



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 13th February 2026

This week has been all about art!

Every child has been creating their own individual piece ready for our Art Gallery in March – and we can't wait to show you. From painting and printing to collage and pastels, the creativity across the school has been wonderful to see. You'll be able to see some sneak peeks on social media. We have also marked Children's Mental Health Week, reflecting on our sense of belonging and how important it is to feel connected within our school community. These thoughtful discussions have been a lovely reminder of the kindness and empathy our children show each other every day. We ended the week with a fantastic PTA disco and today's fun-filled pancake flipping event – well done to everyone who took part! Have a wonderful half term,
 Miss Parkes

Be Ready

PTA Disco—Thursday 12th February

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we raised over £1600 for the PTA from the Disco. Thankyou to everyone that helped out at the event, especially the parents that gave up their time. Stay tuned for our next fantastic PTA event!



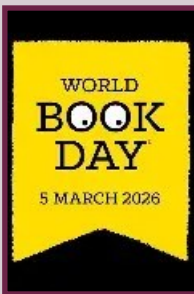
World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

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.

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.

Information

Parent/Carer survey re trips

We are reviewing our approach to school trips and would greatly value your views. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete a short survey by **Monday 23rd February**: <https://forms.gle/QPScVui9hY5CtNo9>

Be Safe

Online Safety information

My Family's Digital Toolkit

Get your personalised online safety toolkit in a few easy steps. Get age-specific advice to support your children online. Learn about popular apps and platforms your children use. Get information about how to deal with any online safety concerns. Get recommendations for digital tools to support their interests and wellbeing



For more online safety advice, please go to: www.saferinternet.org.uk, <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>, <https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

Online Safety.

MINIMUM AGES
Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook
 13
Whatsapp
 16
Tik Tok
 16 to register
 13 to use
YouTube
 18 to register
 13 with parental permission
Games – check PEGI rating.

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

3AB	100%
6CA	98%
5EM	97%
KHJS TARGET	97%
5MR	96%
3LP	96%
5NA	95%
4RE	95%
3LJ	95%
6LT	94%
6JC	94%
4MM	94%
4EKF	93%

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	Tommy M	5EM	Alex D
3LJ	Oliver F	5MR	Indie K
3LP	Jack O	5NA	Renee M
4EKF	Alfie B	6CA	Ada S
4MM	Alex R-W	6JC	Chloe M
4RE	George E	6LT	George 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

Half Term break	W/C 16th Feb	All week
Young Voices choir event at O2	Monday 23rd Feb	All day
Class 6CA Spurs workshop	Monday 23rd Feb	AM
Class 6JC Spurs workshop	Monday 23rd Feb	AM
Year 6 Hindu visitor in	Thursday 26th Feb	AM
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—invite to follow	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

MENU

The school menu for after half term will be Week 1 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/>

WEEK 1 23/02, 16/03, 23/03, 17/03, 08/04, 19/04	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta	Chicken Korma with Rice	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Battered Chicken Bites with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2 VEGETARIAN	Cheesy Pesto Pasta	Mixed Bean Chilli with Rice (Ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel with Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Veggie Mince Pasta Bake topped with Cheese	Quorn Nuggets 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	Carrots Broccoli	Green Beans Cauliflower	Sweetcorn Cabbage	Carrots Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Chocolate Oaty Bake with Apple Slices (Ve)	Iced Jaffa Cake (Ve)	Raspberry Jelly (Ve)	Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Custard Shortbread with Raisins (Ve)

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