



Kents Hill Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter 04.09.26

A Wonderful First Week Back!

What a lovely first week back we have had! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are feeling ready for the year ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome all of our new pupils and their families to KHJS. Everyone has settled in beautifully and it has been lovely to see our children looking so smart in their uniforms and arriving each morning with such enthusiasm.

A special mention must go to our new Year 3 children, who have settled into life at KHJS exceptionally well. We are already incredibly proud of them!

Walking around the school this week, I have seen so much incredible learning taking place. Our children are already getting stuck into their new topics and it has been fantastic to see classrooms filled with curiosity and creativity. There has also been lots of lovely art happening across the school, which we can't wait to share with you!

For those of you who are new to our KHJS family, I would encourage you to follow us on social media to keep up with all the wonderful things happening across our school. We love sharing the children's learning, achievements and the many moments that make KHJS such a special place to be.

We look forward to seeing you all at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Parkes
Headteacher

Kents Hill Highlights



Year 3

Today, Year 3 had lots of fun making music together! We learnt a new song, "Rain on the Green Grass", and explored how to sing it in unison and then in a round. We also became rhythm experts as we clapped and tapped our knees to the rhythm and pulse of the music. It was fantastic to hear everyone listening carefully, keeping the beat and working together as a musical team!



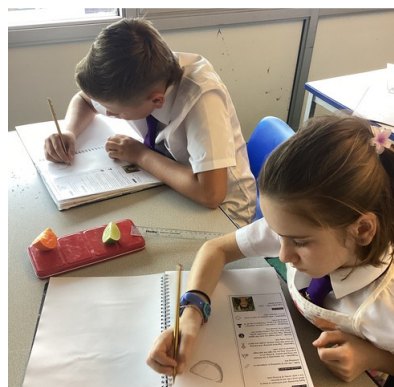
Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back! ✨ One of the highlights was our Art lesson, where we focused on still life paintings. The children used viewfinders to carefully select and frame sections of their compositions, paying close attention to shape, form and detail.



Year 5

Year 5 have settled back to school really well and have impressed all their teachers. This week Year 5 looked at a variety of stretches and balances in gymnastics. Together in partners



Year 6

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the year! They have shown incredible behaviours towards their learning and are keen to get stuck in. A highlight was our art lesson, where children used different mark making patterns to create

they were finding new ways to balance using symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes.

images using sketching pencils and watercolour. We are using some of their fantastic creations for their WOW walls! Well done, Year 6!

Be Ready

Payment system and email communication

We have our School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system at Kents Hill Junior School. This is a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school dinners, school trips, breakfast and after school club at anytime from anywhere.



All school related communication, breakfast & after school club bookings, dinners and payments should go through School Gateway (Schoolcomms).

Please note that all children attending breakfast club/after school club are required to be booked into sessions using the app.

To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search School Gateway in your App store and download.

For any new parents/carers—your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information we already have, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to admin@kentshill-jun.essex.sch.uk.

We value the importance of a positive relationship between school and home. If at any point you would like to liaise with school staff we have the following set up:

Be Safe

School Drop off and Collection

The gates will be open in the morning from 8:40am to 8:50am. The end of the school day is 3:20pm for the whole school.

Please ensure that if your child is due to be collected by another parent at the end of the day the office has been informed. They will then make sure the class teacher is aware of the end of day arrangements for your child. No pupil should be taken home by another parent unless this has been prearranged.

No dogs on school site

Whilst we love animals at Kents Hill Junior school, dogs are not permitted within the inner perimeter of the school grounds at any time (this includes in arms or inside jackets).



May we seek everyone's co-operation and your support in not leaving dogs unattended, tied up to school fencing. This is for the safety of the dog as well as for the benefit of others including ensuring a clear path in and out of school for those who wish to avoid dogs. Our priority is always the safeguarding of our pupils and whole school community.

School gate

Please note that the pedestrian gate by the car park has a keypad and buzzer on it. This gate will be open from 7:30am (in time for breakfast club) until 9am. After this period you will have to push the buzzer for the school office and we will let you in. The gate will remain closed until the end of the school day. There is also a buzzer for the school office reception door for visitors and late pupils. Please can you ensure that if your child is late that an adult brings them to the school office to sign them in.

Year 6 Walking home

Please can we ask that you let the school know if your Year 6 child is to walk home by themselves. This can be done by giving permission via the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/HWB93G5BjJ23RfjA6>

Be Respectful

Mobile Phones - Year 6

Only Year 6 children are allowed a mobile phone. These must be switched off as soon as the pupil enters the school site in the morning and placed in the mobile phone boxes located at the front and back playground. They can only be switched on again when they leave the site at the end of the day. Any infringement of these rules will lead to the phone being confiscated until an adult can collect it from the office. The pupil will also lose the privilege of bringing a phone to school.

