

## May 2025 Parent Newsletter



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

### **The home stretch.**

I hope you all had a good Easter break and for a change it was nice to have some dry and sunny weather during a holiday period!

As we return to school for the summer term, it is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of another school year. It only seems like yesterday when the children were entering their new year groups and now they are preparing to end the year ready to progress to the next stage of their learning journey.

For some of our pupils and families it will be the end of their journey at KPINS and we will be sad to see the children move on but happy in the thought that we have provided them with a good foundation upon which to further their learning as they move on to the Junior School.

This term has a very short first half with the two bank holidays and a staff training day making for 3 four day weeks for the children during a 5 week half term. The second of the summer term is a long one – 7 weeks and I would remind parent/carers that for the infant pupils the school term ends on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and no sooner!

In the meantime, during this half term, Year 2 pupils will be sitting their SAT's assessments so should attend school every day so that they do not miss the assessment. We will not be sharing the dates of the assessment with the children or parents as we do not want the children to get worried or anxious.

Staff in early years will be finalising their assessment of the pupils in line with the early years' framework and good levels of development.

Whilst Year 1 will be continuing to support children with their phonics in advance of the national Phonics Screening Check which takes place after half term.

Staff are also busy preparing for a lot of exciting activities and making cross curricular links to support learning with a healthy school and sports week planned for July and educational visits.

## **Nourish - Education Caterer of the Year.**

We are proud to share the wonderful news that Nourish our school catering company has topped the Education caterer of the year category at the Public Sector Catering Awards.



# EDUCATION CATERER OF THE YEAR!

**We are absolutely thrilled to announce that Nourish has topped the Education Caterer of the year category at the Public Sector Catering Awards!**

*A huge congratulations to our incredible founder, Annette Ryan Murphy and all of the Nourish family.*



On 24<sup>th</sup> April, nineteen deserving winners, took to the stage to receive awards for services to the industry and we are proud to have been among them. Nourish's ongoing commitment to improving nutrition and promoting health and balance to children has been recognised at yet another prestigious event and we are over the moon.

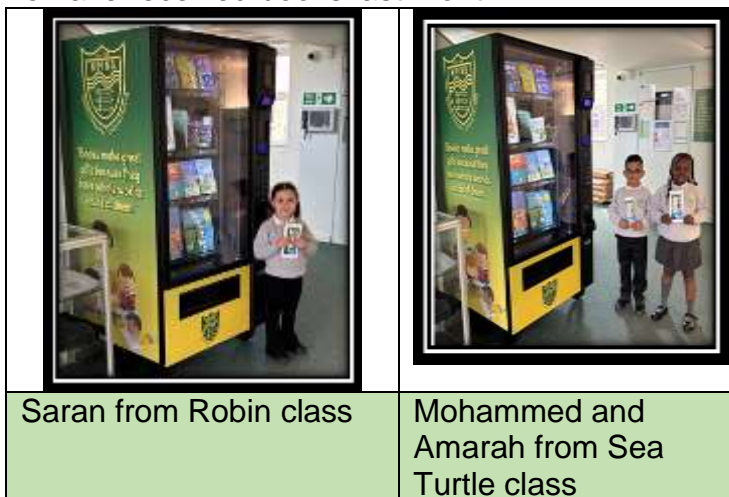
This is another proud moment for Nourish and we couldn't have done it without our amazing team and fabulous clients.

**Thank you!**



## Promoting a love of reading at KPINS

Our drive to promote a love of reading continues this year and I am really proud to announce the names of the children who have received books last month:



## Our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead Christine.

Please look out for the weekly newsletters from our Therapeutic Lead with useful topics which I know a number of you found useful.

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet **Christine** for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Wednesday at 9-10am. You can call/text **Christine** on 07799-030410 or email her at **christine@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk**

Sadly, at the end of this term Christina will be leaving the service. Please look out for her last newsletter next week.

## VE day celebrations at Kenmore Park Schools.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 marks an important historical event.

**Victory in Europe Day** is the day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May 1945; it marked the official surrender of all German military operations and the end of the war in Europe.

