

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

16th January 2026



Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

On Monday, we welcomed a visitor from an educational consultancy. They spent the day with Mrs Clarke and myself looking closely at the new Ofsted Framework. Although inspection is a long way off, it is important that we stay up to date and continue to ensure that our pupils are receiving the very best education. The visit gave us confidence that, with just a few small tweaks — particularly in how we present information to inspectors — Kenningtons continues to achieve the highest standards.

One of the ways we demonstrate these high standards is through careful review of pupils' books alongside teachers' planning. Last week, we held a maths scrutiny, focusing on the prior learning checks that pupils complete. I was incredibly impressed by the depth with which teachers could talk about individual pupils, and the books themselves told a very positive and compelling story. As is always the case at Kenningtons, we identified the tiniest of tweaks to make things even better.

Trips and experiences continue to play an important role in enriching our curriculum. Year 6 have begun their self-defence classes, supporting their preparation for transition to secondary school and helping to build confidence and resilience. Year 3 recently visited the National Gallery and the Coliseum to watch *The Nutcracker*. I was fortunate to attend this trip and was extremely impressed by the pupils' behaviour. It was a real pleasure to see how much they enjoyed this wonderful experience and how proudly they represented Kenningtons.

I would also like to remind families that if your child has a secondary school-aged sibling who collects them from school, please speak to them about appropriate behaviour on our playground. Unfortunately, a small number of older pupils have behaved inappropriately and are therefore no longer permitted to enter the school site. Your support in reinforcing expectations will help ensure a safe and positive environment for everyone.

I am very much looking forward to a great Spring Term ahead.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes
Headteacher



Week 1: I can take responsibility for my own actions and learning

Headteacher Awards

Week 2: I can identify, recognise and express a range of feelings





Alex - Health and Safety Monitor

For always turning up to his job, being punctual and performing his role to the best of his ability. His is always very kind and caring to all the children and adults.



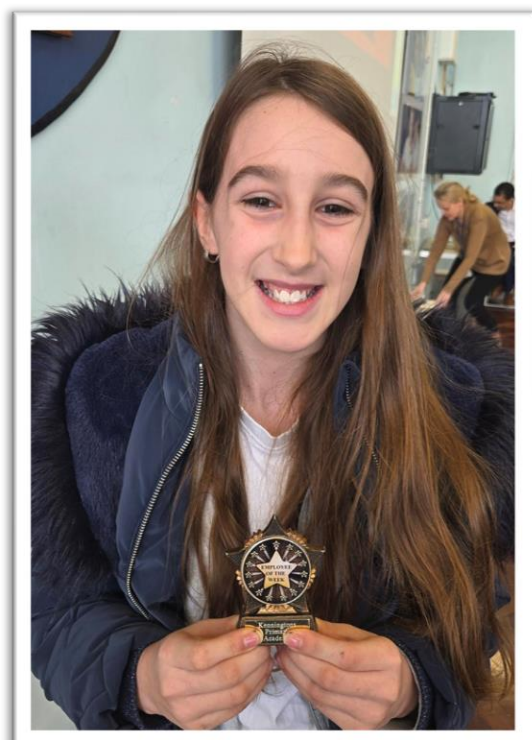
Mrs Turrell



Employees of the Week

Macey - SME

Macey is regularly seen in the corridors, checking that laptops are charged and ready for use. Macey is sensible and organised when distributing equipment to the children and is always willing to help out when other SMEs are absent. Her reliability and support contribute positively to the smooth running of the school- well done.



Mrs Chatfield



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)



🌿 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!



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If you have any unwanted Christmas Jumpers – we are taking donations for our pre-loved stall, ready for net year !



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.

Date	Event	Location
Wed 21st Jan	Year 5. Young Voices	The O2
Tues 27th Jan	2H. Charterhouse – Fit for a Queen	London
Thurs 29th Jan	2P. Charterhouse – Fit for a Queen	London
Fri 30th Jan	Reception. Dinosaur Workshop	In School
Mon 2nd Feb	Year 1. Great Fire of London Workshop	In School
Tues 10th Feb	Year 3. Natural History Museum	London
Thurs 12th Feb	Year 5. Thameside Nature Reserve	Stanford-le-Hope
Fri 13th Feb	Year 5. First Aid Workshop	In School
Fri 13th Feb	Last Day of Spring Term 1	
Mon 23rd Feb	First Day of Spring Term 2	

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