



KENSINGTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

Newsletter

A Busy and Exciting Half-Term Ahead!

It's been a great first couple of weeks back after the half-term break, and we're already back into the swing of things at KJA! This week, our Year 5 pupils represented the school beautifully as they laid a wreath at Stanton Cemetery for Remembrance - we are so proud of the respect and maturity they showed. Next week, our after-school volleyball clubs begin for all year groups, and there's lots more to look forward to as we head towards Christmas. Keep an eye out for information coming soon about our Christmas pantomime, school disco, and other festive events - it's set to be a busy and exciting term!

Welcome Our New Parent Governor - Nick Bacon



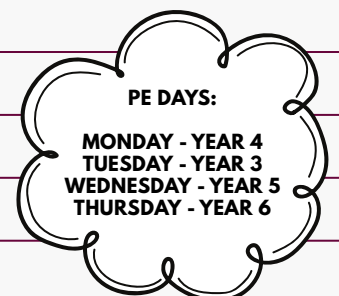
We're delighted to welcome Nick Bacon to our Governing Board as a Parent Governor.

Nick brings a wealth of enthusiasm and a strong interest in supporting our school community. He will be spending some time in and around school over the coming weeks, so please do take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself if you see him. We're really pleased to have him on board!

KEY DATES

Here are some key dates for now, with more events to be added as they are confirmed. Further details will be shared closer to each event:

	Mon 10 Nov	Y6 Go Ape Trip
	Tue 11 Nov	1 minute of silence for Remembrance Day
	Thur 13 Nov	School Photographer
	Fri 14 Nov	Children in Need - Wear it Spotty Non-uniform Day. £1 for Children In Need
	Tue 25 Nov	Coffee Morning - 9am - How to live a healthier lifestyle.
	Fri 28 Nov	Christmas Panto in School - this will be at a cost of £5 per pupil. More information to follow soon.
December	Tue 2 Dec	Y3 Craft Morning - further details to follow.
	Wed 3 Dec and Thurs 4 Dec	School Exhibition and Year 2 Open Evenings. If you have a Year 2 child please register your interest for the Open Evening here: https://forms.office.com/e/2JHrFNrhRw
	Wed 10 Dec	Christmas Disco - 5pm - 6.30pm
	Mon 15 Dec	Class Party Week
	Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Carols @ St John's Church
	Fri 19 Dec	Last Day of Autumn Term 2
Jan 2026	Mon 22 Dec - Fri 2 Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
	Mon 5 Jan	INSET Day
	Tue 6 Jan	First Day of Spring Term 1



BEANY BREAKFAST

We're delighted that our Beany Breakfast has been such a big hit with the children! Due to its popularity, we'll now be running it every Tuesday and Friday morning (circumstances permitting). It's a lovely way for pupils to start the day with friends and a warm breakfast.

Y2 OPEN EVENING AND JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



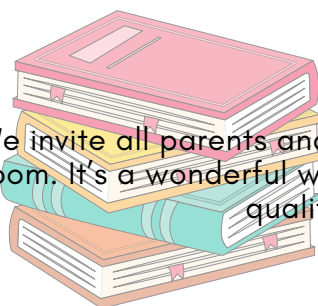
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Please remember to apply for your child's junior school place by 15th January here:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx>

CONTACT DETAILS AND PHOTO CONSENT

Please ensure your contact details and address details are up-to-date on Arbor. Please also check your photo/video consent on Arbor. Without consent, we cannot feature your child in school publications, the website, or social media.



READING MORNING

Every Wednesday | 8:45 - 9:05 AM

We invite all parents and carers to spend 20 special minutes reading with their child in the classroom. It's a wonderful way to share stories, support your child's love of reading, and enjoy some quality time together. We can't wait to welcome you!

UNIFORM

At Kensington, all pupils are expected to wear school uniform. We ask for your full support in ensuring pupils adhere to these requirements, helping to maintain a smart, safe, and professional school environment:

Uniform:

- White, gold burgundy polo shirt/shirt/blouse
- Burgundy, grey, or black skirt or pinafore dress
- Burgundy or grey cardigan or jumper
- Grey or black trousers or loose-fitting grey/black school shorts
- Plain, dark, sensible shoes (trainers are acceptable)
- Suitable, waterproof outdoor coat (denim or leather jackets are not permitted)

P.E. Kit:

Plain, loose, comfortable clothing suitable for exercise (e.g., T-shirt, joggers, trainers)
Football kits are not permitted

Jewellery and Accessories:

One pair of small, plain stud earrings
One watch (smart watches are not permitted)
One small piece of religious jewellery is allowed
All jewellery must be removable for P.E.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Don't miss out on your Free School Meals!

We've noticed that a few families who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) aren't currently using them – and we'd love to change that! Our school meals are freshly prepared every day, with options to suit all tastes – from jacket potatoes and sandwiches to hot meals and favourites that even our fussiest eaters enjoy! The kitchen team are brilliant at working with pupils' preferences, so if your child isn't sure what they like, we can help find something that works for them.

Using your FSM entitlement could save your family over £400 a year – that's a big help, especially with the cost of living!

If you think you might be eligible, or if you're entitled but haven't been using it, please speak to the office – we're happy to help you check or get started.

ATTENDANCE

As we move into the season of colds, flu, and winter bugs, we understand it can be tricky to decide whether your child should come to school. Generally, if your child's temperature is below 38°C, they are usually well enough to attend. Being in school as much as possible helps pupils keep up with their learning and maintain routines.

We'd also like to remind parents about the impact of lateness. Arriving late—even by a few minutes—adds up over time and can result in significant lost learning for your child. Every minute counts! Let's work together to keep attendance high and learning on track.

What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➤	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters		Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➤➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➤➤	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat		Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➤➤	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➤➤	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➤➤	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➤➤	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➤➤	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash		GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea		Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➤➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➤➤	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

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