



Kents Hill Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter 02.10.2026

On Monday, we welcomed lots of prospective families into KHJS for our first Open Morning of the year. It was so lovely to have so many visitors in school during the day, giving them the opportunity to see how amazing our pupils and staff are in action and to experience the incredible learning taking place across the school. A massive well done to some of our Year 6 pupils, who were fantastic ambassadors for KHJS, showing parents around the school - we were incredibly proud of them! Thank you to everyone who helped make the morning such a success!

Our Year 3 children had their first outing at Kents Hill Junior School in the local area, walking down to St George's Church. They had a wonderful time and represented KHJS incredibly well throughout the visit. It was lovely to see them confidently exploring our local community – well done, Year 3!

Tuesday was our 'Money Matters' themed day, with children across the whole school spending the morning developing their financial understanding. There was lots of practical learning taking place as the children explored how to make the best savings when shopping, how money can be used through debit and credit cards, and the importance of budgeting and saving. It was a brilliant opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that our children will use throughout their lives – and there were some very thoughtful conversations taking place across the classrooms!

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day across the whole school with this year's theme, 'I Wonder'. We joined in with poetry activities inspired by Michael Rosen's national poetry workshop, giving the children opportunities to explore curiosity, questioning and the wonderful possibilities

that poetry can create. It was fantastic to see children across the school embracing their creativity as they explored the words 'I wonder...' and created and shared their own wonderful poems throughout the day!

Another brilliant week! We are so proud of our KHJS children and the way they continue to throw themselves into every opportunity. September has been a brilliant first month back, and we have loved seeing so much learning, enthusiasm and excitement across the school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Parkes
Headteacher



Kents Hill Junior School

Open Morning 20th October 9:15am

Hear from our headteacher and be guided around our lovely school by our own students. Find out for yourself why busy families choose Kents Hill Juniors:

- Wraparound care 7:30am-6pm
- Daily free enrichment clubs
- Free 11+ Tutoring
- Every child has their own Chromebook
- Nurturing resilient, independent and responsible global citizens

Book now! <https://shorturl.at/OBsJr>
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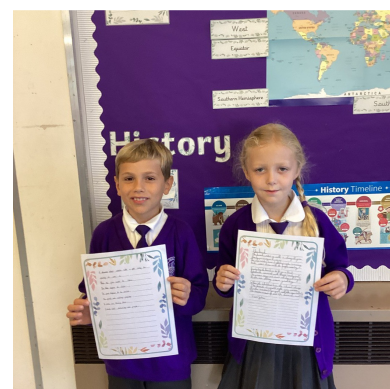
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Kents Hill Highlights



Year 3

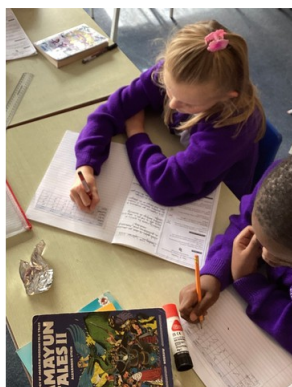
Year 3 had a wonderful visit to St George's Church! We enjoyed exploring the church and learning more about its history, features and importance within our local community. The



Year 4

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry Day! The children planned and wrote their own poems around the theme of 'Wonder', personifying their favourite places and bringing

children were curious and enthusiastic throughout the visit, asking thoughtful questions and discovering lots of interesting facts

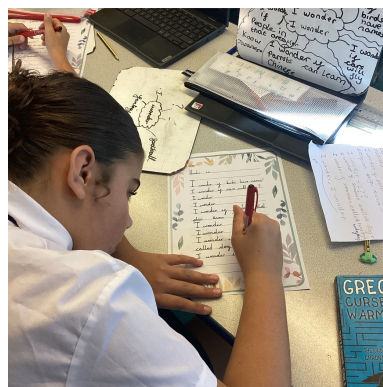


Year 5

This week Year 5 have begun their new DT project. To begin their project they investigated which material would be the best to create lunch bags from. They tested tissue paper, cotton, tin foil, nylon and denim. Well done Year 5!

them to life through creative language and imaginative descriptions.

The children then had the opportunity to perform their poems, sharing their ideas and using expression, confidence and enthusiasm to bring their words to life. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine!



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Thursday celebrating National Poetry Day. We watched a live event with Michael Rosen reading poems as well as KS2 children laureates read their poems aloud, based on the theme 'I wonder...'. We formed our own poems and had the opportunity to read them aloud to the class. Great efforts!

Be Ready

Secondary School Admissions Process

The new secondary school admission round opened 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](#)

Parent Consultation Evening

Please be reminded that the Parents Consultation Evenings will run on the following dates:

- Tuesday 13th October - appointments: 3.45pm - 6.15pm
- Thursday 15th October - appointments - 4.30pm - 7pm

All appointments are in person in the school hall and we will also be opening up the whole school for pupils to "showcase" their fantastic work in classrooms. Letters have been sent home with your child this week on how you can book your appointment. Please contact the school office should you need help booking your appointment.

