



# Kenningtons Primary Academy

This is the last newsletter of the term and the year. It has been a very eventful term and I hope that the newsletter, our facebook page and your children's stories have kept you up to date with all the exciting events and learning that has taken place.

As usual, lots of children have been out and about over the past two weeks:

Reception had a visit from the police, they have been learning about people that help us. They enjoyed asking the police officers questions, sitting in the police car and trying on the police hats. Reception also had a visit from a bank manager. Hopefully they gained more understanding of what banks do and why we need them. In addition, reception have been memory making by decorating their Christmas plates, which are being collected today. When they have been fired they will be available for parents to collect and hopefully will be something you can enjoy for years to come!

Year 2 visited the Church in Aveley village. They met with Reverend Tara and found out about how Christians celebrate Christmas

Year 3 travelled to Chelmsford to take part in a Stone Age workshop. Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age across this term. I'm sure they have shared with you their learning about the Aveley Woolly Mammoth – what an exciting piece of local history.

Grays was the destination for Year 4 to visit the Sikh Gurdwara. This has enabled the children to develop their understanding of the Sikh religion.

Year 5 travelled to West Stow to visit an Anglo-Saxon Village. This helped to bring their history learning to life.

Year 6 visited the Imperial War museum. As this trip was towards the end of their topic, they were able to use all that they have learnt in school to make the absolute most of the experience.

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Thomas and I have been carrying out a Deep Dive in music over the last two weeks. Mrs Clarke and I have interviewed Mrs Thomas, we have met with a few parents of pupils with SEN, books have been looked at and when we have completed a few more activities we will be able to report our findings to governors. It was lovely to talk to parents who were so positive about their children's experiences at Kenningtons. We need to make sure that the 'pathways' for pupils with SEND are clear to all staff. This will be a piece of work for the Spring Term.

Today is Parent Consultation Day. I know teachers always enjoy sharing with you the progress that your children have made. I have met with all teachers to talk about the progress their classes have made. This enables us to target pupils who need additional support and also to celebrate those pupils who make good, or even better progress. There may be things that the teachers ask you to do to help your child further. Please make sure that you listen carefully and do as you are asked. We really do want the best for your children – and you play an important part in this.

Next Friday is our school Christmas Day. I am sure that it will be very much enjoyed by all. Please remember that pupils may wear Christmas attire on that day, so we all feel in the festive spirit. We have a box of preloved Christmas Jumpers available by the school office as part of our preloved uniform stall. We will be collecting any unwanted Christmas jumpers in the new year, for use next Christmas.



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Mon 12th Dec	Years 1 & 2	LAST Multi-Sports After-School Club
Tues 13th Dec	Year 6	LAST Netball Squad Practise

## No other clubs will be running until the New Year

Tues 13th Dec	Year 1	Local Walk	St Michaels Church
Wed 14th Dec	Year 3	The Nutcracker	Royal Opera House, London
Thurs 15th Dec	Year 3	Twilight Safety Walk	Out of School
Fri 16th Dec	All School	Kenningtons Christmas Day	In School
Tues 20th Dec	All School	Last day of Term	

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Wed 4th Jan	All School	Return to School	
Thurs 5th Jan	Year 6	Self Defence Course Begins	In School



If your child needs a Christmas Jumper, please pop to the School Office, where we have Pre-Loved Jumpers for £1. If you have old Christmas Jumpers that are no longer wanted - please donate them.

Kenningtons Primary Academy Christmas Dinner  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Main Course**  
Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets and Stuffing,  
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Pea Medley,  
Roast Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts and Gravy.  
Or  
Roast Seasonal Vegetable and Cranberry Whirl,  
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Pea Medley,  
Roast Parsnips, Brussel Sprouts and Gravy.

**Dessert**  
Christmas Ice Cream Pot



# Headteacher Award



“I can do what I have to do, even when I don't want to”



## Thurrock Council primary school admissions

### Important information – applying for a primary school place for September 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you must apply for a primary school place for September 2023.

Apply online from 1 November at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and select 'Primary school admissions'. You will be able to open an online copy of our prospectus for Thurrock primary schools, booklet called **Primary Admission Information September 2023**, which you should read carefully before applying.

You must have an email account to apply online.

You should also try to join us online at one of the briefing sessions before you complete an application.

Three briefing sessions for parents will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022 via webinar on the council website.

- First Session: 1pm - 2pm
- Second session: 4pm - 5pm
- Third session: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and select 'Primary school admissions' to access the webinar.

Offers will be available for applicants via your online account from 12:30am on 17 April 2023.

#### Apply for a primary school place

When making an application you can list up to four schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference. You can list schools outside of Thurrock, if you wish.

If you are applying to any school that is religious by character, make sure you also complete their supplementary form and return it direct to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to primary school, you must apply separately for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of 15 January 2023, you may be given a place at the nearest school with a space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

If you have read all our information online and still have questions, please contact our Admissions Team by emailing [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk) or phoning on 01375 652 883.

 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



As per GDPR Guidance , Local Events are to be advertised on our Website and not our Newsletter. Please be sure to visit our website to see what is happening in our local area at Christmas.



If you are having a sort out before Christmas and you have some **Bean Bags or large pillows** that you would like to re-home, we would really appreciate them in our School Library.

Please bring them into the School Office !

**Mrs Clarke, Deputy Headteacher**

