

KEMPSHOTT JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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'Teaching with Pride, Learning with Confidence'

Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe

What a proud week it has been for us at Kempshott. As we approach the end of term, we have had the pleasure of watching your children take huge steps forward with courage, curiosity and confidence.

This week has been all about transitions, and we have been genuinely delighted by the positive way in which the children have embraced these changes. From moving into new classrooms to meeting their teachers for the next academic year, they have approached every opportunity with enthusiasm. It has been a joy to see their excitement and confidence shine through.

Our new Year 3 children also joined us for the afternoon and did exceptionally well. We are delighted to welcome them to our school community and look forward to supporting them on the exciting learning journey that lies ahead.

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils deserve a special mention too. Today, they visited their new secondary schools, taking another important step towards the next stage of their education. We hope they returned feeling excited, reassured and confident about the opportunities awaiting them in September.

We recognise that transitions can often feel more challenging for parents than for children, and we would like to take a moment to thank you all. Your support, trust and encouragement throughout these milestones make a tremendous difference. Watching your child move on to the next stage is a significant moment, and we are grateful for the partnership we share in helping every child thrive.

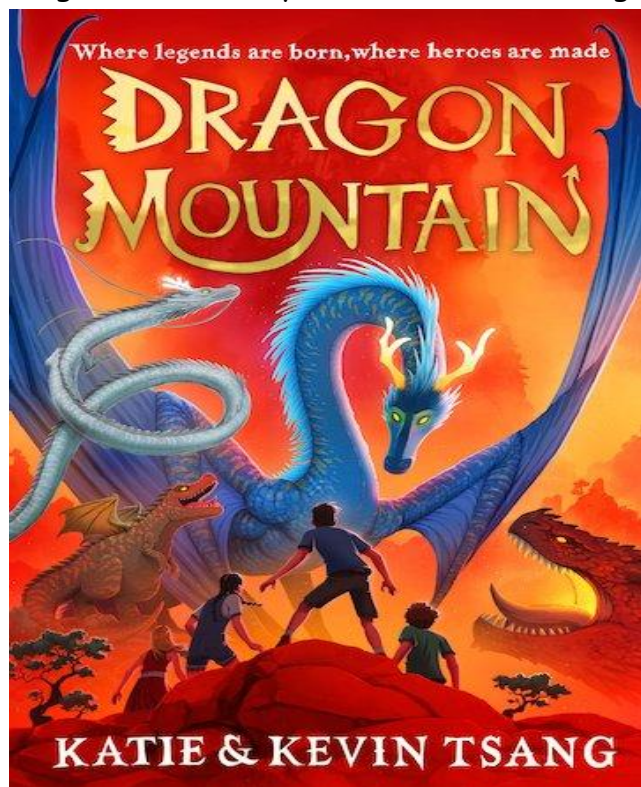
Earlier in the week, our Year 6 children also completed their Bikeability training. The instructors were full of praise for the sensible, responsible and respectful manner in which our pupils conducted themselves throughout the sessions. They were a real credit to the school.

The children's conduct during Bikeability linked perfectly with our assembly focus on respect. Together, we explored the many ways we can show respect each day through our words, our actions and the way we treat others. It has been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating these values throughout the week and living out the high expectations we have for everyone in our school community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are immensely proud of our school community—our pupils, families and staff—and all that we have achieved together this year. We look forward to making the most of the final days of term and celebrating many more successes before the summer break.

A Love of Reading - This week Mrs Kilgannon recommends:-

Dragon Mountain by Katie and Kevin Tsang.



This book is the first in a series linking Earth and a group of children to the Dragon Realm. It all starts when Billy Chan (a 12 year old boy) is sent to summer camp in the mountains of China. He would rather be spending his summer at home in California, surfing. However, it all changes for him and some of his camp mates when they are taking part in an activity and stumble across a secret entrance and four real-life dragons. This book is full of adventure with lots of excitement and challenges for them all to face along the way. I read this book with my son when he was at Kempshott and we both looked forward to finding out what was going to happen next to all the characters. When we got close to the end of this book, my son made sure we had the second book ready to continue following Billy, his friends and the dragons on the next part of their adventure! I hope you will enjoy it as much as we did.

