

Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

16th October 2026



As we approach the end of half term, there is plenty to celebrate at Kenningtons!

I have enjoyed working with our Class Champions on the new school meal menu. They all did a great job of gathering the views of pupils in their classes and making sure their ideas were represented. It is lovely to see our children taking their responsibilities seriously and helping to shape school life.

This half term, letters have been sent to parents where children need more consistent support with their home learning. Regular reading, spelling practice and learning maths facts help children build confidence and develop the foundations they need to succeed in the classroom. Thank you to everyone who makes time for this at home. If you are finding it difficult to establish a routine, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can help.

The Kenningtons Experience has provided some memorable opportunities this half term. Reception welcomed an artist into school who drew caricatures of the children, while Year 1 enjoyed a History of Toys workshop. This new addition replaces the visit to the Young V&A, providing a more hands-on experience suited to our younger pupils. Year 6 also visited Duxford Air Museum, bringing their history learning to life. There is plenty more planned for next half term!

Thank you for your generous donations to Thurrock Foodbank. Kenningtons has supported the food bank for many years, and your kindness helps families in our local community who are experiencing difficult times. It is also a valuable opportunity for our children to learn about care, generosity and helping others.

Next half term, our thoughts will begin to turn towards Christmas! As always, we will send a separate *Christmas Countdown* with the dates and information you need to prepare for the celebrations ahead.

I would also like to acknowledge how hard our staff work. Mrs Clarke and I have very high expectations, and improvement is a continuous process at Kenningtons. Staff are always reflecting on their practice and finding ways to make learning and school life even better for our children. The end of half term is always a time for reflection and today I am reflecting on how hard staff at Kenningtons work. Alongside this hard work is the care they show for the children they teach. They invest considerable time, energy and thought into helping your children feel safe, happy and successful. A simple thank you means a great deal. If a member of staff has made a positive difference to your child, please consider sending them a short email. Your kind words help them to know that you notice and appreciate their hard work, their dedication to Kenningtons and their commitment to the children entrusted to our care.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. I hope you and your families enjoy a lovely half-term break.

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



Week 5: Taking Risks

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Salad Bar. Tiara 4W

She is a dedicated and reliable member of the salad bar team who consistently turns up, carries out her duties conscientiously and can always be counted on. She has a kind and welcoming nature, and she is a valued member of the team who is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Wallin





Well done to
Kangaroos for being
this weeks Eco Hero's

🌿 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 Cross Country – Overall Champions!** 🏃🥇

What an incredible achievement for Kenningtons! 🏆 Our fantastic KS2 team finished with the lowest overall score, securing **1st place and the title of Thurrock Cross Country Champions!**

We are so proud of all our runners for their determination, teamwork and fantastic effort. They truly showed what can be achieved when we work together and give it our all! 💪👏

A huge well done to everyone involved in this amazing success.

You've made Kenningtons proud! ❤️🏆

Date	Class	Location
Mon 5 th Oct	Year 1. History of Toys Workshop	In School
Mon 5 th Oct	Year 6. Height & Weight Measurements	In School
Tues 6 th Oct	Food Bank Collection	
Mon 12 th Oct	Year 5. West Stow Trip	Suffolk
Mon 12 th Oct	Year 6. Imperial War Museum Trip	Duxford
Thurs 15 th Oct	School Photos. Individual & Sibling	In School
19 th – 30 th October	HALF TERM	
Mon 2 nd Nov	INSET DAY (non-pupil Day)	
Tues 3 rd Nov	AUTUMN TERM 2 BEGINS	
Tues 3 rd Nov	Ancient Greek Workshop	In School
Fri 6 th Nov	Spooky Dress Up Day	In School
Fri 4 th Dec	Parent Consultation Day (non-pupil Day)	

Year Group	PE Days
Reception	Mondays
Year 1	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Year 2	Mondays & Tuesdays
Year 3	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Year 4	Thursdays & Fridays
Year 5	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
Year 6	Wednesdays & Fridays

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