



Kents Hill Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Year 6 Windrush Workshop

As part of their history topic this year, our children will take part in a range of opportunities designed to support their personal development. These experiences help them to understand and engage with the world around them while bringing the curriculum to life. All activities are age-appropriate and will ensure that children look back fondly on their time at KHJS, having created some of their best core memories.

On Tuesday 3rd February, 2026, the children will participate in an immersive Windrush workshop delivered by an external provider in school. Each class will take part in a workshop during the day where they will pack their bags, leaving the Caribbean Island of Jamaica and board HMT Windrush to journey to post war Britain. Through drama, role play and song, they will look at the hardships and triumphs encountered by the Windrush generation and understand how this period in history has led to the vibrant, diverse and multicultural society we see today.

Clothing

To enhance the experience, we are inviting children to come to school in costume for the day. There is no need to purchase anything new—we have included some simple ideas on the reverse page.

As the event takes place on school premises, lunch will run as normal. To cover the cost of this experience, we kindly request a contribution of £7, payable via the Schoolcomms online payment system. Although this contribution is voluntary, the event will not be able to go ahead unless all or most of the costs are covered **by Tuesday 20th January 2026.**

We understand that some families may find it challenging to cover this expense. Any small contribution will make a huge difference in ensuring every child can join this special experience.

If you are able, you can opt to pay £10 instead of £7, with the additional £3 being treated as a donation towards supporting other children who may require assistance to attend the workshop. Your kindness and support will help ensure that every child has the opportunity to take part in this enriching experience. If, through the generosity of our families, we receive more funds than the cost of the workshop, any remaining amount will be ring-fenced for future use to benefit your children.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team

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Windrush Workshop Costume Ideas

- Long dresses
- Trousers (school trousers)
- Shirt (school shirt)
- Tie
- Smart shoes
- Fedora, trilby or straw hats
- Skirt and blouse/shirt (school skirt and shirt)
- Colourful accessories
- Colourful cardigans



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