

# The KMPS Newsletter for Spring Term 1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

<b>Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	<b>11pm – DEADLINE: remember to order your children’s meals for the week after half term!</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own Learning Club – Y3-6</li> <li>• Running Club – Y4-6</li> <li>• Arts &amp; Crafts Club – Y1-3</li> </ul>
<b>Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Table Rockstars Club - Y3-6</li> <li>• Badminton Club – Y3-4</li> <li>• Author’s Club – Y4-6</li> <li>• Mindfulness Club – Y2-6</li> </ul>
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Table Rockstars Club - Y3-6</li> <li>• Dance Club – Y1-6</li> <li>• French Club – Y3-6</li> </ul>
<b>Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Table Rockstars Club - Y3-6</li> <li>• Sports Club – Y5-6</li> <li>• Volleyball Club – Y5-6</li> </ul>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Lunchtime Clubs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Times Table Rockstars Club - Y3-6</li> <li>• Construction Club – Y1-3</li> <li>• Yoga Club – Y1-3</li> <li>• Mindfulness Club – Reception</li> <li>• Choir – Y3-6</li> </ul>

\* If you would like to book After School Clubs with Premier Education for **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only**, please click the link below:

[Kenyngton Manor Primary School – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

\*\* For Monday and Friday After School Clubs and Breakfast Club, please see the **Notices** section below.

## 8:45am

**Reception to Year 6 children who arrive at the gate after 8:45am are late for lessons that start at 8:50am. Please ensure children arrive at school between 8:35 and 8:45am.**

## **A Message from Mr Duffy (Vice Principal):**

This half term has been a wonderful reminder of how learning comes alive when curiosity leads the way. Pupils have been immersed in rich experiences, from Safer Internet Day helping them think critically about their digital world, to Year 1's unforgettable Animal Antics visit where children observed and handled snakes, lizards, rabbits and even insects, bringing their science learning vividly into focus. Our Own Learning return has been fantastic too, showing just how engaged and enthusiastic our learners continue to be.

As we head into the half term break, Own Learning will still be shared with pupils, including a special challenge linked to road safety. We would love for children to spend some time exploring this important task during the week ahead.

It has been a hugely successful term so far, and we hope all families enjoy a well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for more learning adventures in the second half of the Spring Term.

## **Notices:**

### **Wraparound care provision**

After half term, we will be partnering with Meadhurst Primary School to run Breakfast Club and Monday and Friday After School clubs. Please see the Wraparound Care page on our website for further details: [Wraparound Care | Kenyngton Manor | Primary School](#)

For After School Clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, please continue to book through Premier Education: <https://www.premier-education.com/>.

### **Art Competitions**

The Sunbury Rotary Club are holding a Young Artist Competition for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The theme for this year is 'Happiness in Nature'. Artwork should be submitted to the school by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, accompanied by the entry form which needs to be completed and signed off by the entrant's parent/guardian. Hard copies of the entry form are available in the office.

Spelthorne in Bloom Poster Competition is open to all children up to age 11 years. The theme for this year is 'Trees' which includes trees, plants and all natural elements. The Posters should be bright and colourful and include the words "Spelthorne in Bloom". Entries need to be brought to school by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

This is something that children are encouraged to do if they would like to but is not mandatory. More details for both competitions are attached with this Newsletter.

## Ramadan

As Ramadan begins over the half-term break, we understand that some children may choose to fast during this period. We want to ensure we can support them appropriately when they return to school. To help us do so, we kindly ask that you inform the school office if your child will be fasting via email at [info@kmps.thpt.org.uk](mailto:info@kmps.thpt.org.uk). This will enable us to put suitable arrangements in place, such as exemptions from PE or providing a quiet space for your child while others are eating in the dining hall, if they should wish.

## Book Day Eve – virtual bedtime story

To mark the eve of KMPS Book Day, Mr Herdman will be sharing a special bedtime story with Early Years and KS1 at 5-5.30pm and KS2 at 6-6.30pm on Thursday 5th March. Make sure you're all dressed and cosy in your nighttime clothes, ready to be whisked away into a magical world of make-believe by your very own headteacher! The Teams links to both sessions will be provided after half term.

## KMPS Book day

At Kenyngton Manor we LOVE books! We are excited to celebrate KMPS Book Day on **Friday 6th March**. This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of reading and creativity among our pupils. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book along to share with their class. Alternatively, they can choose a word to represent and dress up accordingly, i.e. sunshine, fluffy or pink. This is a fun way to explore language and vocabulary. We look forward to seeing the fantastic costumes and sharing our love of books together.

## Sunbury Library Art Display

If you get the chance over half term, please do pop into Sunbury Library to have a look at the beautiful artwork that our KMPS students have produced. The theme was 'Flowers, insects and animals'.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Three KMPS students took their piano music exams a few weeks ago. We are incredibly pleased to report that they all passed – well done Amsan & Parth (Y4) and Yana in (Y5) and many thanks to their piano teacher, Mrs Higgs.



Well done Rio (Y6) for achieving Silver in the Hollington Acro Cup for the Grade 5 Women's Group Trio category. This was her first competition competing at Grade 5 against 25 other teams.

Rhea (Y3) presented a beautiful dance performance to a classical Hindi song in celebration of UP Diwas, which marks the founding of Uttar Pradesh - the Indian state her parents come from. The event was attended by Members of Parliament, Lords, and representatives from the Indian Embassy.



A big thumbs up to Evie and Vivienne in Year 1 who performed in their very first cheerleading competition for the under 8's category in front of hundreds of spectators at the Guildford Spectrum stadium.

