KESTON
CE Primary School
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Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school this week, despite the drop in temperature. The children are thrilled with the new playground boxes and markings. We will always try to get out to play even if it is a bit damp and drizzly so please ensure your child/children has a named coat in school.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Ardern

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **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
- **Tuesday 10th November**-Second Hand Uniform Sale at drop off. See attached flyer.
- EYFS Forest School Session PM
- **Wednesday 11th November**-Y1 Forest School Session PM
- **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

Community News

Thursday 26th November-Adoption and Kinship Coffee Morning 8.45-10.15am @ Hayes Primary School-see attached flyer
Early Intervention and Family support-See attached re the Social Communication Needs Service for parents/carers
Biggin Hill Swimming Lessons-see attached
BookStart Session at Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre-see attached

School Celebrations and News

Staff news
We were delighted to report that Miss Thomson had her baby boy before half term. Mother and baby are doing well and enjoying their new family life. We have sent our extended community congratulations..

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mr Johnson our PE coach who has decided to steer his career in a different direction. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him success for his new role.

We have warmly welcomed Mr Anderson from Buzzers Sports Academy as our new PE coach. He was familiar with the school, has settled in well and the children are enjoying their PE lessons and getting to know him better.

We also welcome Mr Biederman to the Midday Supervisor team. He is also known to the children and is settling into his new role well.

Reception 2027 intake
Our first Open Day for prospective parents took place on Wednesday and they all commented on how quiet and calm the classes were during the tour. Our head pupils were excellent ambassadors and the visitors were very impressed with our school. Further dates are planned and bookable via the office if you have friends, family or neighbours who are interested in visiting.

Teaching and learning
Reception have enjoyed starting to learn about the season of Autumn, digraphs and phonemes (2 letters which make 1 sound) in phonics.
Year 1 have been learning about the origin of fireworks and the well known poem, Remember, remember the 5th November.
Year 2 have enjoyed starting their new book, The Meercat Mail about Sonny and his travels.
Year 3 have enjoyed learning about The Human Body parts bones and muscles. "Muscles help you move and bones are so you are not a blob of jelly."
Year 4 have enjoyed challenging themselves and learning to add and subtract larger numbers.
Year 5 enjoyed learning about landscapes in the UK which some children explained they had already visited.
Year 6 have been mastering long division and learning about the Blitz in World War 2.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance 94.9%
Class Winner was Y4 who achieved 97.2%. Well done!