



# Kew Riverside News



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026

## Headteacher Highlights

It has been another wonderful week of learning at Kew Riverside! The children have been bringing their History blocks to a close and are now preparing to begin their new RE blocks next week. Inspired by last week's workshops, the children have continued to build on their learning, completing their topics and assessing their knowledge through a range of quizzes and retrieval tasks. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and commitment to consolidating their understanding. Keep up the excellent work, Kew!

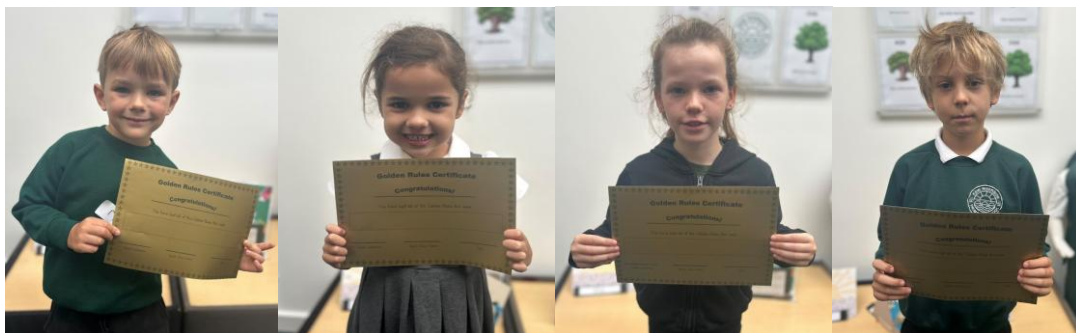
Our dedicated PTA continues to campaign on behalf of the school and have provided an update below. We are truly grateful for the ongoing support of our school community. Alongside this important work, the PTA is busy planning exciting fundraising activities, starting with the **Halloween Disco on 21st October**. We look forward to seeing the children enjoy this special event!

Thank you, too, to everyone who continues to support our efforts to improve attendance and punctuality by ensuring children arrive at school on time each day. Being in school promptly makes a real difference to children's learning, confidence and wellbeing, helping them to make the most of every opportunity.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend!

## 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.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to all the children who have gone above and beyond last week and were nominated by staff in their classes for a hot chocolate with Ardeep.

Thank you for always striving to be the best you can be.

Keep up the fantastic work!



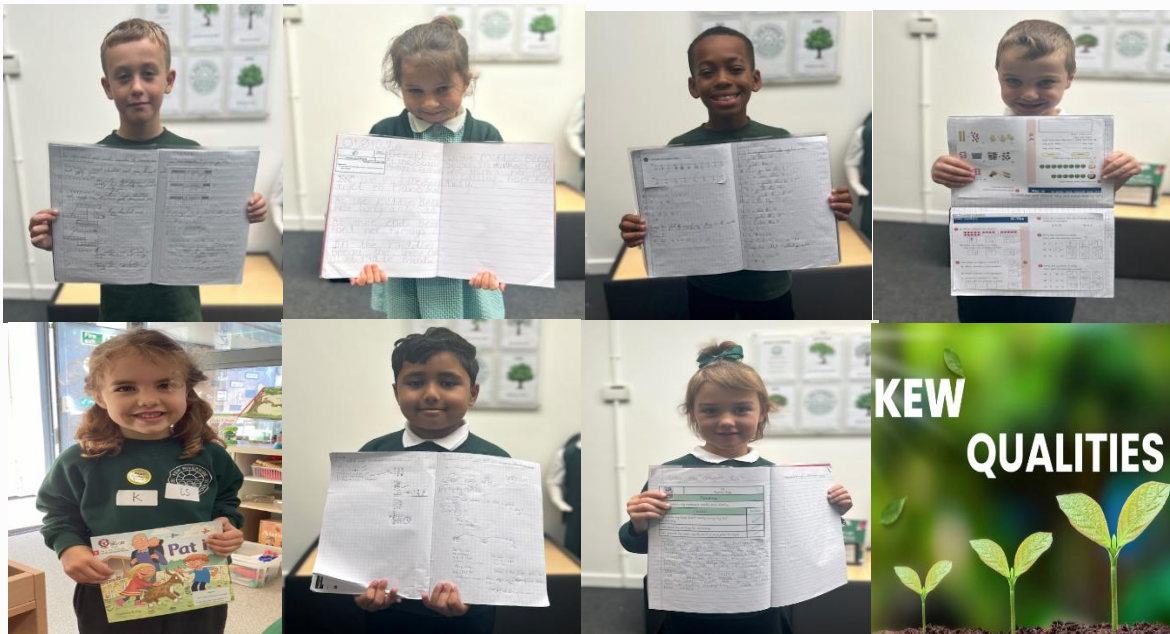
## Celebrating Learning at Kew Riverside

It has been lovely to visit classrooms this week and see such a fantastic range of learning taking place across the school. From early reading and shared writing to problem-solving in maths and exploring History, there has been so much to celebrate!

A particular highlight was hearing the wonderful voices of Ash Class singing ABBA songs as part of their Music topic. What a joy to see the children learning with such enthusiasm and confidence. Kew Riverside really is an amazing place to be!

