



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: Spring | Date: Friday 27th February 2026

We started back after half term on a real high with our choir travelling to London to perform at Young Voices at the O2 – and what an unforgettable experience it was! Singing alongside thousands of other children in such an iconic venue was truly magical.

The children represented our school beautifully; their energy, confidence and enthusiasm lit up the arena and we could not have been prouder of them. We've also had the final session of our fantastic football workshops with Tottenham Hotspur this week. The children have enjoyed developing their skills, teamwork and resilience – a huge thank you to the coaches.

We have ended the week with our whole school assembly focused on Ramadan, led by a special visitor who observes and celebrates Ramadan themselves. They shared their personal experiences and helped the children understand the importance of reflection, compassion, generosity and self-discipline. The children listened with great respect, asked thoughtful questions and showed real maturity as they embraced the opportunity to learn more about the diversity within our school community.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Parkes

Be Ready

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

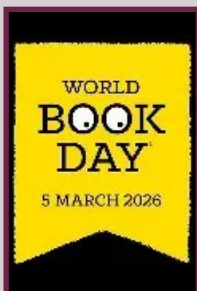
We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. This year, we are holding an open school dress-up theme. Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite characters from a book. Alternatively, for those who prefer non-fiction, they may choose to represent their favourite topic or non-fiction author through their attire. We believe this allows for creative expression and makes the day even more engaging for our children.

In addition to normal lessons throughout the school day, a variety of activities will be organised to fully immerse the children in a broad spectrum of literature, ensuring a day rich in literary experiences.

For some ideas on costumes, please go to the World Book Day website:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>

Based on the success of the last several years, we would also like to invite you to attend our 'Book Breakfast' from 8am on the morning of Thursday 5th March from 8am.

PLEASE NOTE THAT YEAR 5 WILL STILL HAVE THEIR PE LESSON AS NORMAL ON THIS DAY, BUT A LIGHT SESSION WILL BE PLANNED. SUITABLE FOOTWEAR TO BE WORN.



Charity

Help us create a school allotment!

Go Fund Me: We have set up a **GoFundMe** page to help bring our school allotment to reality. Any contribution or simply sharing the link would be hugely appreciated: <https://gofund.me/e98108d58>

Amazon Wish List: We have also set up an Amazon Wishlist of items that will help us create the allotment should you rather: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1LF3KL2PA9RQH?ref=wl_share

Please be assured that any contribution or support, in any form and of any size, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us create a space that reflects Mrs Kelsey-Foreman's passion, values and belief in enriching children's learning through real-life experiences and nurturing our young people.

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.

Art Gallery

Art Gallery—Monday 16th March

We are delighted to announce that our school will be hosting an exciting Art Exhibition on **16th March 2026**. This special event will showcase a wonderful collection of artwork created by our talented pupils across all year groups. The children have been working incredibly hard to produce their masterpieces and we are immensely proud of their creativity, imagination and effort.

Each year group has explored a variety of exciting themes and inspirations. Pupils have created collages, prints, paintings and many other imaginative pieces, resulting in a bright and vibrant gallery that truly celebrates their hard work and artistic achievements.

The Art Exhibition provides a fantastic opportunity for families to celebrate and support the creative talents within our school community. Parents and carers are invited to attend the exhibition from **3:20pm – 5:00pm**, where you will have the opportunity to view the wonderful artwork on display and purchase your child's framed final piece for £12 as a special keepsake. Funds raised from artwork sales will contribute towards our new allotment space.



INFORMATION

World Book Day - School Lunch Menu

We will be having a special World Book Day lunch on Thursday 5th March 2026. There is no need pre-order the meal and the cost of the lunch is £2.60 which can be paid in the usual way. The menu is as follows:



ATTENDANCE

3LP	98%
6CA	98%
5EM	98%
6JC	98%
4MM	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
3LJ	96%
5MR	95%
3AB	95%
4RE	93%
4EKF	93%
5NA	92%
6LT	90%

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	Effie W	5EM	Teddy S
3LJ	Remi B	5MR	Frankie L
3LP	Emilia-Rose S	5NA	Jessica C
4EKF	Penelope R	6CA	Jude L
4MM	Shimon J	6JC	Erin Sh
4RE	Tyler A	6LT	Ana-Livia R

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>

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KEY DATES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3, 4 & 5 Assessment Week	W/C 2nd Mar	All week
Year 6 PGL trip balance due	Monday 2nd Mar	All day
SEND Drop ins	Monday 2nd Mar	2pm—3:30pm
Cross Country Event—invited pupils	Wednesday 4th Mar	All day
World Book Day—dress up day	Thursday 5th Mar	All day
Year 5 Taster Day at The Appleton School	Friday 6th Mar	All day
Year 6 Mock SATs Week	W/C 9th Mar	All week
Year 5 Overnight trip to Winchester	Thursday 12th Mar	Overnight
Last week for school run and Deanes clubs	W/C 16th Mar	All week
Art Gallery for parents and carers	Monday 16th Mar	3:20pm—5pm
Year 5/6 Girls football match vs Hadleigh Junior School (Away)	Tuesday 17th Mar	3:30pm—4:30pm

MENU

The school menu for next week will be Week 2 from the new Spring/Summer 2026 menu. A copy of the menu can be found on our website: <https://www.kentshilljuniorschool.co.uk/lunch-menu/>. Please note there is a change of menu on Thursday 5th March 2026 for World Book Day .

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02/05, 23/05, 27/04, 18/05, 15/06, 04/07					
OPTION 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Sweet Chilli Chicken with Rice	Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2 VEGETARIAN	Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake	Cheese & Baked Bean Wrap	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	BBQ Bean Burrito	Vegetable Fingers with Chips (Ve)
OPTION 3	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Carrots Cabbage	Carrots Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Apple Crumble Slice (Ve)	Chocolate Slice (Ve)	Orange Jelly (Ve)	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Chocolate Crackle Biscuits

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