

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

10th October 2025



What a busy half term it has been! There's been so much happening across the school — and plenty more still to come next week before we reach the half term break.

I'm delighted to share that we've been successful in securing two significant funding bids this term:

- £100,000 to convert the unused toilets in the KS2 building into a new classroom. This development will enable us to extend our nurture provision for children as they move into Key Stage 2, ensuring we can continue to meet their individual needs.
- £50,000 towards transforming the pavilion into a dedicated cookery room. This will greatly improve our Food Technology provision and give all pupils the chance to develop important life skills. We will, however, need additional funding to complete the project — so if anyone is able to help or has links to potential sponsors, please do get in touch!

If anyone works for, or knows someone who works for Tesco, please consider nominating us for their community funding scheme to help raise money for our exciting O@K (Outside at Kenningtons) project. Every nomination and token really does make a difference.

As part of the Kenningtons Experience, pupils have continued to enjoy rich learning beyond the classroom:

- Year 5 visited West Stow to explore life in Anglo-Saxon England.
- Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Young V&A Museum in London.

Next week is set to be just as busy!

- Tuesday: Flu vaccinations for eligible pupils
- Thursday: Individual and sibling photographs

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm this term. It's been a wonderful start to the school year. Have a lovely, restful half term break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes.

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Child Absence: Study Bugs App

Website: www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk



Week 4: Practice and applying strategies



Headteacher Awards

Week 5: Perseverance





Ekampreet



This young lady is so hard-working and extremely dedicated in the Lego and Small World zones. She always makes sure that all the Lego and toys are tidied up, even when others leave them behind. This shows how much pride she takes in her role and how responsible she is.

She has also shown lovely leadership qualities. **Mrs Goyette**

Employee of the week



Exciting News from Our School Farm!

Our animal handlers were thrilled to collect the **first laid eggs** from our **new chickens** this week!

This marks an exciting milestone for our school's animal care program and gives our children a hands-on learning experience about life cycles, responsibility, and sustainability.

Well done to our dedicated animal handlers for taking such great care of our feathered friends! 🐣





Our **Eco Warriors** work hard to improve our school environment.

Each class has a **Health and Safety Monitor** who contributes to helping keep our school a safer place; they make sure that their views about staying safe are always heard.





Our **play cabin crew** work in the Play Away Cabin every lunchtime; they provide toys and games for the children to play with.



Our **Logistics team** help members of staff by carrying items and moving things around the school.



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

Go to 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 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 or phoning on **01375 652 652**.



Spreading the Word About Our Outstanding School!

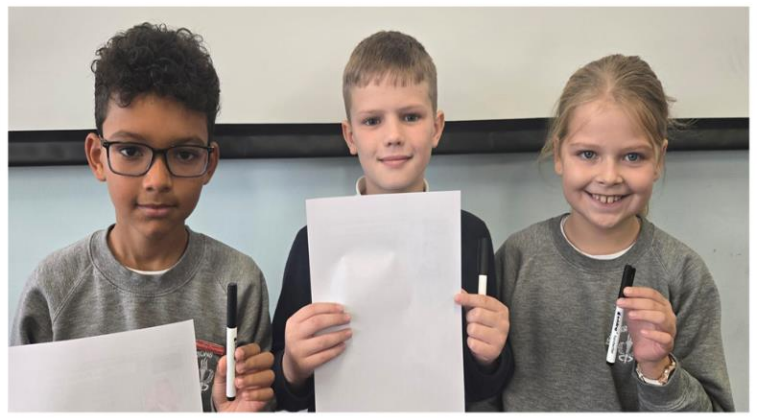
Our fantastic Year 6 children recently walked around our catchment area, proudly delivering leaflets about Kenningtons Primary School.

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! 

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Well done to the children who earned their
Pen Licence this week.

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Kenningtons Primary Acade...

is on a roll!

£23.82

raised in the last 30 days



Great news! Thanks to our supporters on
#easyfundraising we've raised £23.82 in the last 30 days!

If you're not signed up yet, please join today and raise
free donations every time you shop online.

Sign up to support us today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/kenningtons-primary-academy/ozbj29/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/>



Click on the link below for
our dinner menus:

<https://www.kenningtonspriaryacademy.co.uk/information-for-parents/school-meals>



Date	Class	Location
13 th Oct 2025	Year 6. Imperial War Museum	London
	Year 4. Greek Workshop	In School
14 th Oct 2025	Flu Immunisation	In School
16 th Oct 2025	School Photos. Individual & Siblings	In School
20 th Oct – 31 st Oct	Half Term	
3 rd Nov 2025	Inset Day	
7 th Nov 2025	Spooky Dress-Up Day (no masks). Bring £1 for the O@K Project	In School

🎃 Spooky Dressing-Up Day – A Fun Fundraiser! 🎃

We're excited to announce a **Spooky Dressing-Up Day** taking place **after Halloween on the 7th November**, with a fun Halloween-style theme! Children are invited to come to school in their spookiest (or silliest!) costumes to help us raise funds for the **O@K Project**.

Important Notes:

- **No masks, please** – while we love a good costume, masks can be frightening for our younger children (and even the Headteacher!).
 - If your child chooses to dress up, please ensure they bring a **£1 donation** to support the Oak Project.
- We look forward to seeing lots of creative costumes and having a day full of fun and laughter!



This year we are collecting
tinned vegetables.