More than one million people celebrated in the streets throughout the UK to mark the end of the European part of the war. In London, crowds massed in Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by their daughters and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, appeared on the balcony of the palace before the cheering crowds. Churchill went from the palace to Whitehall, where he addressed another large crowd:

*"God bless you all. This is your victory. In our long history, we have never seen a greater day than this. Everyone, man or woman, has done their best".*

**Kenmore Park Schools will be celebrating this day by having a non-uniform day when children can come dressed in clothes from the era – 1940's and/or something Red, White and Blue.**

We will be having a picnic lunch in the playground (weather permitted), singing songs, listening to music and learning dances from the time.

You are also invited to get involved and dress with us!

## **Celebrating school attendance in April**

During the month of **April**, the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Lemur Class**.

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>% attendance</b>
01-04 April 2025	Starfish	98.1%
22- 25 April 2025	Lemur	100%
28 – 30 April 2025	Caterpillar Robin	100%
<b>April</b>	<b>Lemur</b>	<b>98.4%</b>

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to the 20 children who received their Silver certificate for attendance. These are the children who have not missed a day off school for the academic year so far. They are well on the way to achieving their gold award by the end of the school year.

Congratulations also to the 20 children who received their Bronze certificate for 100% attendance during the spring term.

We continue to monitor school attendance in line with the requirements of the DfE on schools supported by the LA Attendance Liaison Officer who reviews the schools' attendance data and challenges us on actions taken to reduce persistent absences.

Please note that where we do authorised leave for exceptional circumstances this will be to a maximum of 10 school days and no more. We will not be approving leave that extends for longer and especially not leave for up to half a term or more! Exceptional is exceptional and a balanced approach needs to be taken in terms of whether the circumstances for removing the child from school are in the best interest of the child and the impact on their teaching and learning.

The infant school education is fundamental in laying the foundations for all future learning. If the children do not have a firm foundational knowledge, then as they move through school they will struggle due to the gaps in their learning!

We urge parent/carers to work with us to ensure their child attends school regularly and that the expectations as followed as per the attendance policy and contract signed when admitting your child to the school. Every day of absence is a huge loss of learning for each child.

## **REMINDER:**

### **The law in this country states that:**

Parents have a legal duty to secure an education for their child of compulsory school age whether at school or otherwise (section 7 of The Education Act 1996)

If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school, a parent is guilty of an offence (section 444 of the Education Act 1996).

### **TERM TIME LEAVE not permitted!**

### **Exceptional circumstances mean exceptional!**

### **Religious leave in line with the Harrow SACRE Calendar only.**

## Parental Prosecution

*Education Act 1996*

- Section 444 (*non attendance*) Parents are liable for prosecution for "failing to secure the regular attendance at school of a registered pupil"
- Under the *absolute offence* (level 3) the parent can be found guilty even if they state that they are unaware the child is not attending
- Under the *aggravated offence* (level 4) the prosecution needs to show that the parent was aware of the poor attendance and did nothing about it. This offence carries the possibility of a custodial sentence.
- Section 443 SAO (*failure to comply with a School Attendance Order stating where they should enrol their child at school*)

## Fixed Penalty Notices

*The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003+ The Education Act 1996*

Local Authorities have the power to issue penalty notices in cases where parents or carers are considered capable of but unwilling to ensure their child's attendance at school.



## Penalty notices – New National Threshold

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.  
For example: 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

### Second Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of  
issue of first penalty notice)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:  
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence

**(within 3 years from the date of  
issue of first penalty notice)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.  
**This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.**

## Recruiting Parent Governors.

Following the announcement from the Governing body to federate the GBs of both the schools they are now preparing to recruit new parent governors to join from September 2025. If you are interested in becoming a parents representative on the governing body from September 2025 please email the school office on [office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk) subject parents governor Sept 2025.

## Please note below the school term dates and holidays.

These are shared in the monthly newsletter and can be found on the school website. Therefore, there is no excuse for any parent to claim they are not aware when making requests for leave which needs to be avoided during term time.

