



Kents Hill Junior School

**Be Ready ~ Be Respectful ~ Be Safe
Successful ~ Creative ~ Kind
For Today ~ For Tomorrow ~ For the Future**



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Dear Parents/Carers, Newsletter

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It has been a pleasure to see so much enthusiasm and creativity around school this week. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their cooking day, working collaboratively to prepare and taste a range of dishes while developing valuable life skills. Meanwhile, Year 4 impressed us with their focus and perseverance during their sewing activities, producing some wonderful work and showing great pride in their achievements. Year 6 have been developing their knowledge on the digestive system and kidney sizes in science and Year 3 have been using some amazing descriptive language about Paddington Bear in their writing lessons.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our upcoming parent/carer drop-in session (book look) on Wednesday. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend, Miss Parkes

Be Ready

Top 12%

I am absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news about Kents Hill Junior School's Year 6 SATS outcomes last year. For the third consecutive year, our school has improved its results placing us in the **top 12% of primary schools in Essex** and the **top 12% nationally**. Even more impressively, we are among the highest-achieving schools in Castle Point - an incredible accomplishment for our whole school community.

These results are a true reflection of the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our amazing pupils, who embrace their learning with determination and enthusiasm. They are also the result of our incredible staff, whose passion for teaching ensures that every child has the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support, encouragement, and partnership of our parents and carers - thank you for helping your children achieve their very best.

What makes this achievement particularly exciting is what it means for the future: our pupils are exceptionally well-prepared to move into Key Stage 3. They have the confidence, resilience, and strong academic foundations needed to tackle new challenges, explore new opportunities and continue to grow as learners and individuals. These results show that KHJS is not only a place where children excel academically but also a school that nurtures curiosity, independence and a lifelong love of learning.

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils of 2024-2025 — they should be very proud of themselves!

You can view the performance tables [here](#)

Be Safe

Attendance

Please report any absences via the normal procedure by contacting the school office **before 9:00am**. It is now mandatory that any absence is reported using the absence phone line and must not be communicated via email or on the School Gateway App. A phone call **must** be made for each day of absence. Our Wellbeing Team are available to support you with any concerns or queries you may have. Please contact the Wellbeing Team on the main office number if you would like to discuss.

Online Safety

For more online safety advice, please go to: www.saferinternet.org.uk or <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>



Be Ready

Parent/Carer Drop-in session—Wednesday 21st January 2026

Please be advised that we will be having a parent/carer 'Drop-in' session on Wednesday 21st January 2026. This will take place from 3:20pm — 3:45pm and will be an opportunity for you to pop in and take a look at your child's books in their classroom. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Essex Libraries Winter Reading Challenge

This year, the theme is 'Pawfessionals' and children will complete a range of fun, interactive, literacy-boosting activities to earn stickers! Plus, they can enter the big prize draw for some amazing prizes. Children can sign up in any Essex Library, any time between Saturday 10th January 2026 and Sunday 22nd February 2026. More information can be found on the Essex Libraries website: [Winter Reading Challenge 2026 | News | Essex Library Service](#)



Lost Property

We have accumulated a huge amount of lost property this academic year purely due to items being unnamed. Can you please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child(rens) names so that we can get the items back to their rightful owners.

Our school has an ID code with Mynametags.com - suppliers of washable, easy to use name labels which can be used on school uniform, equipment, shoes and more! For every order placed using the ID code, money is raised that will go towards the school PTA Fund. The ID is **19116** and orders can be made on <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=19116>



INFORMATION

Havens Hospice

Can you spare the gift of time? Can you spare a few hours each week to help to raise vital funds for the people they care for by volunteering at one of their charity shops or events.

Volunteering is a great way to share your skills and to learn new ones, it can be very rewarding and become a fulfilling part of your life. Making new friends and creating new opportunities is all part of the volunteering experience. To learn about volunteering for Havens please speak to your local shop manager or call 01702 886399. For further information please go to their website, havenshospices.org.uk/volunteering



Considerate parking

Please may we ask that all of our parents and carers park considerately around the local area. We have been contacted by some local residents who have mentioned that their driveways have been blocked or cars have been parked in dangerous locations making it unsafe for people to cross safely. Please may we also ask that no pupils are dropped off outside our vehicle gate to ensure the safety of the pupils and on coming traffic. This must be kept clear at all times. Thank you for your understanding.

ATTENDANCE

3AB	99%
3LP	99%
5EM	97%
3LJ	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
4MM	96%
4RE	96%
6CA	96%
5NA	95%
5MR	94%
6JC	94%
4EKF	93%
6LT	90%

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts



The following pupils have received the most points in their class this week for being Ready, Respectful and Safe and being Successful, Creative and Kind.

3AB	Freddie N	5EM	Johnnie B
3LJ	Frankie B	5MR	Teddy C
3LP	Emily T	5NA	Esme Harty
4EKF	Amelia D	6CA	Ahmed F
4MM	Lexi C	6JC	Zara G
4RE	Matthew S	6LT	Damien M

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Social Media accounts can be found on the following links:



<https://www.facebook.com/Kents-Hill-Junior-School->



<https://www.instagram.com/kentshilljuniorschool/>



<https://twitter.com/KentsHillJnr>



<https://youtube.com/@KHJS-mm4gd>

[#KentsHillDifference](https://twitter.com/KentsHillJnr)

KEY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class 3AB Spurs workshop	Monday 19th Jan	AM
Class 4MM spurs workshop	Monday 19th Jan	AM
Dance Festival	Wednesday 21st Jan	PM
Parent/Carer Drop-in session	Wednesday 21st Jan	3:20pm—3:45pm
Year 3 DT day	Thursday 22nd Jan	All day
Class 4EKF Spurs workshop	Monday 26th Jan	AM
Class 4RE Spurs workshop	Monday 26th Jan	AM
SEND coffee/topic session	Monday 26th Jan	2:30pm
Year 6 Antisocial workshop	Thursday 29th Jan	All day
Class 5MR Spurs workshop	Monday 2nd Feb	AM
Class 5EM Spurs workshop	Monday 2nd Feb	AM
School closing at 12:30pm	Wednesday 4th Feb	12:30pm

MENU

The school menu for next week will be Week 3 from the Autumn/Winter 2025 menu. A

copy of the menu can be found on our website: [https://](https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/)

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (D, G, E*) with Potato Wedges	Sweet and Sour Chicken (S, Y, G) with Rice	Pork Sausage (M, S, Y, G) with Mashed Potatoes (V) and Gravy	Chicken and Pesto Pasta Bake (G)	Fish Fingers (F, G) and Chips
OPTION 2	Cheesy Pasta Twists (D, G)	Sweet and Sour Veg (S, Y, G) with Rice	Vegan Quorn Sausage (G) with Mashed Potatoes (V) and Gravy	Mexican Mixed Rice Wrap (G)	Quorn Nuggets (G) and Chips
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato with Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese (D) or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese (D) or Baked Beans
VEGETABLES	Carrots Cauliflower	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Cabbage Carrots	Broccoli Carrots	Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Shortbread (G) with Peaches	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G)	Ice Cream (D) with Fruit Cocktail	Vanilla Cookie (G)	Chocolate Cornflake (D*, S*, G)

At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss J Parkes

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