



# 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 19th December 2025

A huge thank you for all your support this term!

Well done to the children for their fantastic singing this week and a big thank you to parents and carers for joining in and making the festive celebrations so special. As we draw the term to a close, we've celebrated our first 'Always' Treat of the academic year and enjoyed our 7 days of KHJS Christmas—with snow, crafts, extra play, the raffle, Santa's quiz, a sweet treat and a Christmas party.

Across the term, it has been such a joy to welcome visitors into school—everyone has been so impressed by how wonderful our children are, especially how respectful and their brilliant learning behaviours. We are all so lucky to work in a school with such amazing children, dedicated staff and a supportive community.

For a tiny glimpse of just some of the fun we've had this term, please see the third page of today's newsletter—we could never fit it all on one page!

Wishing you a joyful and relaxing holiday, and we can't wait to see you all in the new year.

Miss Parkes

### Be Ready

#### 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](#)



#### School Clubs

A letter detailing all of the clubs was sent out to all parents and carers this week. These will start week commencing 12th January 2026. Letters for the Deanes before school clubs were also sent home with your child this week.

Our paid Breakfast, Government Free Breakfast and After School Club facilities will run from the first day back after the Christmas break, Tuesday 6th January 2026.



#### Spring Term Diary

A copy of the Spring Term diary was sent out on Wednesday. Please note that Monday 5th January is a Non-Pupil Day. Spring Term Commences on Tuesday 6th January 2026. A copy can also be found on our school website via the following link:

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

### Be Safe

#### Online Safety

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit [www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings](http://www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings) for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.



### 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).



#### Christmas Singing Assemblies

All of pupils performed brilliantly at their Christmas concerts this week. We hope you enjoyed their songs! Thank you all for coming.

#### PTA – Easy Fundraising

Would you like to raise money for your child's school with nothing more than the click of a button?

Here is how you can:

- Log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
- Choose a cause 'The Friends of Kents Hill Junior School'.
- Enter a few basic details about yourself to set up an account.
- Search your retailer and you will be taken to their website where you can shop as normal.

The school then receives a percentage commission on your shop at no additional cost to you.

With Christmas approaching, and many of us buying on the internet, this is an ideal time to set up an account for yourself.

But remember Easy fundraising is not just for Christmas you can raise extra funds for the school all year round, just by remembering to go through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)



## INFORMATION

## 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

<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>	Tuesday 6th Jan	8:40am
<b>Year 5/6 Dodgeball competition (by invitation only)</b>	Wednesday 7th Jan	All day
<b>SEN One Plan phone calls home</b>	Wednesday 7th Jan	3:30pm—5pm
<b>Deanes sports clubs start this week</b>	W/C 12th Jan	All week
<b>Staff run clubs start this week</b>	W/C 12th Jan	All week
<b>Class 3LJ Spurs workshop</b>	Monday 12th Jan	AM
<b>Class 3LP Spurs workshop</b>	Monday 12th Jan	AM
<b>Year 5 DT cooking day</b>	Tuesday 13th Jan	All day
<b>Class 3AB Spurs workshop</b>	Monday 19th Jan	AM
<b>Class 4MM spurs workshop</b>	Monday 19th Jan	AM
<b>Dance Festival</b>	Wednesday 21st Jan	PM

## MENU

The school menu for after the Christmas break will be Week 1 from the Autumn/Winter 2025 menu. A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

radsh IT'S ALL GOOD		KENT'S HILL INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL AUTUMN/WINTER 2025				
WEEK 1 01/09, 22/09, 13/10, 10/11, 01/12, 05/01, 26/01		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (D, G, E) with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Pasta (G)	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes (Y), Yorkshire Pudding (E, D, G) and Gravy	Feniki Chicken (S) with Mixed Rice	Fish Fingers (F, G) or Salmon Fish Fingers (F, G) and Chips	
OPTION 2	Tomato and Basil Pasta (G)	Vegetarian Bolognese (S) with Pasta (G)	Cheesy Lentil Roast (E, D) with Roast Potatoes (Y)	Mixed Bean Chili Con Carne with Mixed Rice	Vegetable Gyoizons (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	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Broccoli Peas	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans	
DESSERT	Banana Marble Cake (Y, G)	Anzac Biscuit (Y, G) with Apple Slices	Strawberry Jelly	Vanilla Sponge (E, G) with Sprinkles	Chocolate Cookie (G) with Fruit Slices	

## ATTENDANCE

5EM	97%
6JC	97%
<b>KHJS TARGET</b>	<b>97%</b>
4MM	96%
4RE	95%
6CA	95%
3AB	94%
4EKF	94%
3LJ	93%
3LP	93%
5NA	93%
5MR	92%
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	Rane C	5EM	Albert S
3LJ	Olivia J	5MR	Harry E
3LP	Georgie B	5NA	Soner G
4EKF	Ava M	6CA	Paige W
4MM	Saylor P	6JC	Freddie W
4RE	Ronnie A	6LT	Selina C

**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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# KHJS AUTUMN ENRICHMENT



Lots of cooking!  
 Year 3 - popcorn, fruity yoghurt and wedged potatoes  
 Year 4 - pizza, bread and soup  
 Year 5 - still to come!  
 Year 6 - salad, pasta and noodle

Apron design winners



Writing poetry with a Michael Rosen workshop



With our amazing new CUSP curriculum, we've created amazing DT projects including in Year 5 sewing bags from repurposed denim jeans and in Year 4 making working hinges on an advent calendar.



Out in the community!  
 • Community week across the school  
 - visits to care homes, collections of books with kind messages, collecting for a food bank  
 • choir to the Mayor's Christmas show



7 days of KHJS Christmas!



YOU ARE AMAZING!

READY~ RESPECT Celebrating each other.



Pupil Leadership & School Council



PTA events:  
 UV Disco  
 Movie Night  
 Christmas Raffle

Raise money for charities and marked special events:  
 Jeans for Genes  
 Odd Socks for Anti-bullying  
 Be Bright for road safety  
 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children  
 Crocheting poppies for Remembrance  
 Santa Fun Run  
 Children in Need



Year 3 local area walk to the church.  
 Year 6 were guided through Metta Bhavana by a practicing Buddhist who visited us.  
 Whole school Christingle service.



Portals to the Past  
 Year 3 - Stone Age  
 Year 4 - Angle Saxon  
 Year 5 - Greeks  
 Year 6 - WW2

18 Free After school clubs  
 4 before school clubs  
 + Rock Steady  
 + Peripatetic music lessons

Personal Passport opportunities!

