KESTON
CE Primary School
Part of the Aquinas Trust

Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

There is so much to celebrate and be thankful for this week.The children have enjoyed being able to get outside despite the changeable weather. We are so lucky to be part of the ancient woodlands and have our forest school facility onsite. In worship we have been considering the big question, 'Why do we remember?'and observed the two-minute silence on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Thank you to Mrs Lawrence, Fearne, Poppy and Nisi and the school community who laid the Keston wreaths at the Keston memorial on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ardern

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **Saturday 14th November**-Y5/6 Cross Country @ Crystal Palace
- **Tuesday 17th November**-Reception 2027 Open Tour 9.30am-10.30am
- EYFS Forest School session PM
- **Wednesday 18th November**-Y1 Forest School session PM
- **Thursday 19th November**-7 x Y6 pupils to record a Christmas song at Bishop Justus-am
- Y5 Forest School session AM
- **Wednesday 25th November**-Choir singing at the Aquinss Winter Concert @ Bishop Justus
- **Thursday 26th November**-Reception 2027 Open Tour 10.45am-11.45am.
- Nasal Flu Immunisation in school-All years
- **Saturday 28th November**-PTA Christmas Fair 12-3pm

Community News

Bromley Christmas Camp-see attached flyer

E scooter/E Bike Warning Flyer-see attached

School Celebrations and News

Curriculum and learning

Reception loved their first session of Forest School despite the soggy weather. Dressed in wellies and waterproofs they demonstated resilience and had fun learning the routines of Forest School.

Y1 also enjoyed their first Forest School session, returning to their outdoor learning with gusto and great enthusiasm.They especially enjoyed working co- operatively on their group tasks.

Y2 Produced some amazing pieces of descriptive writing about deserts. Mrs Satulenko was very impressed with their use of adjectives.

Y3 ventured further afield to Beckenham Place Park where they participated in activities as soil detectives to re- enforce and enhance their science learning for the Rocks and Soils unit. Mrs O'Brien was impressed with the focus and determination of each group.

Y4 demonstrated their teamwork and problem solving skills during their STEM Lego House Challenge. Mrs Williams was impressed with the focus and determination of each group.

Y5 also enjoyed their first Forest School session on Thursday. The new seating area in base camp provided a good resting spot to debrief, evaluate and drink hot chocolate.

Y6 Have been exploring how light reflects using mirrors. They have also been completing instruction text on how to survive an air raid which Mrs Lawrence said they completed brilliantly.

Thank you to all the parent helpers and volunteers for supporting the children and staff in their learning activities and trips. We would not be able to offer the enrichment opportunities without you, so it's very much appreciated.

Aquinas Advisory Council (AAC)

We held our Autumn Term AAC meeting on Monday and we welcomed Stephanie Withers as a newly appointed Trust member. The purpose of the meetings are to work together in partnership for the sustained improvement of the school. We will be holding parent elections shortly to recruit another parent member to be a constructive 'critical friend', bring a strategic perspective and help connect the school with its wider community. Look out for the information to apply if you would like to strenghen the voice of the community in an advisory role.

Crystal Palace Cross Country Event

Good luck to Year 5 and 6 children taking part in the Crystal Palace Cross Country Event tomorrow, may the wind be behind you. Thank you to Mrs Coyle, Mrs B and Mr B for organising, setting up, running and supervising.

PTA

Remember to sign up to help at the upcoming Christmas Fair.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance 95.42%

Class Winner was Y4 again who achieved 97.6%. Well done!