**Summer Term 2025**

<b>First day of school</b>	Tuesday 22 April
INSET DAY (Children not in school)	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May
Back to school	Monday 2 June
INSET DAY (Children not in school)	Friday 20 June ( <b>Infant School ONLY</b> )
<b>Last day of term</b>	Tuesday 22 July ( <b>finish at 2 p.m. Reception &amp; 2.15 p.m. KS 1</b> )

**The full list of term dates for the academic year 2025/2026 can be found on the school website.**

**Autumn Term 2025**

INSET DAY 1 (Children not in school)	Monday 1 September
<b>First day of school</b>	Tuesday 2 September
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
Back to school	Monday 3 November
<b>Last day of term</b>	Friday 19 December ( <b>finish at 2 p.m. Reception &amp; 2.15 p.m. KS 1</b> )



**A REMINDER OF OUR COMPULSARY SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE UNIFORM**

Please be reminded that the school takes a hard line regarding compliance with the school uniform. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child is wearing the school uniform as stipulated in the school prospectus and website. On Wednesday's we require all children in Year 1 and 2 to wear the schools PE uniform which comprises of **Grey joggers (Option of black shorts in the summer) a grey top and black trainers/plimsolls** and **not their own sportswear**. This uniform can also be worn for PE lessons, in line with their class timetables, on days other than Wednesday. All Uniform orders can be made via the Weduc App at the school shop.



**As the school year has progressed we have noticed that some children are attending school wearing items that are not deemed part of the school uniform – particularly shoes. We would like to remind you that the children are expected to wear the full uniform which includes BLACK shoes and not trainers.**

**Please respect the school's policy and practice by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform. We thank you in advance for your support and compliance. During the summer term pupils permitted to wear the following:**

Girls may wear Black or Grey Trousers too.  
White socks or grey tights  
Boys' black or grey socks.



**Summer dress from April – July only**

**The following information will help you plan for forthcoming events and plan your diaries. (please note there may be times when dates have to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances)**

**Parental Engagement Session planned for the Summer term 2025.**

Our parental engagement sessions coming up next

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
		<b>Summer</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>2025</b>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Starfish class	School hall.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Dolphin class	School hall.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	Maths transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Chameleon class	School hall.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Dolphin class	School hall.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 1	9 a.m.	Sea Turtle class	School hall.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	English transition seminar lesson	9 a.m.	Lemur class	School hall.

		for reception parents facilitated by Year 2			
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1	English transition seminar lesson for reception parents facilitated by Year 2	9 a.m.	Jaguar class	School hall.

## School Travel

At Kenmore Park Infant and Nursery as a Gold Award Healthy School, we feel very strongly about how children travel to school and encourage all pupils to walk or scooter to school rather than travelling by car. This is good for their health and also for the environment – helping to reduce carbon dioxide and pollutions which contributes to the increase in the number of pupils suffering from Asthma!

We have designated pods for parking bikes & scooters in different areas of the school for the convenience of parents. We realise that some children live some distance away from the school and may need to come by car however, we would ask that parents park a little distance away from school and walk the rest of the route to school.



This month we have arranged for our Year 1 children to receive scooter training so that they can learn how to scooter to school safely being mindful of pedestrians and possible risk when scootering in open spaces.

As an incentive for children who walk we promote Walk on Wednesdays – ‘WOW’. Children who walk to school every Wednesday and we reward the class with the most children walking on a Wednesday at the end of the month. We look forward to your support with this initiative. For the most WOW in the month of **April** the award goes **Dolphin class** for the second consecutive month. Well done Dolphin class!

Thank you to all the parents that support safer school travel and walk to school or park and walk in the morning and at the end of the day.

During the summer term as the weather starts to improve we would like to see more families enjoying the walk to school and the opportunity it provides to talk to your child, making a positive start to the day. It is also a good for your mental health and well-being.

With the increasing number of bikes and scooters in school – please label them clearly so that children do not take the wrong bikes or scooters at the end of the day.

**I would also like to remind parents that if your child has not brought a scooter or bike to school they should not be borrowing and riding around on the property of other children at the end of the day, a number of children have gone home upset because someone has taken their scooter on a joy ride and then dumped it at another part of the school or taken it home returning it the following day!**



## **JOB VACANCIES**

**We are still in need of As and when staff for the following posts:**



**Cleaners**: working hours 3.30 – 6 p.m. week days only (**no qualifications** required but experience of cleaning employment desirable).

**As and When Lunch time leaders** (1 hour 10 minutes per day) – are you able to work flexibly between the hours of 11.30 – 1 p.m.



**As and When SEN Teaching Assistants required:**

Hours are based on the needs of the child and cover arrangements.

Please visit the school website (complete the non-teaching application) or school office and request a paper version of the application form. Clearly indicate the post you are applying for and demonstrate in your supporting statement how you are able to meet the person specification.