Kenningtons Primary Academy

Newsletter

17th November 2026

Welcome back! I hope you and your families enjoyed the half-term break. It has been lovely to see the children settle back into school and hear about what they have been doing.

Handwriting at Kenningtons

Mrs Clarke and I have developed our own handwriting scheme for Kenningtons. All teachers received training on our INSET day, and our teaching assistants received training the following week. The new handwriting lessons are now under way and, although the children's handwriting was already good, we have seen a marked improvement in a short time. We want children to develop consistent handwriting habits and use them in all their written work. Mrs Clarke and I will be looking through books across the school to see how well pupils are applying what they have learnt in their handwriting lessons.

Remembrance Day

Last Wednesday, all pupils marked Remembrance Day. It was an important opportunity for us to pause together and remember those who gave their lives to keep us safe and protect the freedoms we enjoy in a democracy.

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccination nurses commented on how well behaved our pupils were and how smoothly and quickly the session ran. Well done to the children for making such a positive impression.

The Kenningtons Experience

Our Nursery children made music together in a Junk Orchestra workshop, while Year 4 brought their learning about Ancient Greece to life with a Greek workshop. The costumes looked fantastic. Thank you to the families who helped get the children ready for the day. If you have any costumes your child has outgrown or no longer needs, please consider donating them to school. We can resell them at an affordable price, helping other families and keeping perfectly good costumes out of landfill.

Learning Review Week

Next week is Learning Review Week. It gives pupils a chance to show what they have learnt and what they can remember from earlier lessons. I look forward to meeting with each class teacher to discuss pupils' progress and what they need to work on next. Teachers will share this with you at Parent Consultation Day.

Mrs Sawtell-Haynes. Headteacher



Headteacher Award
Asking Questions



British Values
Mutual Respect







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!



Well done to4K and 3G for being this weeks Eco Hero's

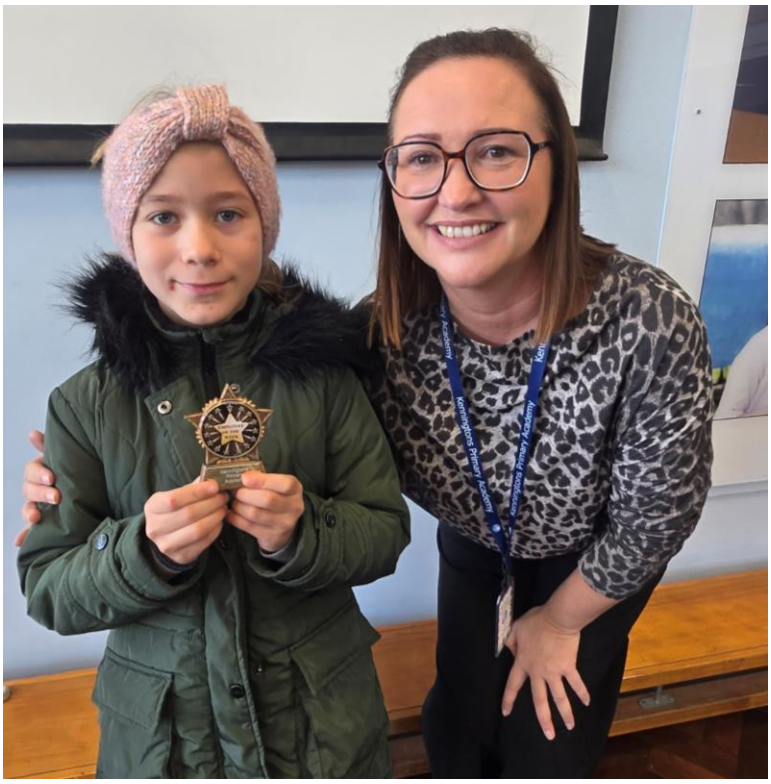


Employees of the Week



This week's Employee of the Week is a fantastic role model who always approaches her job with enthusiasm and a smile on her face. She is eager to help, arrives early and is always ready to get started. She takes great pride in keeping our playground clean by regularly litter picking and shows brilliant initiative by spotting jobs that need doing without being asked. Her positive attitude, reliability and willingness to go above and beyond make her a real asset to our school community. Well done Tobie!
Mrs Wheeler

This member of cabin crew is extremely conscientious. She works hard every break time to ensure that her area is ready for everyone to use at lunch time. She has excellent communication skills and will always share any problems promptly and clearly.
Thank you for your dedication Maria!
Mrs Goyette



Our **Cabin Crew & O@K Rangers** provide toys and games for the children to play with.







Mrs Sawtell-Haynes. Thank you for all you do for the school and its pupils.

Dear Mrs Sawtell-Haynes,
I truly admire the strong, caring ethos you have built at Kennington Primary School, I feel the disciplined, cadet-style teaching you and your team provide gives children an excellent foundation they would not get elsewhere. I am very grateful my child is in your care, and delighted to see how much they have progressed — developing every small skill of mind, heart, thought and caring nature under your guidance. I have always found you so warm and approachable.

Date	Class	Location
Mon 16th Nov	Kangaroo. Library Visit	Aveley
Mon 16th Nov	Year 1. Local Walk	Aveley
Tues 17th Nov	Koala. Library Visit	Aveley
Wed 18th Nov	Nursery / Reception / Year 1. Oral Health Visits	In School
Mon 23rd Nov	Year 2. Africa Workshop	In School
Wed 25th Nov	Year 3. Chelmsford Museum	Chelmsford
Mon 30th Nov	Reception. Memory Making Plates	In School
Thurs 3rd Dec	Year 4. Natural History Museum	London
Mon 7th Dec	Year 6. RAF Museum	Hornchurch
Thurs 10th Dec	Year 2. Pantomime	Grays
Fri 11th Dec	Year 1. Walk to St Michaels Church	Aveley
Fri 11th Dec	Reception. Height & Weight Checks	In School
Mon 14th Dec	Year 6. RAF Museum	Hornchurch
Mon 14th Dec	Reception. Height & Weight Checks	In School
Tues 15th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day Wear Christmas Jumpers	In School
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Event	In School
Thurs 17th Dec	Nursery. The Polar Express	In School
Fri 18th Dec	Christmas Day Wear a Christmas Outfit or Pyjamas Bring £1	In School
Fri 18th Dec	**LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM 2**	
Mon 4th Jan	**FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 1**	



Christmas Jumpers and Pyjamas are now available on our Pre-Loved Rail for £1