

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

21st November 2025



It has been another wonderfully busy and rewarding fortnight at Kenningtons, filled with rich learning experiences for our pupils.

Kenningtons Experience Highlights.

This week, our Nursery children took part in a *Junkyard Orchestra* workshop, exploring sound, rhythm and creativity in the most imaginative way. Their enthusiasm was infectious!

Year 5 attended the *Walk on Line Roadshow*, where they represented the school impeccably. Their behaviour was absolutely outstanding – I was extremely proud of every single one of them.

We are also excited to share that a brand-new Kenningtons Experience has launched: Tennis Time Traveller at Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club. Pupils had a fabulous day stepping into the history of tennis, seeing the courts, and engaging in activities that brought the sport to life. The knowledge they demonstrated from our curriculum was superb, and once again they were a credit to the school.

A huge thank you to all families who supported their children with the Thurrock Summer Reading Challenge. Your efforts paid off — Kenningtons won the trophy! The children were thrilled, and we are incredibly proud of this achievement.

Next week is Learning Review Week. We look forward to seeing how brilliantly the pupils are achieving and how hard they have been working. It is always a pleasure to celebrate their successes.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes
Headteacher



Week 1: Mutual Respect



Headteacher Awards

Week 2: Tolerance





Darius. This Eco-Warrior is always punctual and enthusiastic about his role. He turns up to meetings early and supports younger Eco-Warriors in their role, leading them to classrooms and helping them with classroom checks. When performing these checks, he is thorough and fair, recording detailed notes for each classroom. He is instrumental in selecting the most Eco-friendly class every week! In order to keep our school tidy and litter free, he has embraced litter picking in the playground and is always willing to cover for other children! Thank you for your hard work and dedication. *Mrs Wheeler*



Employees of the Week

This is for someone who showed incredible responsibility and kindness. Even though it wasn't her usual day to work in the library, she stepped in at very short notice without any fuss. She carried out her duties with a positive attitude, helped keep the library running smoothly, and showed real dedication to our school community. Thank you *Eloise. Miss Hellier*



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**.



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Nursery

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!

Date	Event	Location
Wed 26 th Nov 2025	Year 3. Chelmsford Museum	Chelmsford
Thurs 27 th Nov 2025	Reception. Library Visit	Aveley Library
Thurs 27 th Nov 2025	Flu Immunisation Mop Up	In School
Fri 28 th Nov 2025	Names will be given out for Secret Santa	In School
Mon 1 st Dec 2025	Reception. Memory Making	In School
	Year 2. African Drumming Workshop	In School
Tues 2 nd Dec 2025	Reception. Road Safety Session (for parents/carers and children)	In School
Wed 3 rd Dec 2025	Year 4. British Museum	London
	Year 5. Road safety Session	In School
Fri 5 th Dec 2025	Parent Consultation Day (NON-PUPIL DAY)	Via Teams
Wed 10 th Dec 2025	Year 2. Pantomime	Thameside Theatre
Fri 12 th Dec 2025	Please give your Secret Santa gifts to your class teacher	In School
Wed 17 th Dec 2025	Christmas Dinner Day. Wear Christmas Jumpers	In School
Thurs 18 th Dec 2025	Nursery. Polar Express Day	In School
Fri 19 th Dec 2025	Kenningtons Christmas Day. Wear Christmas Jumpers. Bring £1	In School
22nd Dec 25 – 2nd Jan 26	End of Term	
Mon 5th Jan 2026	First Day of Spring Term 1	

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Child Absence: Study Bugs App

Website:

www.kenningtonsprimaryacdemy.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>

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)

What are Merits awarded for?

Reading Merits

1 merit will be awarded if the child has read at least 4 times that week.

In all years, there should be a comment and signature for each of the daily entries made from an adult to acknowledge the reading.

Please note that an appropriate amount of the book should be read for each entry and that a stamp may not be awarded if only a few pages have been read - particularly as children progress through KS2.

Spelling Merits

1 merit will be awarded for a score of 8 or more from the weekly spelling test.

In Reception, 1 merit per week will be awarded for completing all of the English Superstar Challenges.

Maths Merits

1 merit will be awarded for a score of 8 or more for the weekly maths test.

In years 5 and 6, the merit will be awarded for successful completion of all the Daily Quick 5s.

In Reception, 1 merit will be awarded per week for completing all of the Maths Superstar Challenges.

General Merit Stampers:

- Good manners
- Kind behaviour
- Demonstrating core values
- Effort
- If pupil's work is displayed on core boards
- Receiving the Headteacher Award for the week
- Representing the school in sporting, musical or cultural activities
- Received 100% attendance for each half term
- Performing well in their allocated jobs (animal handlers, safety monitors, eco-warriors etc)
- Good behaviour
- Excellent attitude or work
- Summer Reading Challenge
- 30/30 Challenge

Well done to Louis in 1T –
the first Bronze Award of the
school year !





Pupil Responsibilities

Well done to the children who completed levels 1 & 2 of Bikeability - a cycle program that teaches children how to ride safely.





Children shine in reading challenge

A total of 2,340 children took part in our libraries' Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge this year, beating the participation figures for 2024.

Congratulations to Kenningtons Primary Academy, which this year won the special Summer Reading Challenge School Shield. Kenningtons had 33% of its pupils complete the challenge.

[Find out more about the Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Winners of the
Summer Reading
Challenge
2025 !