



Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery School



Friday 11th September 2026

Parent Newsletter



A word from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another action packed term and new academic year at KPINS.

I hope you all enjoyed the summer and spent precious time with your families and also that you managed to stay cool in the extraordinary temperatures we felt during those 6 weeks.

Over the summer we had some work done in the school and you will notice when you come in that the hall floor has been renovated and brought back to its shiny best. Indeed it was only finished the day before the staff returned on the 2nd of September. We also had work done in the Reception play area to improve this for the children.

This term there is a lot going on and below I have summarized the parental engagement sessions we are planning for you to come and find out more about your child's learning, class teacher and how we will be teaching key areas such as phonics, Math's and English. Please try to put the dates for these sessions in your diaries and make sure you do not miss them.

Year 2 will start their African drumming lessons in a week's time so they are really excited about that and our Reception children have now started to join us slowly but surely. All the teachers are busy ensuring the children are made to feel welcome and settled in as soon as they can be in their new classes.

Of course September is the new year for us in school and I am really looking forward to working with you again and making sure that all the children who come here get the very best that we can offer them. However, we can only do this if they are attending school on

time and every day. Attendance is something that I want parents to take seriously which means asking for time off during term time will always be met with a firm NO from me, unless there are really serious extenuating circumstances. Even in the past week we have had two parents request absence to travel abroad with their children which makes me incredulous as we have just come back after a six week holiday. Please read the information on how poor attendance adversely affects your child which I have attached below. I have also attached information about our compulsory school uniform and other important reminders regarding your child at KPINS.

This week I have been in the lunch hall every day and it was lovely to see last year's Year 2 graduates really looking very grown up as they sat and ate their first lunches as Year 3 children. It was delightful to sit and catch up with them, and of course we wish them all the very best as they continue their educational journey in the junior school.

Please enjoy the weekend and stay safe and well, and I look forward to seeing you and your children bright and early again next week.

MR Steve Davies (Head Teacher)

Dates for your diary for the rest of this year:

This term is a long one and as ever, there is so much to do. I have listed some of the key dates below so that you can be fully prepared for what is coming up:

Please note below the school term dates and holidays.

These are shared in the BI-weekly 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.

[The 2026/2027 term dates can be found on the school website. So make sure you check them out before making any travel arrangements.](#)

Autumn Term 2026

First day of school	Thursday 3 rd September
Half term-	Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th October
Back to school	Monday 2 nd November
Last day of term	Friday 18 th December (finish at 2 p.m. Reception & 2.15 p.m. KS 1)*
Back to school	Monday 4 th January 2027

***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.

Key School Events for parents-not to be missed:

Date:	Event	Times:
Tuesday 15 th September	• Year 1 parents welcome meeting	3.45-4.30pm in school hall
Wednesday 16 th September	• Year 2 parents welcome meeting	3.45-4.30pm in school hall
Monday 5 th October	• Story telling seminar for Dolphin Class parents	2.30pm in school hall
Tuesday 6 th October	• Story telling seminar for Sea Turtle Class parents	2.30pm in school hall
Thursday 8 th October	• Story telling seminar for Octopus Class parents	2.30pm in school hall
Monday 12 th October	English workshop on phonics Robin Class parents.	9am in school hall
Monday 12 th October	Year 1 assembly to parents	1.05pm in school hall
Tuesday 13 th October	English workshop on phonics Robin Class parents.	9am in school hall
Tuesday 13 th October	KS 1 parents meet the teacher for target setting	3.45-5.30pm
Thursday 15 th October	English workshop on phonics Robin Class parents.	9am in school hall
Thursday 15 th October	KS 1 parents meet the teacher for target setting	4pm-7pm
Monday 19 th October	Year 2 assembly for parents	1.05pm in school hall
Tuesday 20 th October	Math's works shop for KS 1 parents	9am in school hall

Thursday 22 nd October	English workshop for KS 1 parents	9am in school hall
Friday 23 rd October	KS 1 achievement assembly to invited parents	1.05pm
LAST day of half term		

Attendance reminder

This half term the school LA Attendance Liaison Officer will be visiting the school to review attendance data and scrutinising the attendance of those children whose attendance has:

- a) Not improved since notice given earlier in the year based on the autumn term review.
- b) Fallen or continues to be below 90% as these children will be deemed persistent absentees and track to see if this is a historical pattern.

Letters will be sent out to parents expecting improvements to be made and attendance contracts drawn up in some cases.

