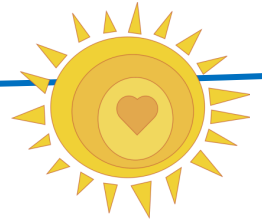


Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter
1st May 2026



Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are ready for what promises to be another busy and exciting half term at Kenningtons.

Our Year 6 pupils have now begun their final preparations for the KS2 SATs. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and determination, and we know they will approach the tests with confidence. Thank you to staff and families for the continued support during this important time.

This week, we have been fortunate to welcome Sky volunteers into school, who have been working alongside us on our O@K (Outside at Kenningtons) project. The team has made a fantastic contribution, expertly coordinated by Jenny—who has certainly kept everyone on their toes with her high standards!

Our Kenningtons Experience continues to provide memorable, hands-on learning opportunities across the school:

- Nursery visited Hopefields Animal Sanctuary
- Year 1 took part in scooter training
- Year 2 explored habitats at Hornchurch Country Park

These experiences are a vital part of our curriculum, helping to bring learning to life beyond the classroom.

Behind the scenes, we are currently working on the school budget for the next academic year. As with many household budgets, costs continue to rise significantly. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to maintain the high-quality provision and opportunities that our pupils deserve.

We are also pleased to share that work on our new cookery room is now underway. We are very much looking forward to showcasing this exciting addition once it is complete.

Finally, our summer event this year will have an artistic theme, celebrating creativity across the school. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks—we hope this will be a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes
Headteacher



Week 5: Perseverance

Headteacher Awards

Week 6: Asking questions





Week 6: Taking Risks

Headteacher Awards

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Eco Warriors Weekly Check

Each week, our Eco Warriors visit all the classrooms to see which one is the most energy efficient. They look out for things like lights being switched off when not in use and windows being closed while the heating is on. After tallying up the scores, they award the title of *Most Energy Efficient Class* to the winning room. Well done to everyone doing their part to help save energy and protect our planet!



Employees of the Week

Skylar – Eco-Warrior

Skylar is a hardworking and dedicated member of our Eco Warriors Team who truly takes pride in her role. She always turns up on time, ready to carry out her responsibilities, and completes her litter-picking duties with enthusiasm and care. Skylar was fantastic on our recent litter-picking trip to the park, showing real commitment to helping our environment. She is also a supportive team member, always helping her fellow Eco Warriors and setting a wonderful example for others. Thank you, Skylar, for your dedication, reliability and positive attitude — you are a brilliant Eco Warrior!
Mrs Wheeler



Eloise – Reading Champion

Eloise has been absolutely brilliant in the library this week. She has taken real initiative in organising the up-levelling process for the greater depth readers, ensuring that everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Her confidence and leadership have really stood out, particularly in how she has taken full control of the changing of books. She is a fantastic role model and should be very proud of the way she has stepped up — she is truly amazing!
Mrs Clarke



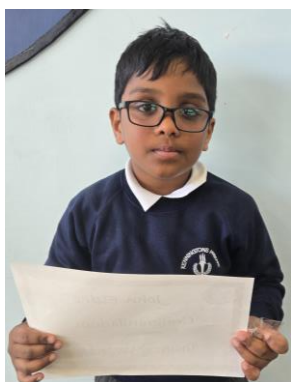
Angel – Artist in Residence

This week goes to an eager Artist in Residence, who always ensures her year group have the equipment that they need. She is prompt, helpful and was excellent at offering advice during Easter card making. Thank you for your hard work!
Miss Hellier





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Great job!

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Mr Gordon and the Football Team were the winners of the TPSFA shield !



Years 3&4 Sportshall Athletics Team

🌍 Eco-Warriors in Action! 🌍

A big thank you to Susan from the Kenningtons Forum, who very kindly donated a set of engraved litter pickers to our school.

Our Eco-Warriors were thrilled to receive them and couldn't wait to put them to use! Their enthusiasm for keeping our environment clean and looking after our school grounds has been wonderful to see.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to make a positive difference 🙌



🌿 O@K Project Update – A Huge Thank You to the Sky Team! 🌿

Over the past two days, we were delighted to welcome the Sky Team into school, who generously volunteered their time to support our Outdoors at Kenningtons (O@K) Project. Their energy and commitment have made a fantastic difference to our outdoor spaces.



Date	Event	Location
Mon 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues 5 th May	Reception. Hearing & Vision Tests	In School
Wed 6 th May	Class Photos	In School
Thurs 7 th May	Year 3. Light Workshop	In School
Fri 8 th May	Non School Uniform Day. Bring £1	
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th May	Year 6. SAT's Week	In School
Mon 11 th May	Year 5. National Gallery	London
Wed 13 th May	Year 4. Colchester Castle	Colchester
Wed 13 th May	Reception. Wat Tyler Park	Basildon
Thurs 14 th May	Reception. Balance Bike Training	In School
Fri 15 th May	Reception. Hearing & Vision Tests	In School
Fri 15 th May	Reception. Balance Bike Training	In School
Fri 15 th May	Year 6 ONLY. Non School Uniform Day	
Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd May	Year 6. Stubbers	Upminster
Thurs 21 st May	Year 1. Life in a Fairytale Castle	In School
Mon 25 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues 26 th – Fri 29 th May	HALF TERM	
Mon 1 st June	INSET DAY (Non pupil day)	
Tues 2 nd June	SUMMER 2 TERM BEGINS	

Applying to Nursery

Children may attend Nursery at Kenningtons Primary Academy from the term after they turn three years old.

To apply for a place at Nursery, please collect an application form from our School Office or find it on our website.

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you must apply for their Nursery place for September 2026

If you would like to look around the Kenningtons Nursery, Open Days will be arranged - please check the website for more details or send an email to enquiries@kenningtons.thurrock.sch.uk

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