Kew Riverside News

Friday 16th October 2026

Headteacher Highlights

What a week it has been at Kew Riverside! From featuring on BBC News to signing petitions and hosting Open Days, the community's determination to campaign for keeping the school open has once again been in full swing. I cannot thank everyone enough for their incredible hard work, dedication and continued efforts in supporting our school.

As you will be aware, the pre-statutory consultation closes today. We will now await the council meeting on **12th November**, with the hope that the strength of our community's voice will continue to be heard. The passion, determination and loyalty shown by our families, staff and wider community have been truly humbling and are greatly appreciated. Thank you for standing together and continuing to champion Kew Riverside.

Next week is the final week of this half-term, and there is plenty to look forward to! We are excited to welcome families to our first galleries of the academic year, celebrating the children's learning and achievements, alongside the much-anticipated Halloween Disco. I cannot wait to see this year's fantastic costumes!

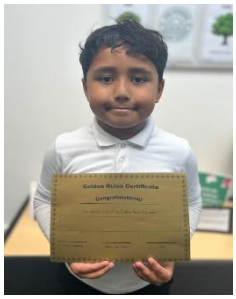
Thank you once again for being such an incredible community.
Have a wonderful weekend!

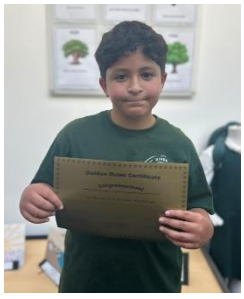


Golden Certificates

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!



Baby News



We are delighted to announce that our amazing PE Coach, Mr O and his partner Lauren welcomed a beautiful baby girl two weeks ago. Everyone is doing really and Mr O says he is adjusting well to the lack of sleep! Huge congratulations to them all – we can't wait to meet baby Orla.

We are now eagerly awaiting news from Katie, who started her maternity leave last Wednesday.

Oak Class: Budding Journalists!

Oak Class have been immersing themselves in the exciting world of journalism as they prepare to write their own newspaper articles, inspired by events from their current whole-class text, *The Adventures of Odysseus*. The children have been exploring how newspapers report on events, capture readers' attention and bring stories to life.

Everyone is looking forward to seeing Oak Class's budding journalists bring the adventures of Odysseus to life through their own news reports! Ardeep is also hoping to feature some of Oak Class's budding journalists in future editions of the school newsletter, so watch this space!

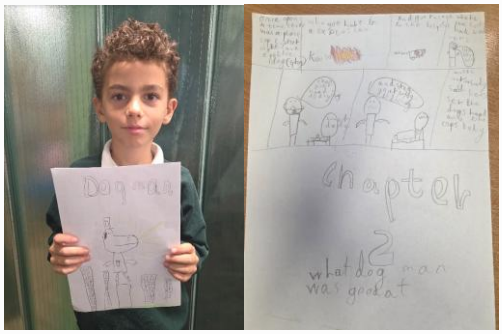
Well done, Oak Class!



Ash Class: Aspiring Comic Book Creators!

Many children in Ash Class have been inspired by the *Dog Man* books to create their own comics. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, enthusiasm for reading and excitement as they develop their own characters and stories. Inspired by the success of author and illustrator Dav Pilkey, the children are beginning to explore their own aspirations as budding comic book creators.

Well done, Ash Class, for demonstrating Kew Riverside's value of **Aspiration** through your creativity, imagination and ambition! Who knows where your ideas might lead?



Willows Building Big Ideas!

We made the most of the lovely weather by taking our big building blocks outside! The children worked incredibly hard together to create an amazing structure, using their imagination, creativity and fantastic teamwork. Their impressive creation included a beach, a pond, a living area and even a garage! The children shared ideas, solved problems and worked together to bring their wonderful design to life.

We were so proud to see the children collaborating, communicating and using their problem-solving skills throughout the activity. What a fantastic example of how learning through play can lead to some brilliant ideas!

Well done, Willows!



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

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.

Our top three classes for attendance from last week were:

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

1st Place: Ash Class – 97.5%

2nd Place: Cherry Class – 95.4%

3rd Place: Oak Class – 88%

Open Days and Applications for 2027

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





Booking link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwTdpsQB5HOlbJxumjINzFjWiZZCshEHUIrkgXlUDCBBPGrw/viewform

Further information about school admissions can be found here.

PTA NEWS





Save KRPS Campaign Update and Immediate Actions

A lot has happened since our last update in the newsletter! We held a parent update meeting (you can find the slides https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1vJvaOBJps9vcw5D3LzyfSpNJhG7CwT7OHV_ZyqaxJ4s/edit?usp=sharing), gained valuable media coverage (e.g. https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6rmy3e179n8o), and continued to build momentum around our campaign. Thank you for your continued support!

We also prepared a financially viable proposal and submitted it to Achieving for Children (AfC). Our proposal takes into account the school's actual budget and financial figures. We believe it offers a credible alternative to closure, and we are aligned with the school's governing body, who are willing to work with us to refine and strengthen the proposal if AfC gives us the opportunity.

🚨 **Four immediate actions for parents**

1. **Submit your pre-consultation response today:** Today, **16/10/26**, is the final day to submit your response. Reminders have already gone out, so if you haven't submitted yours yet, please make time to do so today. Every response matters. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda5oPsdUlrJkf6vACC_AjvXFR6-ki3iBymNIF5BAWNxf85xQ/viewform?pli=1

2. **Sign and share our petition:** We currently have 167 online signatures, and our minimum target is 500, with an ambition to reach 1,000. The more support we can demonstrate, the stronger our case for getting the attention of the relevant councillors. 👉 Petition: https://www2.richmond.gov.uk/Account/ePetitionDetails.aspx?ID=249. Please sign and share it with friends, neighbours, colleagues and anyone who lives, works or studies in the Richmond borough.

We are working hard to give Kew Riverside a fair chance and demonstrate that there are sustainable alternatives to closure. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, skills, ideas and donations so far.
Let's keep the momentum going. Together, we can make our voices heard. 💗

Save KRSP Campaign
Our children. Our school. Our community.



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 – **21/10/26 (Change of date)**

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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