

October Parent Newsletter



Wednesday 1st October 2025

Welcome

I would like to express a warm welcome to our new nursery & reception pupils and parents. The children have settled into the school routines well as they prepare this week to start staying a full day in school if they are a reception pupil. Their full time education has now officially commenced and the expectation is that they now attend statutory school education regularly until they turn 18 years of age!

Our ambition is to provide them with a positive start to their learning journey, where the children are happy coming to school, develop curiosity, a love for learning, whilst also promoting their personal development in preparation for later life.

Celebrating Reading at KPINS as we share with you the children who have made improvements in reading and won a token to collect a free book from our vending machine.

Reading and the teaching/learning in phonics continues to be a school improvement priority, each month we will continue to share images of the children who have made improvements in their reading. Now that the term is now fully up and running it won't be long until the first group of children receive a free book from our reading vending machine. I look forward to sharing details of the first child or group of children to kick start our academic year 2025/26.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be shared in the monthly newsletter please send an email to the school office: office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk subject: reading vending machine pictures, Stating: I wish for my child to opt out of having their image shared in the monthly newsletter if they receive a free reading book from the reading vending machine.

If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are happy to allow your child's picture to be shared and uploaded onto the school website too as part of the monthly newsletter!

Our Harrow Schools Counselling partnership – Therapeutic Lead

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet Swati (our new therapeutic lead) for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on a Wednesday. You can email her at Swati@schools counselling partnership.co.uk.

Safeguarding

At the start of a new school year it is vital that you check that all your contact and emergency contact details are up to date and accurate. Please ensure any changes to contact numbers are regularly checked and updated. If you change your phone or number, emergency contacts, inform the school office staff. If at any time you have made an alternative arrangement for someone to collect your child from the school, please inform the office and/or the class teacher at drop off and where possible introduce them to the school staff in advance, but most importantly ensure they have the password you have provided. In line with our safeguarding practices we will not release your child to anyone who does not know the password nor into the care of a minor (anyone under the age of 18 years), so please do not send older high school siblings to collect your child from school.

Remember: If you arrange for another adult to collect your child from school – phone ahead and inform the school or inform the class teacher at drop off in the morning, ensure that you provide them with their details (name, gender and relationship to you or the child) and also ensure that they know the password. **We will not release your child to anyone who does not know the password.**

Also, if you have changed your mobile number or emergency contact details please make sure they are updated as soon as possible.

Recycling school uniforms.

Please continue to support us by recycling good condition school uniforms as your child grows out of them. Remember it can help another family who may be finding it hard to purchase uniform items at full price. We will keep the container for old uniforms in the playground permanently so please keep decluttering and dropping items into the box as and when you can.

Attendance from September

I would like to remind parent/carers that the school attendance is monitored by the DfE and LA who forensically analyse the data of any pupils who have regular school absences and particularly those who attendance falls below 90% who are deemed persistent absentees.

Last year due our no tolerance approach in line with government directive and the AIM policy we did see a slight improvement in the overall school attendance figures which should be over 96%. The school strives for 98% but we improved from 94% in 2023/24 to 95% 2024/25. This academic year our target is to achieve 97% school attendance by the end of the school year!

Please be reminded that a fine to parents must be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence. The cost for **finer increased last September 2024 from £60 to £80 (per parent) if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days.** If a second fine is issued within a 12-month period, it will start at £160 per parent.

Please note that every time your child is absent from school they are missing an average of 5 lessons per day. Over a school week that amounts to over 25 lessons missed!

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.



Please note the guidance on sickness absence that can be authorised below with evidence to support it.

Should I Keep My Child off School?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor coughs & cold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ear infection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whooping cough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Covid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cold sores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High temperature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conjunctivitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tonsillitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chickenpox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scarlet fever
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respiratory infections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Head lice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diarrhoea & vomiting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measles

GO TO SCHOOL

STAY AT HOME

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.

School Term dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY 1 (Children not in school)

First day of school

Half term

Back to school

Last day of term

Monday 1 September

Tuesday 2 September

Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October

Monday 3 November

Friday 19 December (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

Spring Term 2026

First day of school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Monday 5 January

Friday 16 January

Monday 16 February– Friday 20 February

Monday 23 February

Friday 27 February

Friday 27 March (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

Summer Term 2026

First day of school

Half term

Back to school

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Last day of term

Monday 13 April

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June

Friday 19 June (Infant School ONLY)

Friday 17 July (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)

INSET DAY (Children not in school)

Monday 20 July

NB: Reception finish at 2 p.m. and years 1 & 2 (KS 1) will finish at 2.15 p.m. on the last day of each term. This does not apply to half term holidays.

There is no afternoon nursery session on the last day of each term due to the early finish time.

Please note there is NO school on Bank Holiday.

Bank holidays 2025/26:

Thursday 25 Dec

Friday 26 Dec

Thursday 1 January 2026

Friday 3 April

Monday 6 April

Monday 4 May

Monday 25 May

Monday 31 August

Christmas Day Holiday

Boxing Day

New Years Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

May Day Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

August Bank Holiday



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.

It has been noted since the start of the school term that a number of children are not wearing the appropriate clothing and black shoes. 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 so please keep checking the monthly newsletter for updates.)

Parent meetings autumn term 2025.

