



KESTON
CE Primary School
Part of the Aquinas Trust

Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the half term, I would like to thank all of our families and children for a great start to the year. It's been a busy but productive seven and a half weeks. This week's parents evenings have been full of positive comments as the children have really settled into their learning and are flourishing academically, spiritually and socially. Have a lovely holiday and a well earned rest and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes
Mrs Arden

Upcoming Events and Important Dates



- **Saturday 31st October**-Y6 Deadline to apply for a secondary school place.
- **Monday 2nd November**-School Returns
- **Tuesday 3rd November**-Van Cols Individual Photos
- PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale at drop off
- **Wednesday 4th November**-Y4 Virtual Ancient Greek Museum Visit
- Reception 2027 Open Tour 9.30-10.30am
- **Sunday 8th November**-Remembrance Sunday Wreath Laid at Keston War Memorial by School Council members meet at 10.45am.
- **Monday 9th November**-Y3/4 Build A Lego House Workshop am
- **Thursday 12th November**-Y3 trip to Beckenham Place Park
- Reception 2027 Open Tour 10.45-11.45am
- **Friday 13th November**-Children in Need
- **Saturday 14th November**-Y5/6 Cross Country @ Crystal Palace

School Celebrations and News

Playtimes have been transformed, thanks to all the generous donations to the PTA's Project Playground Phase 1 Community Event on Saturday. We are so grateful for all the families, friends and staff that gave up time on Saturday to work through the wish list of improvements. As a result, the school is looking much smarter and welcoming to us all and our prospective parents who will be touring on our open days after half term.

The biggest impact has been on the children and their playtime experience. They now have storage boxes full of toys and equipment to encourage their co operative play and imagination. They have written their own playground pledge and are really showing how responsible they can be for their new things.

Now the children have more of an idea of what they would like more of, they are submitting ideas to their school council representatives to present at our next meeting. The new playground markings are being installed over half term which we are all excited to see.

Buzzers Wraparound Care at Keston

Unfortunately, due to low interest and minimal bookings Buzzers are postponing their wraparound care provision until January 2027.

Community News

Saturday 17th October

Nearly New Sale 2-4pm Orpington Methodist Church-see attached flyer

Keston Church-Messy Church Tuesday 27th October 10am-12pm

Attendance



Whole School Attendance 91%

Class Winner was Y5 who achieved 95.8%. Well done!