



Kents Hill Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter 11.09.26

What a brilliant first full week back at KHJS!

It has been another lovely week at Kents Hill Junior School, with the children now well and truly settled in and into the full swing of learning. It has been wonderful to see classrooms full of enthusiasm, curiosity and some fantastic learning already taking place.

It was also so lovely to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher events across the week. Thank you for taking the time to come along and find out more about our school values, expectations and how we work together to support our children. We hope the sessions have helped to answer any questions you may have, but please don't hesitate to come and speak to us at any point if there is anything else we can help with.

I'm sure you will have seen some of the brilliant art happening across the school on our social media. Our Year 4 children have particularly impressed us this week as they explored textures within nature – I have loved seeing their creativity come to life!

We also held our first Celebration Assembly of the year and our first Golden Tickets have been awarded for our book vending machine! I wonder who will earn one next week...

And what a fantastic start we have made with our Dojos! We have already given out an incredible 10,904 Dojos! Well done to all of our pupils at KHJS – it has been wonderful to see so many

children being recognised for making positive choices, showing our school values and being Ready, Respectful and Safe.

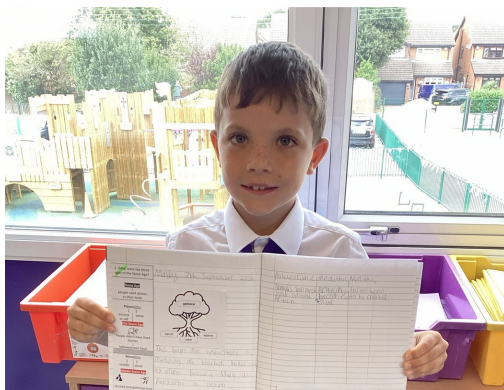
Our brand-new tuck shop, The Snack Shed, also launched this week and was unbelievably popular! Even more special, some of the items available included produce grown right here in our very own allotment. We can't wait to keep growing, creating and adding to The Snack Shed over the coming weeks.

What a fantastic start to the year — and we're only just getting going!

Have a very lovely weekend.

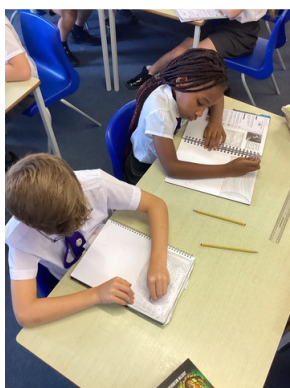
Mrs Parkes
Headteacher

Kents Hill Highlights



Year 3

This week in History, we have travelled thousands of years back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Stone Age! Year 3 have been discovering how people lived during the three different periods of the Stone Age and exploring how their homes, food, tools and everyday lives changed over time.



Year 4

This week in Art, Year 4 headed outside to explore nature and collect natural items such as leaves and twigs. They then used their findings to create beautiful, nature-inspired artwork. The children experimented with different techniques, including creating detailed leaf rubbings, while exploring the shapes, textures and patterns found in nature.



Year 5

Year 5 this week have been exploring the subtractive drawing method inspired by the artist Frank Auerbach. They created natural landscapes by shading in their books and using rubbers to create the features.

Year 6

Year 6 have been planning their narratives about an abandoned KHJS! We have worked hard to include descriptive devices, a variety of adverbials and ambitious vocabulary. We are planning on sharing these narratives with another year group once we have edited and published!

Be Ready

School Clubs

Please be advised that all staff run clubs and Deanes run clubs start from next week commencing, **Monday 14th September**. The clubs run from 3:20pm to 4:20pm. Please be advised that all pupils have been allocated their chosen clubs unless informed otherwise.

Secondary School Admissions Process

The new secondary school admission round will open on Saturday 12th September 2026. This is for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. Applications can be made online via [Secondary school places](#) | [Essex County Council](#)

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 18th September

Each year we hold a non-uniform day for this excellent charity which helps children with congenital conditions. This year, Jeans for Genes Day will take place on Friday 18th September 2026. Please click on the following link to make a donation:



https://www.justgiving.com/page/epsilon-star-20?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

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.