## Forthcoming Dates:

<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	EYFS Maths Parent/Child Workshop 9.15 & 3.30pm - TBC
<b>Thu 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	3P Class Assembly 2.30pm Book Day Eve (see <b>Notices</b> )
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KMPS Book Day & Parade Coffee & Connect 9-10.30am
<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Reception visit by Local Fire Brigade
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y5 Macbeth Performance 9.15 & 6pm
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Coffee & Connect 9-10.30am
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y2 Science Workshop
<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KMPS 100 Centenary Celebration Day
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Easter Egg Raffle Draw in Assembly
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6pm
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-7pm

### Attendance this week:

<b>Reception</b>	88.3%
<b>Year 1</b>	95%
<b>Year 2</b>	96.3%
<b>Year 3</b>	94%
<b>Year 4</b>	97%
<b>Year 5</b>	94.9%
<b>Year 6</b>	93.7%

### Maths Explorer of the Week Certificates:

The purpose of the award is to celebrate pupils' commitment to their learning, particularly when reasoning, justifying and exploring.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
<b>1C</b>	Yousef	<b>4P</b>	Silavatka
<b>1U</b>	Archie	<b>4T</b>	Zara
<b>2D</b>	Klea	<b>5O</b>	Abigail
<b>2P</b>	Julia	<b>5A</b>	Lilianna
<b>3C</b>	Elenoor	<b>6B</b>	Emmanuel
<b>3P</b>	Hashim	<b>6A</b>	Lara

### Wholehearted Habits Award:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Awarded to</b>
<b>1C</b>	Natalie - Courage	<b>4P</b>	Brodie - Aspiration
<b>1U</b>	Crystal - Aspiration	<b>4T</b>	Khrystyna – Courage & Responsibility
<b>2D</b>	Sophie – Confidence	<b>5O</b>	Malik - Aspiration
<b>2P</b>	Ibtisam - Aspiration	<b>5A</b>	Connie – All 7 Habits
<b>3C</b>	Sebby - Confidence	<b>6B</b>	Bella - Courage
<b>3P</b>	Kaihan - Aspiration	<b>6A</b>	Hellena - Aspiration

## REGULAR REMINDERS

### PE Days:

PE lessons will take place on the following days:

**Year 1** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Year 2** – Tuesday and Friday

**Year 3** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 4** – Monday and Wednesday

**Year 5** – Monday and Wednesday

**Year 6** – Thursday and Friday

Pupils should continue to come to school in PE kit during their PE days.

### Rocksteady

Rocksteady is now offering a fantastic opportunity for children to become part of a real school band! If your child loves music and wants to shine on stage, this is their chance! For more information on how to sign up, please visit the Rocksteady website at [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com). Children can choose from vocals, keyboard, guitar, or drums. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Some instruments may have a waitlist option, so sign up early to secure your spot.

### Head lice:

Head lice are often prevalent in Primary schools. To avoid them spreading please:

- Check your child's scalp regularly and treat promptly
- Long hair should be tied up or braided
- Frequent wet hair combing and use of prevention and repellent sprays

Further information is available on the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/)

### Is My Child Too ill for School?

Deciding whether your child should stay home when they're unwell can be tricky. To help, the NHS provides clear advice on what symptoms require a rest day and what can be managed at school. You can find the full guidance here: ["Is my child too ill for school?" – NHS \[nhs.uk\]](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-child-at-home/)

### Autism Family Support Service

The Autism Family Support Service is a free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers. The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space where you can come and learn about autism and PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply listen and learn from other people's conversations. If you would like to join the next drop-in session on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, please see attached flyer for more information.



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## Parking and Respect for Our Neighbours

Please ensure that when dropping off or collecting children you do not block driveways, doorways or access points for our neighbours and please refrain from parking on double yellow lines. We kindly ask everyone to park considerately and be respectful of the surrounding community. Thank you for helping us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

## Requesting Special Leave of Absence for any Medical or Exceptional Circumstances

Please note that the form for requesting special leave of absence for any medical or exceptional circumstances is on the website.

The form needs to be printed and signed and handed in to the office. If you do not have a printer at home, you can come and collect a copy of the form from the school office.

New Government regulations took effect from 19 August 2024 which affect penalty notices issued for an unauthorised leave of absence (holidays, funerals, weddings etc). Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

## School News:

Remember to stay up to date with all the latest school news on the KMPS website, Instagram or Facebook page, links below:

Website: [Kenyngton Manor Primary School](https://www.kenyngtonmanor.org)

FaceBook: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/kmps.thpt)

Instagram account: [kmps.sunbury.thpt](https://www.instagram.com/kmps.thpt)

Our Designated **Safeguarding Lead** is **Mr John Duffy** (Vice Principal)  
Email: [dsl@kmps.thpt.org.uk](mailto:dsl@kmps.thpt.org.uk)

Our Designated **Mental Health Lead** is **Mrs. Kimberley Snelling** (Assistant Principal)  
Email: [mentalhealth@kmps.thpt.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@kmps.thpt.org.uk)

**If you have a question, concern or encouragement:**

Please catch your child's teacher at the end of the day or book an appointment via the office.

**If you have an unresolved question or unresolved concern:**

You can use the email address [principal@kmps.thpt.org.uk](mailto:principal@kmps.thpt.org.uk).

Please be advised that we will always respond to any query or complaint, but we ask that you give us 48 hours to do so. If the issue is of an urgent nature, we will of course endeavour to contact you sooner. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

We also love hearing good news about children's achievements outside of school. If you would like to share this with us or have this included in the newsletter, please use the school email address: [info@kmps.thpt.org.uk](mailto:info@kmps.thpt.org.uk)