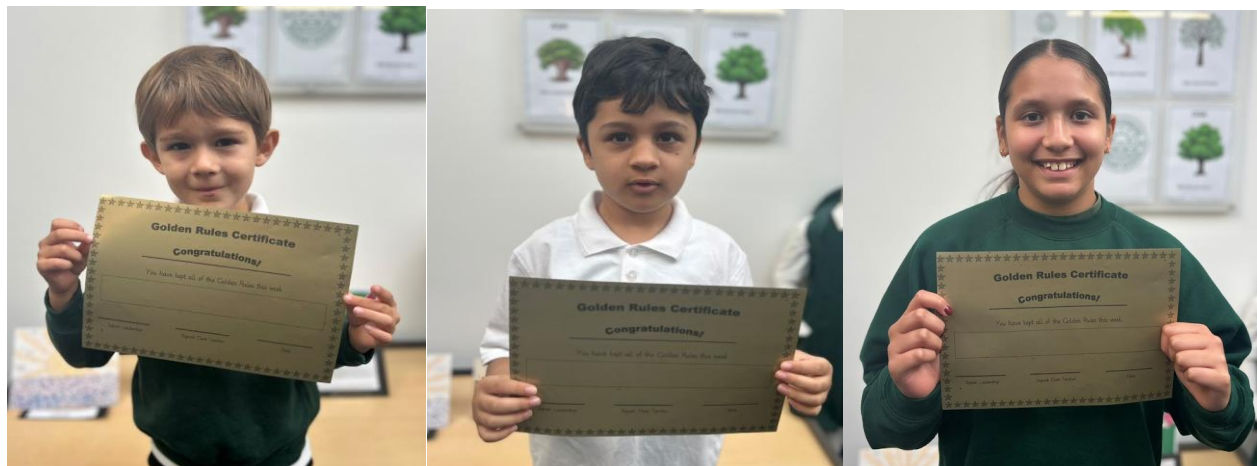
“Leaders and the Governing Body have established an environment that fosters harmony, collaboration and determination.”

(The school) thoughtfully nurtures pupils’ character, broadens their horizons and offers plenty of opportunities to help them grow into responsible, mature citizens.”

“The school is highly inclusive and builds effective relationships with parents and carers.”

Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our first Golden Certificate winners of this academic year – 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

Congratulations to the children who went over and above last week and were nominated by the staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep. Thank you for being the best that you can be. Keep it up!



BRITE Box Project



We are delighted to have been chosen to take part in the BRITE Box Project, an exciting initiative run by Voices of Hope.

The project is a free initiative designed to bring families together around healthy, nutritious and delicious food, encouraging families to cook and eat together. Every Friday, participating families will receive a new recipe meal

kit containing all the ingredients, along with child-friendly recipes to prepare and enjoy at home.

We are currently trialling the project with Ash Class for this academic year, with the hope of rolling it out to other classes in the future.

We look forward to seeing Ash Class develop their culinary expertise and, of course, sharing their delicious creations and experiences with the rest of the school!

Online Safety Advice

We have recently had some parents raise concerns about voice-changing software and online tools that allow children to record audio and alter their voice so that it can sound like someone else, including a parent or other family member.

Following our initial investigations, it appears that some of these features may be connected with Meta/Facebook audio tools, including voice effects and filters. Meta states that Facebook and Instagram are intended for users aged 13 and over in most countries and is therefore not recommended for primary school aged children.

As always, we would encourage parents and carers to remain vigilant when children are using phones, tablets, computers and other connected devices. Please check the apps and services your child has access to and ensure that appropriate parental controls and restrictions are in place.

It is also important to talk regularly with children about staying safe online, including being careful about recording, sharing or altering the voices of themselves or other people. If you have any concerns about an app or online service your child is using, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Further advice can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>



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.

Our top three classes for attendance from last week were:

- 1st Place: Ash Class – 98.9%**
- 2nd Place: Cherry Class – 98.5%**
- 3rd Place: Oak Class – 91**

Attendance Matters



Dates for the diary

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

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

1/10/26: History workshops in school

21/10/26: PTA Halloween Disco

Autumn 1 Gallery Dates all at 9am:

Willow – 21/10/26

Cherry – 21/10/26

Ash – 20/10/26

Oak – 22/10/26

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.

Key contacts:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

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