



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 5th December 2025

What another great week at KHJS!

The children have enjoyed another fantastic few days, with lots more brilliant D&T projects happening across the school — including Year 4's impressive advent calendars with working hinges!

We ended the week by celebrating our school values, as children nominated peers who have shown they are Ready, Respectful and Safe. It was lovely to hear such thoughtful nominations.

We're now looking forward to Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day next week, as well as the start of KHJS's 7 Days of Christmas!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Miss Parkes

Be Ready

PTA Movie Night— Thursday 11th December

Our PTA movie night will be taking place on Thursday 11th December from 3:20pm to 5:30pm.

Children can bring pyjamas and blankets into the school for the event, along with a small amount of money – drinks and snacks will be available to purchase. Payment of £5 per child to be paid via the Schoolcomms app.

We will need parent helpers for each evening to supervise & sell refreshments – please email the school office if you can help!

Be Safe

Keeping Our Children Safe Around School

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for helping us keep our children safe every day. Please remember the following at all times, **including during wrap-around care**:

- **Do not park in front of the school gates.** This keeps children safe, ensures emergency access and prevents congestion.
- **Do not follow other cars into the car park.** The car park is for KHJS/KHIA staff use only. Following other vehicles puts pedestrians at risk and increases the chance of accidents.
- **Please use the zebra crossing with the designated School Crossing Patrol Officer.** Doing so sets a great example of safe road habits for our children.

Your support and careful attention make a huge difference in keeping everyone safe—thank you!

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.



School Clubs

Please be advised that all school clubs will finish on **Friday 12th December**. This includes the before school clubs run by the Deanes School.

A new club list will be sent out before we break up for Christmas.

For your information, the paid breakfast and after school clubs will continue to run as normal until the end of term.



Christmas Singing Assemblies

Reminder to parents and carers that we will be hosting Christmas singing assemblies for each year group, which you are invited to attend. These will be taking place at 2:45pm as follows:

Monday 15th December	Year 3
Tuesday 16th December	Year 4
Wednesday 17th December	Year 6
Thursday 18th December	Year 5



INFORMATION

Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 11th December

On Thursday 11th December KHJS will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils are to wear their Christmas jumpers with their normal school uniform. To make donating easier we've set up a JustGiving page. The minimum donation is £1 (remember, you don't have to add the tip if you don't want to!) <https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/cid250023696>

There's no need to buy a new jumper. You could upcycle an old jumper, get crafty or head to your local charity shop to buy a pre-loved festive knit. If you want to get creative and decorate a jumper, the Christmas Jumper Day website contains lots of fun craft ideas. We'd appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success.

Together, we can make the world better with a sweater! Thank you for your support.



PLT & School Council Cake Sale

Please be advised that our Pupil Leadership Team and School Council are running a cake sale on the front and back gate every Friday until the end of the Autumn term.

Any donations of cakes would be greatly received each Friday morning - please send into the school office.

ATTENDANCE

3LP	99%
6CA	98%
3AB	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
6JC	96%
5NA	96%
5MR	95%
4RE	95%
4MM	94%
5EM	94%
6LT	93%
3LJ	91%
4EKF	91%

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	Freddie W	5EM	Ruby T
3LJ	William Mi	5MR	Teddy C
3LP	Niah A	5NA	Emilia P-W
4EKF	Rebecca F	6CA	Raya Z
4MM	Louis C	6JC	Hallie F
4RE	Phoebe M	6LT	Chase V

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

Year 3, 4 & 5 Assessment Week	W/C 8th Dec	All week
Class 4RE DT workshop—part 1	Tuesday 9th Dec	1pm—3:20pm
Class 4RE DT workshop—part 2	Wednesday 10th Dec	1pm—3:20pm
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday 11th Dec	Lunchtime
Mayors Christmas Concert—choir	Thursday 11th Dec	PM
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11th Dec	All day
School clubs finish today	Friday 12th Dec	PM
Rock Steady music concert	Friday 12th Dec	2:15pm
PLT & School Council cake sale	Friday 12th Dec	3:20pm
Year group Christmas songs	W/C 15th Dec	2:45pm
<i>Parents invited—refer to timetable</i>		
Class Christmas parties	Friday 19th Dec	PM

MENU

The school menu for next week will be Week 2 from the Autumn/Winter 2025 menu—please note there have been a couple of changes due to Christmas Dinner Day. A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

W/C 8 th December Dinner Menu		
Monday Cheese & tomato pizza Tomato pasta Jacket potato	Tuesday Vegan sausage roll Potato & veg fritatta Jacket potato	Wednesday Mild chicken korma Macaroni cheese Jacket potato
Thursday Christmas Dinner Day Roast turkey Vegan sausage roll	Friday Fish fingers Veggie goujons Jacket potato	

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