

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

13th February 2026



How wonderful to finish the half term with our annual Red and Pink Day.



Despite the gloomy sky, it certainly did not detract from the brightness and positivity of the children across the school today — it was a lovely way to end a busy and successful half term.

Yesterday we held our Democracy Day, where pupils took part in voting for new equipment for our O@k (Outside at Kenningtons) Project. The winning choice was logs, and we are really looking forward to adding these to our outdoor provision to further enrich children's play experiences.



Our Kenningtons Experiences continue to provide memorable opportunities for pupils:

- Year 1 enjoyed their Great Fire of London Day
- Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum
- Year 5 took part in the Thameside Nature visit and First Aid Workshop
- Year 6 successfully completed a self-defence course

We also marked Safer Internet Day, with pupils benefitting from an informative and engaging presentation delivered by Google, helping them to understand how to stay safe and responsible online.

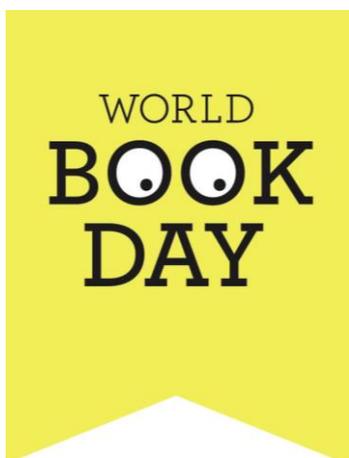


I have written to a small number of parents where children are not being supported with their reading, spelling and maths homework. Regular practice at home is essential; it reduces cognitive load in lessons and allows children to access learning more confidently. I look forward to seeing improvements over the coming half term.

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. Let's hope the next half term brings a little more sunshine!

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes
Headteacher

Thank you for your kind donations, so far we have raised £359.30 for our O@K Project



Attached is information regarding World Book Day and how we are celebrating at Kenningtons.





Week 5: I can work well in a group, cooperating with others to achieve a joint outcome



Headteacher Awards

Week 6: I know that my actions affect other people and can make them feel better or worse.





David – Maths Coach

He arrives promptly to every session, organises the devices for Maths Club and is helpful throughout every session, whether that be assisting our Year 2 children or supporting pupils with strategies to help them achieve. He is an excellent Maths Coach, taking his responsibility very seriously. Mrs Beard



Employee of the Week



6B

2H



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!

Merit Awards

The merit system has been designed to encourage, reward and promote exemplary work and good behaviour. It has also been designed to give recognition to pupils who make a positive contribution to the school that may otherwise go unnoticed. Not only do the merits reward hard work and effort, they also aim to recognise the pupils who are making positive steps to become model citizens in the future.

Number of Merits required to achieve each level:

Bronze = 50 merits (bronze certificate and bronze badge)

Silver = 60 merits (silver certificate and silver badge)

Gold = 75 merits (gold certificate, gold badge and a special trip reward)





We have something
fun and exciting
planned

**Please bring empty, washed,
plastic bottles into school.**

Date	Event	Location
Fri 13 th Feb	Last Day of Spring Term 1	
Mon 23 rd Feb	First Day of Spring Term 2	
	Reception. Chinese New Year Workshop	In School
24 th / 25 th / 26 th / 27 th Feb	Year 6. Bikeability	In School
Wed 25 th Feb	Nursery & Reception. Dentist Workshop	In School
	3G. Wagamama	Lakeside
Fri 27 th Feb	Reception. Dragon Workshop	In School
Tues 3 rd Feb	3M. Wagamama	Lakeside
Wed 4 th March	Year 4. Kew Gardens	Richmond
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day	In School
	Year 6. Chelmsford Museum	Chelmsford
6 / 13 th / 27 th March	Year 6. Bikeability	In School
Fri 13 th March	Year 5. River Cruise	London
Fri 20 th March	Parent Consultation Day (non-pupil day)	
Mon 23 rd March	1J. Florence Nightingale Museum	London
Tues 24 th March	1T. Florence Nightingale Museum	London
Fri 27 th March	Last Day of Spring Term 2	
Mon 13 th April	First Day of Summer Term 1	

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Child Absence: Study Bugs App

Website: www.kenningtonsprimaryacademy.co.uk

Click on the link below for our dinner menus:

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

**When we return, we will be on
Week 2**

We currently have spaces available in Year 3 at our school. If you know anyone who is looking for an outstanding school for their child, please feel free to pass this on and encourage them to enquire.

TA Vacancy:

We have a TA vacancy in School, Click on the link below to complete the application form:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=116875>