

Kedington News

Year 3 Visit *The Lion King*

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic time watching *The Lion King* in London last week. They were an absolute credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour throughout the trip.

When they returned, they couldn't wait to tell me all about it! From the incredible costumes to the music and performances, they were full of excitement and enthusiasm.



Capturing Kedington

I am sure many of you have seen the short photo compilation I shared on Dojo featuring the wonderful photographs taken by Charlotte Vale last Friday morning.

As I said in my post, I absolutely love these images. They capture the essence of Kedington perfectly. The smiles, friendships, learning opportunities and beautiful surroundings all shine through. A huge thank you to Charlotte for giving her time and talent to create something so special for our school.



Reception Buddies

One of the traditions I love most at Kedington is pairing our Reception children with Year 6 buddies.

Once again, our oldest pupils have impressed us enormously with the kindness, patience and care they have shown towards their younger friends.

Seeing Year 6 pupils helping, encouraging and looking after our newest children has been heartwarming and is a wonderful example of the



family feel that makes Kedington so special. Well done, Year 6. You are fantastic role models.

It has been wonderful to see the children settle into their new classes and so many examples of children showing our values every day. Thank you for your continued support. Whether it is helping with homework, attending events, volunteering your time or simply encouraging your child each morning, it makes a huge difference to our school community.

School Council and Eco Council

Congratulations to all of our newly elected School Council and Eco Council representatives.

The School Council have already had their first meeting and joined me on a walk around the school. They shared what they liked about different areas and suggested ways we could make improvements. It was fascinating to hear their perspectives and they pointed out things I had not even noticed myself!

I know that Miss Morey is looking forward to meeting with the Eco Council and putting them to work as well!



**School Council Representatives:**

Isabelle - Year 1
George - Year 1
Rex - Year 2
Deanna - Year 2
Alfred - Year 3
Mia - Year 3
Ronnie B - Year 4
Hollie - Year 4
River - Year 5
Athena - Year 5
Alex - Year 6
Jude M - Year 6

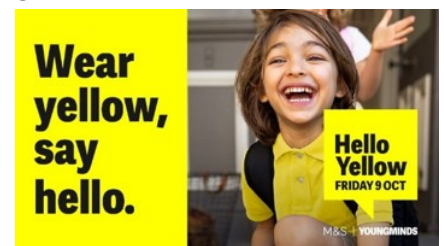
Eco Council Representatives:

Seren - Year 1
Rowan - Year 1
Sunday - Year 2
Oliver - Year 2
Myla - Year 3
Martin - Year 3
Maebh - Year 4
Lenny - Year 4
Lincoln - Year 5
Tessa - Year 5
Tommy - Year 6
Dolly - Year 6

Hello Yellow Day

A reminder that **Friday 9th October** is **Hello Yellow Day** in support of **Young Minds** and Children's Mental Health Day.

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and wear something yellow. We are asking for a voluntary donation of **£1**, which will go towards supporting the important work Young Minds does to help children and young people with their mental health. We can't wait to brighten up the school with a sea of yellow!

**Music Week**

We are very excited for **Music Week**, which begins the week commencing **12th October 2026**.

We have a fantastic programme planned, including:

- Musicians visiting from Samuel Ward Academy
- A singing workshop led by Suffolk Music Hub

Members of our local community sharing their musical experiences and talents.

There may even be a little surprise waiting for you at drop-off on Friday morning.

I won't give too much away, but you might just want to wear your dancing shoes!

Class Percussion Challenge

Every class will be creating and performing a short percussion composition using body percussion, classroom objects or homemade instruments.

Whole School Homework Challenge

All children across the school will be completing the same special music-themed homework next week. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity on display! This will be sent out by teachers but here is a sneak preview so you can start planning:



Behaviour Focus of the Week

Our Behaviour Focus of the Week continues to be a great success. After last week's focus on Shining, this week we are concentrating on lining up.

Classes earn points throughout the week and the winning class receives an extra 10 minutes of playtime on Friday.

Year 2 had an absolute ball enjoying their reward last week. I wonder which class will be victorious this time!

Mrs Wreathall's SEND Spotlight

Essential for Some, Useful for All

Supporting wellbeing and helping children regulate themselves is a key part of life at Kedington.

Building on the success of our Daily Mile sessions, each class now enjoys a short Afternoon Reset. This gives all children the opportunity to move, refocus and return to learning refreshed.

