



Kew Riverside News



Friday 25th September 2026

Headteacher Highlights

It has been a challenging and emotional week for our school community, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their overwhelming support and encouragement as we enter the period of statutory consultation.

The responses, experiences and stories that have been shared about the impact Kew Riverside has had on your children have been truly heartwarming and deeply appreciated by everyone. They are a powerful reminder of the special place our school holds within our community.

The determination and commitment of our PTA to encourage everyone to both respond to the consultation and attend the face-to-face meeting next week has been truly inspirational. Their support, alongside that of our wider school community, has been invaluable.

As a reminder, you can access and respond to the consultation by following the links below:

The local authority website: www.richmond.gov.uk/school_organisation_consultations

The AfC Info website: <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/education-and-education-services/richmond-school-organisation>

The meeting with the Local Authority and Richmond Council will also take place at the school on **Tuesday 29th September at 3.30pm**. We would urge as many of you as possible to attend, so that your voices can be heard and your experiences shared.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to you all for standing together and advocating for our incredible school. Your support means so much to our children, staff and the whole Kew Riverside community.



**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP PROTECT
THE FUTURE OF KEW RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Every voice matters. Every action helps.
Prepare. Participate. Make an impact.



TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER

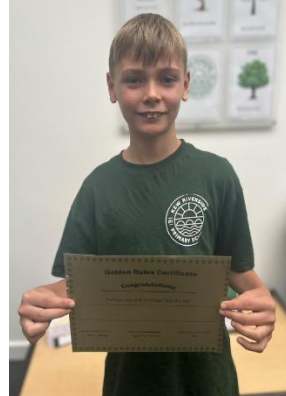
Let's make sure all parents and carers
have the information and opportunity
to make their voices and questions
heard.

Golden Certificates

A huge well done to our Golden Certificate winners for 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.



**The whole of
Willow Class!**



Congratulations to this year's Sports Leaders

A huge congratulations to our Sports Leaders for this year!

Our Sports Leaders are selected by Mr O and take part in a training programme to develop the skills and confidence they need to promote healthy attitudes and positive approaches to physical exercise during lunchtime. Throughout the year, they will also play an important role in supporting PE lessons, sporting events and activities across the school.

We are incredibly proud of their commitment and look forward to seeing them make a positive difference to school sport this year. Well done, Sports Leaders!



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 – 97.6%

2nd Place: Willow Class – 93.3%

3rd Place: Cherry Class – 92%

Attendance Matters



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/>



Dates for the diary

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



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Service

Need support with home life?
Unsure how to handle a
situation with your child or
navigate changes in your
family life? We're here to help.

**FAMILY SUPPORT
DROP-IN**

14th October 9am to 11am

To book a 20 minute appointment email
Belinda- bnorfolk@kewriverside.richmond.sch.uk
or speak to the school office.

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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