Be Safe

Change of Weather: Change of Shoes & Raincoats

As the weather is slowly changing, can we please ask that children are sent to school with raincoats and wellie boots, or a change of shoes (not football boots).

Can you please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child(rens) names.

World Mental Health Day—Friday 9th October

Please be reminded that it is World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October. For this we will be asking for pupils to come into school wearing a yellow accessory. Please note that normal school uniform for that day will need to be worn.

School Crossing Patrol Service

Please see message below from the School Crossing Patrol Service:

Could all parents and carers who cross on the corners of the nearby roads from the crossing site please consider walking the few extra steps to cross with the patrol on their journeys to and from school. This also sets an example for when children get older and make unaccompanied journeys that they should take the extra few seconds it takes to cross at the safest option available.

Please do not allow children to run ahead of you to the crossing site. Please arrive together at the crossing ready to cross the road. Would parent/carers please hold the hands of younger children when crossing.

Would pedestrians please remain on the safety of the kerb until the patrol is in the middle of the road until the patrol advises you that it is safe to cross.

At all school crossings in Essex, we request that pupils do not ride over the zebra crossing on bikes and scooters, but that they dismount and walk them over the crossing for the safety of other pedestrians, the patrol at her place of work and the scooterists/cyclists themselves. We would appreciate if parents can encourage pupils to dismount which is good practise for when children get older and cross the road unaccompanied, by dismounting, they will be able to give their full attention to approaching traffic. Thank you.

Be Respectful

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. Thank you for your understanding.

Girls Football Tournament - Wednesday 30th September

Congratulations to the following girls who took part in the Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament at The Deanes School on Wednesday.

Jorja C
Issy C
Hattie C
Isabelle G
Dolly W
Ava M
Erin C
Indie K
Mia G
Macy J



Out of the 16 teams that participated, the girls managed to come an amazing 4th place! The team played brilliantly and were great role models for the school.

Information

Travelling Book Fair

We are excited to have the Travelling Book Fair at school again during week commencing 5th October. The year groups have been allocated a day each to visit the fair - please refer to the letter that was sent out last week for timings. The book fair will also be open during that week straight from school Monday to Friday.



PTA UV Disco—Wednesday 21st October

Tickets cost £5 per child and can be purchased via the School Gateway app.

Parents are to pick up from reception after the event. **This day will be a non-uniform day, so children can come to school wearing their best clothes.** They can bring along a small amount of cash as snacks, drinks, glow sticks and neon face paint will available. We will need parent helpers for each evening to help supervise and sell refreshments – please advise if you can help! By purchasing a ticket, you consent to your child being allowed to have UV paint applied.



Key Dates

Travelling Book Fair - W/C 5th October
Orienteering Enrichment Day - Monday 5th October

Year 5/6 boys football tournament - Wednesday 7th October
 World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October
(wear yellow accessories to be worn with school uniform)
 Parents Evening - Tuesday 13th October - 3:45pm - 7pm
 Flu immunisations - Wednesday 14th October (AM)
 Parents Evening - Thursday 15th October - 4:30pm - 7pm
 Help in the Community Week - W/C 19th October
 Open morning to prospective parents/carers - Tuesday 20th October @ 9:15am
 SEND Coffee/Topic session to parents/Carers - Tuesday 20th October @ 2pm
 Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament - Wednesday 21st October
 PTA Disco for Year 3 & 4 pupils - Wednesday 21st October @ 3:30pm - 4:45pm
 PTA Disco for Year 5 & 6 pupils - Wednesday 21st October @ 5:15pm - 6:30pm
 School Closed - inset day - Friday 23rd October
 School Closed - Half Term - W/C 26th October

Attendance

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

3LP	99%
3LJ	99%
4TA	99%
4AB	98%
4RE	98%
5NA	98%
5MR	97%
5ML	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
6JC	95%
6CA	94%
3MM	93%
6HC	92%

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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	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	ARCTIC ROLL & PEACHES	APPLE STRUDEL (Ve)	ORANGE JELLY (Ve)	STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING & TOFFEE SAUCE	VANILLA COOKIE (Ve)

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 - Elena L
- 3LP - Riley H
- 3MM - Lily M
- 4AB - Tamzin F
- 4RE - Hallie-Rose C
- 4TA - Jessie F
- 5ML - Jasmine H
- 5MR - Louella R
- 5NA - Charlotte D
- 6CA - Jake D
- 6HC - Evie D
- 6JC - William K



Asthma Newsletter Winter 2026

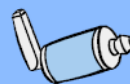
Mid and South Essex
Community Collaborative



Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

**Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:**

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.

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