During our visits, we spoke to lots of children who were eager to share their learning and talk about what they had been working on. Some children even chose pieces of work that they were particularly proud of, demonstrating their growing confidence in recognising and celebrating their own achievements.

Well done to all our pupils for their enthusiasm, determination and commitment to demonstrating our Kew Qualities. It is wonderful to see these qualities shining through in classrooms every day. Keep up the fantastic work, Kew!



## Road Safety Message

It has come to the school's attention that there have been some concerns regarding road safety and parking at the school's back gate on Townmead Road.

Members of our school community have been observed parking on the zebra crossing while dropping off children. This raises significant concerns for the safety of families, pedestrians and members of the public who rely on the crossing to cross the road safely.



We kindly ask all members of our school community to be mindful of safe driving practices and considerate when parking and dropping off children. Please ensure that the zebra crossing remains clear at all times so that everyone can cross the road safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

# Open Days and Applications for 2027

We would really appreciate it if the school community could share information about our Open Days.



**Kew Riverside Primary School**  
*Children at the heart of everything we do*

## OPEN DAYS



14 October  
9:30 am



3 November  
9:30 am



1 December  
9:30 am

Join us to know more about our latest **Ofsted Report** in July 2026 and how well our school is doing.



"Staff build positive relationships with the children."



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



"The school thoughtfully nurtures pupils' character, broadens their horizons and offers plenty of opportunities for them to grow into responsible, mature citizens."



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



"Pupils develop secure knowledge and skills in reading, writing and mathematics."



"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."



Book a tour to register for one of our Open Days.

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37 Courtlands Avenue,  
Richmond TW9 4ES



7 October

14 October

3 November

1 December

All at 9:30 am

Contact the school to book



020 8487 8437



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### Booking link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwTdpQB5HOlbJxumjINzFjWiZZCshEHUIrkgXIUDCBBPGrw/viewform>

Further information about school admissions can be found [here](#).

## 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:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ash Class – 96.8%**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cherry Class – 94.7 %**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Oak Class – 92%**

Attendance Matters



# PTA NEWS

## Message from PTA and Save Kew Riverside Leadership

There has been a lot of confusion in the parent community with people thinking this situation is a done deal and that we have no chance of saving our beloved school.

Just to reassure everyone: **the pre-consultation is NOT a final decision, and we are making real progress!**

This week, the Save Kew Riverside Campaign Leadership Team met with **Paul Cooke and Achieving for Children**, who are open to receiving a financial proposal demonstrating how we could address the school's projected deficit. We have also met with two lawyers to explore the legal options for challenging the process. Today, we met with Helen, **the Chair of our School Governors**, and we are working together to submit our **new commercial proposal by Friday 16 October**.

There is a lot of work to do between now and then, but **we are making progress and remain positive we can Stop the pre-Consultation proposal**.

We need your continued support. **Stay engaged, don't jump ship, and help us fight for our school!**

### 📌 Next steps for parents:

- ✉ Complete the pre-consultation: **It closes on 16 October**. Please submit your own response and share it with friends and family so they can respond too: 📄  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda5oPsdUlrJkf6vACC\\_AjvXFR6-ki3iBymNIF5BAWNxf85xQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda5oPsdUlrJkf6vACC_AjvXFR6-ki3iBymNIF5BAWNxf85xQ/viewform)
- ✉ Write to your local councillors: Templates are available here:  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HCBraBzavfaKDXPdaScQcy>
- ✉ Contact your MP and Achieving for Children to make your voice heard.
- 📢 **Spread the word:** Share our campaign website with your friends, family and wider community:  
<https://savekewriversideprimaryschool.org/>
- 📺 **Support our YouTube channel:** Subscribe, share our videos and send us your own story about why Kew Riverside matters to you: <https://www.youtube.com/@KewParentVoices>

**We have a REAL chance to fight this.** *We are making progress, and every single person who gets involved makes a difference!*

Thank you for standing with us!

Parents Group Leadership Team



**KEEP KEW RIVERSIDE SCHOOL OPEN**  
OUR CHILDREN | OUR SCHOOL | OUR COMMUNITY

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| <br><b>NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE YET</b><br>The pre-consultation is not a final decision. | <br><b>WE ARE CHALLENGING THE PROCESS</b><br>We are exploring all options, financially and legally. | <br><b>WE ARE KEEPING ENGAGED</b><br>We are working closely with the school, council and decision-makers. | <br><b>STAY WITH US</b><br>Keep informed, get involved and support our campaign. Together we can make a difference. |
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WEBSITE: [savekewriversideprimaryschool.org/](https://savekewriversideprimaryschool.org/) | EMAIL: [savekpr@gmail.com](mailto:savekpr@gmail.com) | YOUTUBE: [youtube.com/@KewParentVoices](https://youtube.com/@KewParentVoices)

Hello everyone,



We're excited to announce this year's **Halloween Celebrations** for the whole family!  
We look forward to seeing you all for a spooky, fun-filled family evening and bake sale!



Your PTA :)



## Dates for the diary

**21/10/26:** PTA Halloween Disco

**23/10/26:** Ash and Oak Class trip to  
Richmond Synagogue

### 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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Chair of Governors:

Helen Oakley 020 8487 8437

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Single Point of Access (SPA):

020 8547 5008 Out of hours: 020 8770 5000

Local Authority Designated Officer:

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