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

Communication with staff

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:

- Informally over the gate at the end of the day. Please note, in the interest of privacy, we will not discuss in detail anything about your child over the gate, the member of staff may therefore let you know they will call you.
- By emailing or phoning the school office. Messages will then be passed on to the appropriate member of staff who will be in touch as soon as possible.

Parents/Carers who wish to visit the school to talk to a member of staff should book an appointment with the office please. Any questions, concerns or enquiries should where possible be via phone call in the first instance.

Stage 1	If you wish to raise a concern or complaint with the school.
	Contact your child's class teacher via email or phone call through the school office and you will receive a call back within 48 hours.
Stage 2	If your concern or complaint is still not resolved to your satisfaction or you have significant or multiple unresolved concerns.
	Contact your child's Head of Year via the school office and they (or an appropriate member of the SLT, Senior Leadership Team) will call you back at the earliest opportunity.
Stage 3	If your concern or complaint is still not resolved to your satisfaction or if you have a safeguarding issue you wish to report.

Information

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.

PE Days

Please be reminded of the PE days for this year:

- Year 3 = Wednesday

- Year 4 = Tuesday
 - Year 5 = Thursday
 - Year 6 = Monday
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Key Dates

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)

Genes for Jeans Non-Uniform Day - Friday 18th September

2 Johns E-Safety training - Wednesday 23d September

Pupil Individual photos - Friday 25th September (AM)

Class 3LJ local church visit - Monday 28th September

Class 3LP local church visit - Tuesday 29th September

Class 3MM local church visit - Wednesday 30th September

Year 5/6 Girls Football tournament - Wednesday 30th September

Parent/Carer 'Book Look' - Wednesday 30th September

Attendance

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

4RE	99%
4TA	99%
3LJ	98%
3MM	98%
4AB	98%
5ML	98%
5NA	98%
6JC	98%
KHJS TARGET	97%
3LP	96%
5MR	96%
6CA	96%
6HC	95%

Menu

The school menu for next week will be Week 3 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 3

14/09/26, 05/10/26,
02/11/26, 23/11/26,
14/12/26, 18/01/27, 08/02/27

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



MAIN

CHEESE & TOMATO
PIZZA & WEDGES

SPECIAL CHICKEN
FRIED RICE

SAUSAGES, ROASTIES &
GRAVY

SPAGHETTI
BOLOGNAISE

SALMON FISHCAKE OR
FISH FINGERS & CHIPS

VEGETARIAN

CHEESY PASTA TWISTS &
GARLIC BREAD

VEGETARIAN CHILLI &
RICE (Ve)

VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES,
ROASTIES & GRAVY (Ve)

QUORN BOLOGNAISE &
PASTA

VEGETABLE NUGGETS &
CHIPS (Ve)

OPTION 3

JACKET POTATO WITH
BAKED BEANS OR CHEESE

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SIDES

BAKED BEANS
BROCCOLI

CARROTS
SWEETCORN

CARROTS
BROCCOLI

SWEETCORN
GREEN BEANS

PEAS
BAKED BEANS

DESSERT

ARCTIC ROLL &
PEACHES

APPLE STRUDEL (Ve)

ORANGE JELLY (Ve)

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING
& TOFFEE SAUCE

VANILLA COOKIE (Ve)

AVAILABLE DAILY

FRESH BREAD & SALAD BAR
YOGHURT & FRESH FRUIT

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.



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 - Sophie N
- 3LP - Kiyan R
- 3MM - Emi L
- 4AB - Annie P
- 4RE - Dylan S
- 4TA - William Mi
- 5ML - Darcie F
- 5MR - Bethany S
- 5NA - Tyler A
- 6CA - Renee Mc
- 6HC - Erin P
- 6JC - Harry R



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