



### *Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe*

Today we celebrated the birthday of David Attenborough with a range of exciting activities across the school. To mark the significance of this special occasion, we launched our very own digital art competition, *Wonders of Wildlife*. Children are invited to take a landscape picture inspired by wildlife found in our local habitats, encouraging creativity while celebrating the natural world around us. **Please send all entries to [art@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:art@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk) by 1 June.**

With the ongoing sunny weather this week it has been the perfect opportunity for children to take their learning outdoors and explore the natural environment around them. It has been a real joy to see so much learning taking place outside, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful outdoor spaces for the children to explore, learn and play in.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they begin their SATs – we are incredibly proud of all their hard work and determination.

With warmest regards.

### *Attendance Update*

As you know, we are always championing high attendance here at Kempshott as we want your child to be happy, safe and thriving and being in school every day supports this.

Even a seemingly high percentage of attendance can result in missing a great deal of learning over time.

For the vast majority of children, attendance is very good (above 96%), and where it isn't, there are often genuine and understandable reasons. However, like many schools, our attendance for certain groups remains below pre-Covid averages (96.4%), and it often declines as children get older.

We believe that attendance is everyone's responsibility here and our job as a school is to make learning irresistible so that your child never wants to miss a single day. But it is also to listen and work with you to try and help and support when barriers to attendance start to arise - whether this be more regular illness, worries, or friendship issues.

We know the earlier these interactions happen, the better the chance of helping your child have high attendance so don't be surprised (or offended!) if the staff here ever bring this up in conversation - it really is coming from a place of wanting to help.

Clearly, to support us, I would encourage all families to avoid any term-time holidays, as this remains our number one cause of unauthorised absence.

Secondly, it's worth having another look at the NHS guidance on when you should or shouldn't send your child to school. A link to the site is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

As always, please do reach out to your child's teacher or the SLT if there is anything we can do to support.

### *SATS Week - Year 6*

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children.

These tests are a chance for children to show what they've learned in English and maths throughout their time at primary school. They also help schools understand what's going well and where we can improve, so we can give the very best to all our pupils.

But please remember - SATs do not measure everything that makes your child special. They don't see kindness, creativity, determination, or humour. We do.

Whatever the results, SATs are just a stepping stone - not the final destination. They help prepare children for the next stage in their learning journey and allow staff in their next school to work with them moving forward.

The best support you can give is simple: early nights, a calm morning, and a reminder that trying their best is what really matters. We've been talking about resilience at school - the idea of keeping going, even when things feel tough. Our pupils already show this every day, and we are so proud of them.

We'll be cheering them on every step of the way!

### *Morning Drop Off - Playground Safety*

Please can we remind parents to remain with their children and supervise them on the playground until the doors have opened at 8.40 am and the child has entered the building. Thank you.

### *Best Attendance for this Week*

**The class with the highest attendance this week is 3MH with 98.72% well done!!**

#### Attendance Matters

- Good attendance is key to your child's safety, wellbeing, and education.
- Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve and build positive friendships.
- When a child misses school, it can mean missed learning and missed opportunities to be part of our school community.
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence.
- Our pastoral team is here to support families if attendance becomes difficult - please reach out, we are here to help.

#### **Reporting an Absence**

If your child is ill, please can you telephone the school office before 9.00am on 01256 326713.

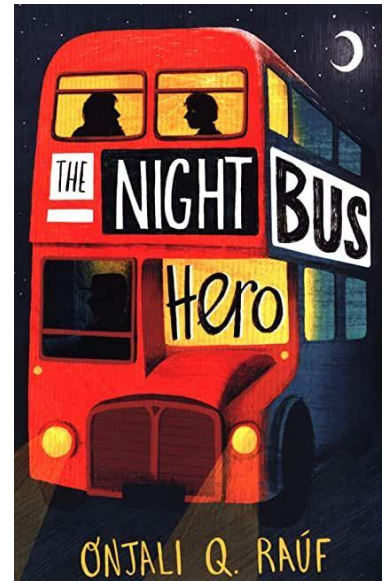
There is an answer phone that you can leave a message regarding absence. The school office will contact you if you do not contact the school to report an absence., if you do not report the absence it will be marked as "unauthorised absence". If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain at home for a clear 48 hours following the last episode.