Alongside this, classes use regular Movement Breaks, designed around three simple stages: Alert; Organise; Calm. These opportunities support concentration, emotional wellbeing and readiness for learning while helping children develop important lifelong strategies for managing their energy and emotions.



Inclusion Quality Mark Success

Last term we welcomed assessors from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) into school as part of a nationally recognised review of our inclusive practice.

I am delighted to share that Kedington successfully achieved the Inclusive School Award once again, and the report was full of praise for our pupils, staff and wider school community.

Some of the highlights included:

"The culture observed throughout the school reflects a genuine commitment to ensuring that every pupil is supported to achieve their full potential, regardless of background or circumstance."

"Lessons are well structured and follow a consistent model. This can be seen in every classroom, regardless of year group."





"The consistent use of restorative practices has strengthened relationships across the school community and contributes to a calm, inclusive culture."

"The school fully meets the standard required by the Inclusion Quality Mark's Inclusive School Award in all eight elements."

This achievement belongs to everyone. Thank you to our wonderful staff, governors, families and, of course, our children for helping make Kedington such a welcoming and inclusive place to learn.

Mini-Marathon

Our annual Mini-Marathon takes place on **Tuesday 16th October 2026** at approximately 9.30am along the nature reserve and river route. Parents and carers are very welcome to come and cheer the children on, and Mrs Beard would be grateful for any volunteers.

Please remember:

- Children should wear PE kit
- Bring a water bottle
- Reception children will not take part this year, as the route is a little too challenging for our youngest pupils.

Parent Forum

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our first Parent Forum or shared their thoughts beforehand.

Much of the discussion centred around what makes Kedington special. It was lovely to hear parents highlighting many of the things staff value too:

- Our family feel
- Strong sense of community
- Supportive staff
- Ready access to help and guidance
- Forest School opportunities
- Enrichment experiences
- Strong community links
- Inclusive support for all children

Future discussions will explore uniform, clubs, homework, iPads and how we continue to meet the needs of every child. The next Parent Forum - Wednesday 11th November 2026 and the focus will be school uniform.

Meet Our New Staff

One of the suggestions from our Parent Forum was that families would love to get to know all of the staff who are new to Kedington, even if they do not work directly with their child. We thought that was a great idea, so below you'll find introductions to the staff who have joined us this term. We hope you'll enjoy putting names to faces and learning a little more about them!



Hello everyone! I'm **Mrs Hunter** and I'm so happy to be teaching Reception this year with Mrs Reeder. I have been teaching for about 20 years and have always loved the opportunity to support children as they learn, grow and develop. Outside of school, I'm kept busy with my two sons, my husband and our dog! As a family, we enjoy going for walks together, and I also enjoy practising yoga. I'm really enjoying my time at Kedington and it has been wonderful getting to know the children, families and staff. I'm looking forward to being part of all the wonderful events over the year.



Hello everyone! I'm **Miss Fisher**, an LSA in China Class (Reception). After recently finishing college, I am delighted to have joined Kedington Primary Academy. I previously gained experience at Clare Primary School as part of my studies. Outside school, I love reading, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and families in our school community and look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months.



Hi, I'm **Miss Solt** and I'm delighted to be joining Year 4 as a Learning Support Assistant this year. After volunteering in a preschool for two years, I developed a real passion for supporting children as they learn and grow. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, travelling, and doing hair. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff, and becoming part of the Kedington community.



Hi, I'm **Miss Caves** and I'm delighted to be teaching **Year 3** this year. Since qualifying as a teacher, I have worked in a variety of schools and have enjoyed supporting children to learn, grow and achieve their best. Outside of school, I love all things musical theatre and enjoy spending my free time watching shows and listening to music. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff, and becoming part of the Kedington community.



Hi, I'm **Mr Long** and I'm delighted to be teaching **Year 5** this year. After a successful 20-year career in advertising, marketing and video production, I recently made the exciting decision to retrain as a teacher. My inspiration for teaching comes from supporting my own two children through primary school and working with children in my local Cub group. I'm passionate about helping children to learn, grow and achieve their potential. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff, and becoming part of the Kedington community.



Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings for children due to start school in September 2027 will take place on Wednesday 21st October and Wednesday 18th November 2026. Tours and presentations will run at **9.00am** and **11.00am**.

