



# 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

Term: Autumn | Date: Friday 9th January 2026

This week at KHJS we have been exploring melodies and rhythms using glockenspiels and keyboards, building both their confidence and creativity. In geography, we've been diving into map skills, working with six-figure grid references and learning all about longitude and latitude. Our science lessons have been equally fascinating, as Y6 have been discovering the internal organs of the body and how they all work together to keep us healthy. Thank you to all of our families for your support and compassion this week. Your care has made a real difference and helped ensure a positive week for our children. Have a lovely weekend, Miss Parkes

### Be Ready

#### Congratulations to Mrs Thurley

We are delighted to confirm that Mrs Thurley had a beautiful baby girl over the Christmas break. She was born on 29th December weighing a healthy 7lb 8oz. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating Mr & Mrs Thurley on their new arrival.

#### 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](http://www.essexlibraries.org.uk)



#### School Clubs

A letter detailing all of the clubs was sent out to all parents and carers before our Christmas break. These will all be starting next week, commencing 12th January 2026.

All pupils have been successful in gaining a place unless informed otherwise.



#### Spring Term Diary

The dates for the Spring Term Diary were sent out via before the Christmas break. A copy can also be found on our school website via the following link:

<https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

### Be Respectful

#### Dodgeball competition—Wednesday 7th January 2026

Well done to the following Year 5/6 pupils who participated in the Dodgeball Competition at The Deanes School on Wednesday. They managed to get through to the quarter finals!

Harry E	Elsa M
Colby J	Selina C
Frankie L	Mia G
Jude L	Kai A
Gerry F	



### Be Ready

#### Year 2- 3 admissions for September 2026

Please be informed that the junior school admission round opened on Monday 10th November 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

Parents of current Year 2 children in the infant school need to make a formal application to the Council via the website: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).



#### PTA meeting—Tuesday 13th January 2026

Please be advised that following our questionnaire for dates for the next PTA meeting, we can confirm that by popular demand our PTA meeting for the Spring Term has been booked in for **Tuesday 13th January 2026 @ 2:15pm**.

If you would like to attend, please come along and report to the school office for this time. We look forward to seeing you then.



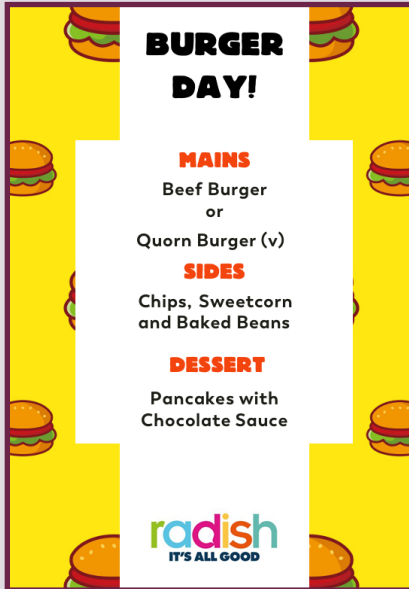
#### Parent/Carer Drop-in session—Wednesday 21st January 2026

Please be advised that we will be having a parent/carers '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.

## INFORMATION

### Burger Day - Lunch Menu Change

Please note that on Thursday 15th January 2026 we will be holding our special "Burger Day" lunch. The menu will be as follows (there will also be the option of a Jacket Potato as usual):



## ATTENDANCE

5EM	98%
3LJ	97%
4EKF	97%
6JC	97%
<b>KHJS TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>
4MM	96%
5MR	95%
3LP	94%
5NA	94%
3AB	93%
4RE	91%
6CA	91%
6LT	88%

### 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	Meadow W-K	5EM	Beau M
3LJ	Harry W	5MR	Younis A
3LP	Annie P	5NA	Jake D
4EKF	Ronnie R	6CA	Musa Z
4MM	Nathan R	6JC	Freddie T
4RE	Sai M	6LT	Ellie G

## 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](#)

## KEY DATES

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Deanes sports clubs start this week	W/C 12th Jan	All week
Staff run clubs start this week	W/C 12th Jan	All week
Class 3LJ Spurs workshop	Monday 12th Jan	AM
Class 3LP Spurs workshop	Monday 12th Jan	AM
Year 5 DT cooking day	Tuesday 13th Jan	All day
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

## MENU

The school menu for next week will be Week 2 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 Pasta (G)	Vegan Sausage Roll (D*, S, G) with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes (V), Yorkshire Pudding (E, D, G) and Gravy	Mild Chicken Korma and Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers (E, G) and Chest
OPTION 2	Tomato Pasta (G)	Potato and Vegetable Frittata (D)	Quorn Roast (E, D) with Roast Potatoes (V), Yorkshire Pudding (E, D, G) and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese (D, G)	Vegetable Onions (G) and Onions
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	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Cauliflower Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Chocolate and Pear Sponge (E, G)	Fruity Cookie (G) with Apple Slices	Strawberry Jelly	Plain Flapjack (G)	Chef's Cookie (G) with Fruit

THIS MENU SHOWS THE ALLERGENS CONTAINED IN EACH DISH. AS LISTED BELOW. THESE ARE A GUIDELINE ONLY AND IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY OTHER ALLERGENS THEN WE WILL TALK TO YOU INDIVIDUALLY TO ASSESS YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS. ALLERGEN KEY: GLUTEN (G), CRUSTACEANS (C), SOYBEAN (S), NUTTREE (N), SESAME (SE), SULPHITES/SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO), MUSTARD (M), EGGS (E), FISH (F), FRUIT (FR), WHEAT (W), MILK (M), CELERIAC (CEL), CALAMEN/CALAMY (CL), BUTYR (BU), LUPINE (LU)

**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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