Where improvements are not made – referrals may be made to the pre-court panel particularly if attendance issues are historical.

We would like to ensure that none of our parents are required to attend court or threatened with prosecution due to issues relating to their child's attendance so please work with us to ensure good attendance and learning outcomes which are closely related!

We appreciate that we have recently experienced an outbreak of Chicken Pox across the school. However, like any other absence it is important to provide medical evidence and bring your child to the school office prior to their return to check that their spots have dried up, they are no longer contagious and fit to return to school.

We are also mindful that there is another outbreak of Measles hitting London boroughs and impacting schools. This is a preventable virus if children are vaccinated against it. We encourage parent/carers to take measure to ensure that their children are protected from unnecessarily ailments which have a negative impact on health, attendance and learning.

I would like to remind parents of the exceptional leave criteria. Exceptional leave is absence that is necessary in an emergency and usually immediately on the day or as close to the day the leave request is made. All evidence provided must substantiate the request. Exceptional leave does not include time off to attending family and friend events abroad (which is a choice) or medical treatments that could be accessed here in the UK. Where parents have made decisions to travel and take their child out of school we ask parents to make an appointment to discuss their plans prior to making any bookings so that parents are made aware of the implications of their decisions.

Where leave is taken during the term time it is unlikely to be approved and could result in an educational penalty notice – FINE of a minimum of £80 per child per parent.

We have noticed patterns of attendance falling particularly prior to or immediately after a school holiday – please ensure that you make arrangements to travel during school holiday time and not during term time. Outward bound and inward bound bookings should demonstrate intention to travel and return before the school resumes after travel during a school holiday.

Due to the increase in the number of parents travelling during the school holidays and then claiming their child/ren or they then become too sick to travel back in time for the start of the school, the school will not be approving this leave (it will be recorded as unauthorised). Overseas medical evidence will not be accepted. We are not obliged to accept medical evidence from abroad. Unfortunately, it has come to light that too many parents are using this as an excuse to extend their time abroad and a consistent approach will be applied.

The law has changed; you **do not** need to have 5 consecutive days of absence to qualify for a penalty notice an aggregate of any unauthorised absence during a set period provided they total 5 or more days can result in

fines.

Also please note any absences during the last week prior to a school holiday will need to be evidenced in line with the LA absence procedures. You will be required to have your child's sickness checked by the school welfare, so the child will need to be brought into school and the welfare Miss Nubuor will check to see if the child is fit to be in school or not. Alternatively, medical evidence will need to be requested from a GP in the form of a print out of the in person consultation (not over the phone) and proof of any medication prescribed. We have also been informed by the Court Attendance Officer to also check the child's passport on their return to school as evidence that they have not travelled and used sickness absence as an excuse.

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 the **fine is £80** (per parent) **if paid within 21 days** and **£160 if paid in 28 days**. If a second fine is issued within a 36-month period, it will start at £160 per parent.

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.

Honesty is the best policy!

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

Should I Keep My Child off School?



A REMINDER OF OUR COMPULSORY 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



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

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!

Reminder about Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents - Residents report parents persistently blocking their drive ways and confirm that at no time have they **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 YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN:

Vacancies at Kenmore Park Schools

We have two vacancies at the school.

As and When Cleaner:-

We are looking for a as and when cleaner covers our cleaners when they are sick. Generally the work starts at 3:30 and finishes at 6:00. You will be given a patch within the school normally consisting of classrooms / offices / toilets / Halls / Canteen etc. You will be expected to clean - mainly hoovering, wiping down and possibly mopping. You will be working under the supervision of our site manager.

Temporary / As and when Gardener

We are looking for someone who can keep the school gardens clean and tidy, do weed control and prepare the green areas for the winter. Initially this would be for about 10 hours per week until the Christmas holidays. You will be working under the supervision of our site manager.

Detailed job descriptions can be found on the Junior school website under the Vacancies section. The closing date for both jobs is next Friday 18th September at 3:00pm.

[Website link](#)

Rates of pay for each is £14.71 per hour, (pay award pending).

All employees will need to have a current police check, (DBS), which the school will organise.

Both schools are equal opportunity employers.

Starting ASAP

Interviews w/c 21st Sept

<https://kpjs.harrow.sch.uk/vacancies.html>

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.

Please enjoy a safe and restful weekend with your children and I look forward to seeing you and them, next week for another action packed, fun-filled week at KPINS.

Very best wishes,

MR S Davies