Parents meetings

	AUTUMN	TERM	2025		
Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Tuesday 9 th September	Year 1	Parents housekeeping meeting	4 – 5 p.m.	Year 1 team	School hall.
Thursday 11 th September	Year 2	Parents housekeeping meeting	4 – 5 p.m.	Year 2 team	School hall.
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 1 & 2	Parents meetings – update on how your child has settled and meet the teacher.	3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Book appointment slots via Weduc	School Canteen Access via Moorhouse Road entrance.
Thursday 16 th October	Year 1 & 2	Parents meetings – update on how your child has settled and meet the teacher.	4 – 7 p.m.	Book appointment slots via Weduc	School Canteen Access via Moorhouse Road entrance.
Monday 3 rd – Thursday 6 th November	Reception	Reception parents meetings - meet	3.45 – 5.15 p.m.	Parents sign up for a time slot on the boards outside the	Reception classrooms. Access via

		the teacher for an update on how your child has settled.		classroom door.	gate from the main entrance- car park.
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Parental Engagement Session Autumn 2025.

Our parental engagement sessions will commence after half term when the children have settled into their new classes/year groups. Please note the provisional dates so that you can plan to attend.

Date	Year group	Activity	Time	Arrangements	Venue
Monday 29 th September	Year 1 & 2	Maths parents curriculum workshop	9 a.m.	Facilitated by the school maths lead- Mr. Christopher	School hall.
Monday 6 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.30 p.m.	Dolphin Class	School hall.
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.50 p.m.	Sea Turtle Class	School hall.
Thursday 9 th October	Year 1	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Starfish Class	School hall.
Monday 6 th October (changed from 13 th October)	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Kingfisher class	School hall
Tuesday 7 th October (changed from 14 th October)	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Robin class	School hall
Friday 10 th October (changed from 16 th October)	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Phonics – Little Wandle.	9 a.m.	Owl class	School hall
		Half term			
Monday 3 rd November	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading.	9 a.m.	Kingfisher class	School hall
Monday 3 rd November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Lemur Class	School hall
Tuesday 4 th November	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading	9 a.m.	Robin Class	School hall
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Chameleon Class	School hall
Wednesday 5 th November (changed from the 6 th November)	Nursery	Learning through play – workshop for parents	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Friday 7 th November (changed from 6 th November)	Reception	Literacy workshop – focus on Reading	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall

Thursday 6 th November	Year 2	Story telling seminars	2.40 p.m.	Jaguar Class	School hall
Tuesday 11 th November	Years 1 & 2	Literacy parents meeting focused on phonics and early reading – Little Wandle	9 a.m.	Facilitated by the school English lead – Miss. Bennett.	School hall.
Wednesday 12 th November	Nursery	Nursery parents workshop focused on PSE	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery
Monday 17 th November	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Kingfisher Class	School hall
Tuesday 18 th November	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Robin Class	School hall
Friday 21 st November (changed from 20 th November)	Reception	Parents Maths workshop – focused on Number	9 a.m.	Owl Class	School hall
Monday 1 st December	Reception	Parents workshop focused on ICT		On line link will be sent to parents via Class Dojo.	Virtual
Wednesday 3 rd December	Nursery	Parents workshop focused on – fine motor skills.	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	Nursery

Useful website:

Please find below link to the Bell Foundation website which provides translated guidance for parents on the education system in the UK and the expectations.

<https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/resources/guidance/parental-involvement/guidance-for-parents-english-education-system/>

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY CHECK worth checking as the government continue to give food vouchers during the holidays!

It is important that parents check their eligibility criteria as a number of parents found themselves to be eligible during lockdown. They were then issued with free school meal vouchers which they could use to purchase food at a supermarket of their choice. It is important that you check as it may be helpful in the event of a second spike!

Parents can check to see if they meet the eligibility criteria by following the instructions below:

Step 1: Login to the following website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> (Free School Meal Eligibility Checker)

Step 2: Click – **Check eligibility**

Step 3: Click – **create an account** (Unless you already have an account in which case you go to return to your account and enter your password)

Step 4: Create an account

Step 5: On the drop down menu:

Local authority – select - **Harrow**

School – select – **Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School.HA3 9JA**

Step 6: Read and accept the privacy notice **by ticking the box at the bottom of the page.**

Step 7: Enter your details:

First name

Last name

Your date of birth

Your National Insurance number

Email address

Mobile number

Postcode

Get address: click on your address; house number etc

SUBMIT

Once you have submitted the form you will receive a response in a couple of days confirming your status. If you are eligible, please forward the email to the school on the following email address:

office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk

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 scoot 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.

As an incentive for children who walk we promote **Walk on Wednesdays – ‘WOW’**. Children who walk to school every Wednesday of each month 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 **September** the award goes to **Chameleon class for the second consecutive month. Well done Chameleon Class!**



Coming up this term the school will be promoting the following event:



Parking

Complaints from local residents continue - Residents report they **have not given permission** to any parents to park in front of their drive ways. A number of the residents have shared they have life threatening medical conditions which require them to have immediate, emergency access to their drive ways – so please respect their wishes and if no spaces near the school are available – park and walk, the exercise is good for everyone.



JOB VACANCIES

We are still in need of staff for the following posts:



One Permanent (closing date for application 13.10.25 and any As and When School 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.

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.

[A Parent Governor vacancy open.](#)

The governing bodies of the two schools are looking to recruit a Parent Governor from either school to join the newly formed federated Governing Body from September.

Therefore, if you are interested in becoming a parent governor **please visit the school office for a nomination form** or email office@kpins.harrow.sch.uk with subject – Parent Governor nomination form and we will email you one out to you. We will need the completed form returned by Friday 17th October 2025. If there are more nominations than positions elections will be held during the week commencing 20th October 2025.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 AND 31 AUGUST 2022	SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31 AUGUST 2015
<p>You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2026</p>	<p>You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2025</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by Friday 24 October 2025, as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.</p>
<p>APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.</p> <p>For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk</p>	