*A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Andrews recommends:-*

**Book Review: *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Q. Raúf**

*The Night Bus Hero* tells the story of Hector, a boy known for bullying and making poor choices, whose life begins to change after he meets Thomas, a homeless man he sees on the night bus. At first, Hector is unkind, but as he learns more about Thomas and the struggles he faces, Hector starts to see the world differently. His journey shows how understanding others can lead to personal growth.

The book explores important topics like homelessness, bullying, and empathy in a way that is accessible for children. It highlights that people can change and that kindness matters. Emotional yet hopeful, this story leaves readers thinking about how their actions affect others and encourages them to be more compassionate.



*Pupil Achievements*

Following a successful 2025 at aerial hoop placing 1st in her first competition . Aria has just placed 2nd in aerial hoop in Hampshire, followed up by 2nd in the Oxford UKAPC tournament and 3rd this Saturday at the south coast aerial tournament.

**We love to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If you have any awards/achievements you'd like included in the newsletters, please email them to the school office via [info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk)**



*Community Food Link*

Every Thursday the Community Food Link make a delivery to Kempshott Junior School, parents are welcome to pop in to the Green Room at 3pm to choose any food items that they may find useful. Please help us reduce food waste in our community. Thank you.



## ✦ KSA Weekly Update ✦

### Sports Day Refreshments

We're delighted to share that the KSA will be running a refreshments stall at Sports Day on Friday 5th June. Whether you're cheering from the sidelines or celebrating at the finish line, there'll be something to keep everyone refreshed! More details on timings will be shared soon -watch this space.

### 🗑️ Non-Uniform Day – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

To help us prepare for the Summer Party, we'll be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June in exchange for the below donations

- Years 3, 4 & 5: Pre-loved teddy donations (please ensure any donations are washed and clean ready for resale at the summer party!)
- Year 6: Bring a bottle of something (**to be dropped off at reception** for our bottle stall)

Your contributions will help make the event extra special. Please bring these in w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June in the run up to the summer party. Thank you in advance!

### 🎉 A Brand New Summer Event Is Coming!

As mentioned last week, we're doing things a little differently this year...

Instead of our usual Friday Summer Fayre, we're thrilled to invite you to our Summer Party on **Saturday 13th June!**

Expect an afternoon packed with fun. Bouncy castles, tasty refreshments, and activities for all ages. It's shaping up to be a fantastic community celebration and a great chance for everyone to come together.

We're just finalising the details and will share more very soon. For now, pop it in your diary... you won't want to miss it!

**If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch via social media or email us at [ksaevents10@gmail.com](mailto:ksaevents10@gmail.com)**

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**Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the KSA 🌞**

**MAY HOLIDAY School Holiday Club**

**INFANT CHILDREN ARE WELCOME**

We are taking bookings now, 26, 27, 28 May 2026

9.00 - 4.00pm £32 per child, £28.80 for siblings.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child,

please contact the school office on 01256 326713 or email [adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk)

**Disclaimer:** From time to time information will be sent out from various organisations about activities for children. Please note that these are provided for your information and are not endorsed by the school. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the suitability of out of school activities for their own children.

*Spring Term 2026*

Summer Term 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Inset Days for 2025/2026**

1<sup>st</sup> June

**Inset Days for 2026/2027**

1<sup>st</sup> September

2<sup>nd</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> January

12<sup>th</sup> April

7<sup>th</sup> June

**May 2026**

11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SAT's week

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

18<sup>th</sup> - 5MK to Blue Coat School Food Tech

19<sup>th</sup> - 5HA to Blue Coat School Food Tech

20<sup>th</sup> - 5CK to Blue Coat School Food Tech

21<sup>st</sup> - Year 4 Camping Experience

22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 4 Camping Experience / Coffee & Chat 9 am Mrs Clifton and Miss Williams

**June 2026**

1<sup>st</sup> - INSET DAY

5<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> - Non Uniform Day in exchange for items for KSA Summer Fair

12<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Trip to Milestones Museum

24<sup>th</sup> - BPSM Concert at the Anvil

29<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Bikeability Week

\*Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation\*