

# Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



I hope you all had a restful half term and are ready for the busy weeks ahead.

On Monday, staff training took place. Our EYFS team completed their full Paediatric First Aid qualification, while the rest of the staff carried out a detailed scrutiny of SEND pupils' books. It was heartening to listen to teachers speak about their pupils with such depth of knowledge and passion — our children are very lucky to be supported by such dedicated staff.

As part of the Kenningtons Experience, Year 4 enjoyed an exciting in-school Greek Workshop, and Year 6 had a fantastic visit to the Imperial War Museum. Both experiences greatly enhanced our curriculum and brought learning to life.

Before half term, the flu immunisations took place. Unfortunately, a number of pupils were absent due to illness, so the immunisation team will be arranging a catch-up session later this term.

Building work in the Annex will be starting shortly and is expected to be completed by the end of February next year.

Finally, what a brilliant effort everyone made for our Spooky Day! The range of costumes was truly *spooktacular*!

A gentle reminder that spelling and maths homework should be completed each week. Regular practice at home really helps pupils to consolidate what they have learned in class and make steady progress.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

**Warm regards,**  
**Mrs Sawtell-Haynes**

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Child Absence: Study Bugs App

Website: [www.kenningtonsprimaryacdemy.co.uk](http://www.kenningtonsprimaryacdemy.co.uk)





Week 6: Asking Questions



# Headteacher Awards

Week 7: Taking Risks







### **Goda – KS1 monitor**

Every single day without fail she offers her help with any tasks that need completing.

She is always extremely polite when in class and very conscientious in her work. Even when I do not have any tasks for her to do, she still gives me a wonderful smile as she heads off to other teachers.

A fabulous choice for KS1 monitor!

*Mrs Proctor*



## **Employees of the Week**

### **Daisy – KS1 monitor**

Daisy takes her job as key stage one helper very seriously. She checks in with me everyday to see what jobs there are for her to do. When undertaking these jobs she consistently acts with efficiency and politeness. We are very lucky to have such a committed young lady as part of our team.

*Mrs Johnson*



The role of a **Subject Matter Expert** is to ensure that all IT equipment is delivered to the correct class as well as make sure it is charged and put away correctly. They will also play a vital role in Online Safety throughout the year.



Pupil  
Responsibilities







Our **food specialists** serve salad to other children at lunchtime. They have all completed the level 1 Food Hygiene Test.



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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!

# Thurrock Council primary school admissions

## Important information – applying for a primary school place for September 2026

If your child was born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022** you must apply for a primary school place for **September 2026**.

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

Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](https://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 2026**, 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 **Wednesday 22 October 2025** 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](https://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 16 April 2026**.

### 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 2026**, 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 652 652**.



### Spreading the Word About Our Outstanding School!

Our fantastic Year 6 children recently walked around our catchment area, proudly delivering leaflets about Kenningtons Primary School.

We're incredibly proud of our school and its achievements—and we'd love to welcome more wonderful families into our community!

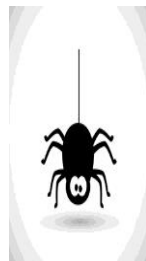
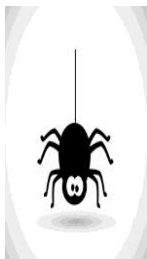
If you know friends or family with children starting school next year, please pass on the information and encourage them to consider applying to Kenningtons.

Thank you for your continued support! 



Date	Event	Location
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Nursery. Junkyard Orchestra	In School
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Reception. Sight & Hearing Test	In School
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Foodbank Collection	
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Year 4. Bikeability	In School
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Year 4. Bikeability	In School
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Year 1. Geography Field Work	Local Walk
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Year 5. Walk Online Roadshow (if your child is going to Wimbledon, they will attend the Walk Online Roadshow on the 18 <sup>th</sup> )	Civic Hall
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Year 3. Chelmsford Museum	Chelmsford
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Reception. Library Visit	Aveley Library
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Flu Immunisation Mop Up	In School
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Names will be given out for Secret Santa	In School
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025	Reception. Memory Making	In School
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025	Reception. Road Safety Session (for parents/carers and children)	In School
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025	Year 4. British Museum	London
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025	Year 5. Road safety Session	In School
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Parent Consultation Day (NON-PUPIL DAY)	Via Teams
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Year 2. Pantomime	Thameside Theatre
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Christmas Dinner Day. Wear Christmas Jumpers	In School
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Nursery. Polar Express Day	In School
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2025	Kenningtons Christmas Day. Wear Christmas Jumpers. Bring £1	In School
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 26</b>	<b>End of Term</b>	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b>	<b>First Day of Spring Term 1</b>	







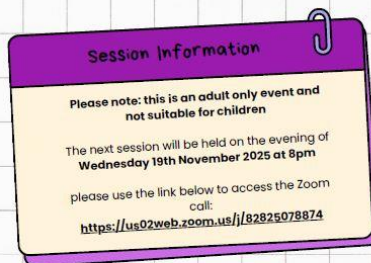
We currently have a **Parent Governor position** available on our school's Governing Body. This is a fantastic opportunity for a parent or carer to play an active role in supporting our school's development and helping to shape its future.

If you're interested in finding out more about what the role involves or how to apply, please contact the school office for further details.

**The closing date for applications is the  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**



This year we are collecting  
tinned vegetables. Please  
have your donation in by  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025



#### What's it about?

The parents workshop will look at the online world and how our young people are using it. How they are navigating around restrictions and using the internet without the parents knowledge.

This will include their favourite apps and games. We look at the dangers they face not only from bad people but also how they are being groomed in games. This ranges from receiving gifts by the younger player to being groomed on servers for the older ones.

For more info please click here: [Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership - Walk Online Roadshow - Free information Session for parents and carers](#)

Click on the link below for our  
dinner menus:

<https://www.kenningtonprimaryacademy.co.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Information%20for%20Parents/School%20Meals/Kenningtons%20Primary%20Autumn%20Winter%202025.pdf>