



# KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

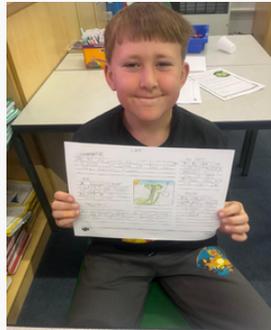
Newsletter

## Nearly there...

As we enter the last half-term of the academic year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. The summer holidays may be on the horizon, but there's still plenty happening here at school! This half-term is always a busy and exciting one, filled with trips, events, celebrations, and those all-important final learning milestones.

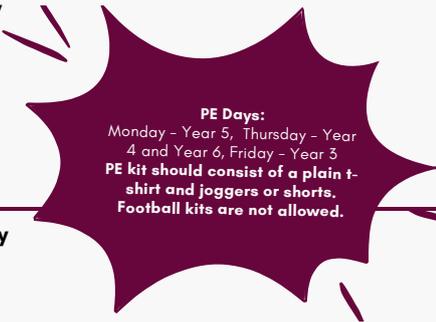
From sports days and end-of-year performances to transition activities and special assemblies, there's a lot for pupils, parents, and staff to look forward to. We'll be sharing key dates, reminders, and highlights with you over the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – let's make these final weeks of the school year positive, purposeful, and full of memories.



## KEY DATES THIS YEAR

<b>Saturday 14th June</b>	University of Nottingham – Family Discovery Day – see below
<b>Thursday 19th June</b>	The Secret Garden Theatre Production in School
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Olympic Athlete Visits KJA
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Non-uniform Day - BRING A BOTTLE
<b>Friday 27th June</b>	INSET Day – School closed to children
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 – Families at the Table
<b>Wednesday 2nd July</b>	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – 9.30am
<b>Thursday 3rd July</b>	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – 9.30am
<b>Friday 4th July - 3.15pm to 6.30pm</b>	Summer Fair
<b>Wednesday 9th July</b>	Y2 Transition Day followed by Y2 Parents Open Evening (Various Y6 transitions days this week – please check with your allocated secondary school for details)  Whole school transition day – children will spend the day in their new classes for next year.
<b>Wednesday 16th July</b>	KJA Talent Show – Preparations for our annual Talent Show will be starting soon! Children who would like to take part and have a talent they'd like to share are welcome to get involved. Auditions will take place during the school day.
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 12pm - 12.30pm</b>	Summer Picnic – Parents and carers will be invited into school to enjoy a picnic with the children. On this day, the kitchen will be offering a reduced menu of sandwiches only. More details will be shared closer to the time.
<b>Thursday 24th July</b>	Last day of Summer 2 term



## END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES AND Y6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us in school for the children's end-of-year assemblies that they have all been working on. These will be held on the following dates:

Year 3: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm

Year 4: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm

Year 5: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2.30pm

Year 6: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 9am

## FAMILY DISCOVERY DAY - SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We're looking forward to our exciting **FREE** Family Discovery Day at the University of Nottingham! Families will enjoy fun, subject-based drop-in activities delivered by academic experts - a fantastic opportunity to explore and learn together.

 Travel Details:

Coach departs school at 9:30am

Return pick-up from the university at 12:00pm

We're looking forward to an inspiring and fun experience for everyone involved!

✨ Sign up here for this fun and free programme: <https://forms.office.com/e/vLZq2FPT9G>

## NON-UNIFORM DAY - BRING A BOTTLE

We're holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June in support of our Summer Fair. If your child would like to take part, please send them in with a bottle donation for the tombola. This can be any kind of bottle (no alcohol) - for example, shower gel, bubble bath, soft drinks, or similar. Thank you for your support!

We're also collecting donations for our toy tombola!

If you're having a clear out and have any teddies, small toys or children's items in good condition, please drop them off at the school office at any time.

## SUMMER FAIR

Don't Forget - Bookings Now Open for Our Summer Fair! -

<https://forms.office.com/e/r63rBIHct1>. If you or someone you know runs a local business, please do share this opportunity with them. It's a fantastic way to connect with the community and showcase what you do. We're planning a brilliant event this year, with something for everyone - including an inflatable helter-skelter, a burger van, plenty of games, and a wide range of stalls.



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# ESCOOTERS

E-scooters are becoming increasingly popular and are widely available to buy. However, it's important to be aware that while you can purchase an e-scooter, it is illegal to ride one on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes in the UK. They are only legal to use on private land with the landowner's permission.

For the safety of our school community, **e-scooters are not allowed on school premises under any circumstances - this includes pupils, parents, carers, and visitors.**

We will contact parents/carers of any pupil who brings an e-scooter onto site to come and collect it. Parents, carers, or visitors arriving on an e-scooter will be asked to leave the premises.

## OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT - Y3, Y4 AND Y6



We're excited to welcome Olympic swimmer Amy Smith to school on Tuesday 24th June! Pupils should come to school in their PE kit ready to take part in a fitness circuit led by Amy, followed by an inspiring talk about her achievements. We're also raising money for new sports equipment and to support future athletes. Sponsorship forms have been sent home and thank you gifts are available for reaching milestones!

Any questions, please ask Miss Ward.

## Reading Morning and Coffee Morning - Every Wednesday!

Come and join us every Wednesday morning from 8:45 AM to share a book with your child in class. It's a wonderful way to start the day, foster a love of reading, and spend quality time together. We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget—after reading morning, we run our Coffee Morning - hosted by Mrs Bailey! Come along, enjoy a cuppa and a chat, and connect with other parents and staff in a relaxed setting. We'd love to see you there!

## Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts!

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's success, wellbeing, and development. Research shows that children with strong attendance achieve better results, so let's work together to keep attendance high!

We are moving to tracking attendance in terms of days lost rather than percentages, making it clearer for families to see the impact of missed school days.

0-9 days of missed learning	10-18 days of missed learning	19+ days of missed learning
<b>Good</b>	<b>Worrying</b>	<b>Serious Concern</b>
Best chance of success and gets your child off to a flying start!	Less chance of success and makes it harder to progress.	It's just not fair on your child - and could lead to court action.

Instead of a rewards-based system, we are introducing a recognition approach, with postcards home, certificates, positive phone calls, and our new mascot, Kip the Kensington Kangaroo, reminding pupils that "Every Day Counts!"

Please avoid collecting your child early unless absolutely necessary. Wherever possible, schedule dentist or GP appointments outside school hours. Early departures disrupt learning for the whole class, as office staff have to interrupt lessons.

Welfare Checks - In line with our attendance and safeguarding policies, if your child has been absent for three days, our attendance team may visit you at home to offer support, even if you have already informed us of the absence.

Thank you for your support in building a strong attendance culture at Kensington Junior Academy!



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