No booking is required. Please help us spread the word to friends, neighbours and family members who may be interested in joining the Kedington community.

Parents' Evenings & Show and Share

Parents' Evenings will take place on 20th and 22nd October. Bookings are now open on Arbor.

Before these meetings, we would love families to come into school and enjoy looking through children's work together in our termly 'Show and Share' on Monday 19th October, after school until 4pm or Tuesday 20th October, from 8am.

You are welcome to stay for as little or as long as you wish.

Dates for the Year

Please note that the published calendar remains unchanged, although Year 4's Parents' Lunch was accidentally omitted from the original version. This will be on 14th April 2027.

A full list of dates is available at the end of this newsletter.

Thank You

As always, thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. It has been another busy and successful few weeks, and I continue to be immensely proud of our children and staff.

There is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, from Harvest celebrations and Music Week to welcoming families into school for Parents' Evenings. Together, we continue to make Kedington a place where children are kind, work hard and feel safe to thrive.



Dates for the Year

October 2026

- **5th (2.00pm)** – Harvest Service at the church (all welcome, with doughnuts afterwards in the school hall)
- **9th** – Hello Yellow Day (children wear yellow and bring a £1 donation to YoungMinds)
- **13th (9.00am)** – Mini Marathon (parents welcome to spectate)
- **14th** – Reception Parents' Lunch
- **16th** – School Disco
- **19th (3.15pm-3.45pm)** – Show and Share (an opportunity to pop into school and look at your child's books with them)
- **20th (8.00am-8.35am)** – Show and Share (an opportunity to pop into school and look at your child's books with them)
- **20th (3.15pm-6.00pm)** – Parents' Evening
- **21st** – Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families
- **22nd (3.15pm-6.00pm)** – Parents' Evening
- **26th** – Half term begins

November 2026

- **9th** – Children return to school
- **11th** – Year 1 Parents' Lunch
- **11th (10.45am)** – Remembrance Commemoration (Years 1-6)
- **13th** – Children in Need Day, wear something spotty
- **16th** – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week (no donation needed)
- **18th** – Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families

December 2026

- **9th (9.15am)** – Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance
- **10th (11am)** – Reception Nativity Performance
- **10th (2.00pm)** – Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance
- **14th (2.00pm)** – Christmas Service at the Church
- **16th** – Christmas Jumper / Break the Rules Day
- **16th** – Christmas Dinner
- **17th (1.30pm)** – Christmas Pantomime (kindly funded by the PTFA)
- **18th (8.45am)** – Role Model Assembly (invitation only)
- **18th** – Last Day of Term (finish at normal time, 3.15pm)

January 2027

- **4th** – PD Day – school closed to children
- **5th** – Children return to school
- **13th** – Year 2 Parents' Lunch



February 2027

- **5th** – Children's Mental Health Week: Wear something that makes you happy (no donation)
- **15th** – Half term begins
- **22nd** – Children return to school

March 2027

- **3rd** – World Book Day Celebration
- **9th (3.15pm-3.45pm)** – Show and Share
- **10th (8.00am-8.35am)** – Show and Share
- **10th** – Year 3 Parents' Lunch
- **16th (3.15pm-6.00pm)** – Parents' Evening
- **18th (3.15pm-6.00pm)** – Parents' Evening
- **22nd** – Easter Service at the Church
- **25th** – Easter Egg Hunt
- **25th** – Last Day of Term

April 2027

- **12th** – Children return to school
- **14th** – Y4 Parents' Lunch
- **20th** – Mini Marathon (parents welcome to spectate)

May 2027

- **3rd** – **Bank Holiday**
- **10th – 14th** – Year 6 SATs Week
- **19th** – Bollywood Day (parents invited from 2.45pm)
- **28th** – PD Day (school closed to children)
- **31st** – Half term begins

June 2027

- **7th** – Children return to school
- **9th** – Year 5 Parents' Lunch
- **14th – 16th** – Year 6 Residential Trip

24th – Sports Day

July 2027

- **1st** – **Reserve Sports Day**
- **2nd** – PD Day (school closed to children)
- **9th** – Summer Fête (TBC)
- **16th** – Year 4 Sleepover
- **16th** – Leavers' Assembly (TBC – will depend on high school transition dates)
- **21st** – Role Model Assembly (invitation only)
- **21st** – Last Day of Term (finish at normal time, 3.15pm)