School Clubs

A letter will be sent out early next week regarding staff lead school clubs & The Deanes sports clubs. All clubs will start from Monday 14th September 2026. The clubs run from 3:20pm to 4:20pm.

Information

Allergies

This is a polite reminder to all Parents/Carers that we have several children who have severe allergies to nuts and nut-based products. In the interests of their wellbeing we have banned all nuts or nut-based products from the school site. Please support this by ensuring that you check the labels of the processed items that you send into school for your child's snack or packed lunch. Thank you.

Medication in School

Should your child need medication during the school day, we will require parental permission to administer this.

Medication should not be sent into school with your child, this must be handed into the school office who will give you the necessary paperwork to complete. Please note that we are only able to administer prescribed medication.

School Uniform

The pupils look incredibly smart in their new school uniforms.

This makes an enormous difference to the ethos and image of the school. Please can you ensure that you mark every item including ties with your child's name and class.

Parents of Year 3 Pupils

To ensure that we have the most up to date information for your child, please could you complete and return your child's Data Collection form to the school office as soon as possible if you have not yet done so.

Messages for Pupils

The school office operates a 'Messages for Pupils' system whereby you are able to get an important message to your child for the end of the school day. Any message for your child must be received by the office staff by 2:45pm to ensure it is delivered to your child on time.

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.

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.

PE Days

Please be reminded of the PE days for this year:

- Year 3 = Wednesday
- Year 4 = Tuesday
- Year 5 = Thursday
- Year 6 = Monday

Key Dates

Open day @ The King John School for Year 6 - Saturday 5th September (9am - 1pm)

Year 3 Meet the Teacher - Monday 7th September (3:30pm)

Year 5 Meet the Teacher - Tuesday 8th September (3:30pm)

The Appleton School Roadshow for Year 6 Parents/Carers - Wednesday 9th September (9am)

Year 6 Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 9th September (3:30pm)

Year 4 Meet the Teacher - Thursday 10th September (3:30pm)

Deanes Sports clubs Commence - W/C 14th September

School run clubs commence - W/C 14th September

Open evening @ The Appleton School for Year 6 -Thursday 17th September (6pm)

Attendance

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

4AB	100%
6HC	98%
KHJS TARGET	97%
3LP	96%
4RE	96%
3LJ	95%
4TA	94%
6JC	94%
5ML	92%
5MR	92%
6CA	92%
3MM	91%
5NA	88%

Menu

The school menu for next week will be Week 2 from the Autumn/Winter 2026 menu. A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

MADE FOR YOU.
GREAT STUFF.
Every day.

Week 2

07/09/26, 28/09/26,
19/10/26, 16/11/26,
07/12/26, 11/01/27, 01/02/27

Kents Hill Infant & Junior Schools
Autumn/Winter 2026/7



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA & WEDGES	BBQ CHICKEN, BEAN & RICE WRAP	ROAST CHICKEN, ROASTIES, YORKSHIRE PUD & GRAVY	SPAGHETTI MEATBALLS	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	TOMATO PASTA (Ve) & GARLIC BREAD	BBQ BEAN & CHEESE RICE WRAP	CHEESE & TOMATO PINWHEEL, ROASTIES, YORKSHIRE PUD & GRAVY	VEGETABLE LASAGNE	VEGAN SAUSAGE ROLL & CHIPS (Ve)
OPTION 3	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE	JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE
SIDES	BAKED BEANS BROCCOLI	CARROTS SWEETCORN	CARROTS BROCCOLI	SWEETCORN GREEN BEANS	PEAS BAKED BEANS
DESSERT	CHOCOLATE COOKIE & APPLES	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	STRAWBERRY JELLY (Ve)	FLAPJACK (Ve)	SHORTBREAD & PEACHES

We always meet the government food-based standard for school lunches. All of our meals are freshly prepared on-site by our team to ensure there are no undesirable additives. Many of our dishes contain hidden vegetables to increase vegetable intake. We are continuously working to reduce the amount of refined sugar in our menus.

AVAILABLE DAILY

FRESH BREAD & SALAD BAR
YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT



SCAN FOR ALLERGENS



Class Dojo

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.

- 3LJ - Evelyn T
- 3LP - Atarah O
- 3MM - Darcey K
- 4AB - Lily M
- 4RE - Arlo B-B
- 4TA - Max M
- 5ML - Rebecca F
- 5MR - Shimon J
- 5NA - Ronnie A
- 6CA - Anaya A
- 6HC - Kourtney S
- 6JC - Alice P



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