England football match on Sunday

We know that many families will be excited to watch the football on Sunday evening and will want to support the team. However, we would like to remind parents and carers that school will be operating as normal on Monday and all children are expected to attend and arrive on time.

For those who may be concerned about the late finish, watching the match back on iPlayer at a more sensible time could be a great alternative, making sure children are well rested and ready for learning the next day.

Thank you for your support in maintaining good attendance and punctuality.

Warm Weather Next Week

The forecast for next week is showing warmer temperatures, so children are welcome to wear their PE kit to school throughout the week.

To help everyone stay comfortable in the heat, please ensure your child:

- Brings a named water bottle to school each day. Children will be able to take their bottles outside at break times and refill them as needed.
- Applies sun cream before coming to school.
- Brings a hat to wear when outdoors.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe, comfortable and hydrated during the warmer weather. ☀

Parking

We kindly request that parents park outside the school grounds during the school day and when collecting children from after-school care.

The parking bays on site are quite small and are suitable for staff members parking individually, but they do not allow enough space for children getting in and out of vehicles safely without the risk of car doors causing accidental damage to nearby cars.

To help prevent further incidents, we ask that parents please park outside the school grounds whenever possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Year 3 Roman Day - Wednesday 8th July

On this day, we would like the children to dress up as their favourite Roman character. This could be a Roman emperor, senator, soldier, God or goddess.

Whatever Roman character your child decides to dress up as, please make sure it is suitable to last the whole of the school day. If your child does not want to wear a Roman costume on this day, they must wear school uniform as usual.

Clubs

All clubs have now finished for this term.

End of School Year Accounts

Please can parents ensure that all financial account balances are paid by the end of the school term. Thank you.

Best Attendance for this Week

The class with the highest attendance this week is 6EW with 96.88% 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.



💎 KSA Weekly Update 💎

RECENT FUNDRAISING TOTALS:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Happy Bags Recycling scheme last week. Despite the very hot weather, we raised £177.45! Your donations truly make a difference.

On the subject of fundraising totals, whilst we are waiting for a final figure from the inflatables company, we are confident that the Inflate-a-Fest summer fair raised over £1800 in profit which goes towards our annual fundraising figure (the total annual figure will be launched at the next AGM in September 26).

Every penny raised helps support enriching opportunities and resources for our children, so thank you for your generosity.

A special thank you as always goes to our fantastic volunteers, staff, and everyone who helps organise and set up our events and clear away afterwards. It simply wouldn't be possible without your time, energy, and support..

We are always looking for ways to improve future events, so if you have any feedback or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at ksaevents10@gmail.com.

That's all for this week. If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to get involved with future events, please get in touch via social media or email us at ksaevents10@gmail.com.

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

Summer Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our Summer Holiday Club - Infant Children Welcome.

Commencing Monday 27 July and finishing on Friday 21 August inclusive.

9.00am - 4.00pm, please send your child in with a packed lunch

Cost is £32.00 per child but a 10% discount for siblings of £28.80 each applies.

This is a very popular club to please contact the office as soon as possible to book your child's place by either emailing adminoffice@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk or phoning 01256 326713

Year 5 Swimming - September 2026

Reminder - Please can Year 4 parents ensure that they have completed and returned the swimming form and consented and paid on Arbor app for their child to participate in the Swimming lessons commencing Wednesday 9th September 2026. Thank you.

Free School Meal Guidance June 2026

Hampshire Education Catering support team have advised that any families in receipt of Universal Credit who have not previously applied for Free School Meals should do so on the Hampshire Portal by the end of the Summer Term to ensure that their eligibility is confirmed in time for September.

From September 2026 the Department for Education will extend Free School Meal entitlement to all children from households receiving Universal Credit.

Pupil Achievements

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

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.

Summer Term 2026

Summer Term 13th April 2026 - 22nd July 2026

Autumn Term Dates

2nd September 2026 - 18th December 2026

26th October 2026 - 30th October 2026 Half Term Week

21st December 2026 - 1st January 2027 Christmas Holidays

Inset Days for 2026/2027

1st September 2026

2nd November 2026

4th January 2027

12th April 2027

7th June 2027

July 2026

8th - Year 3 Roman Day

10th - Junior Duke Celebration

14th - Year 6 Production

16th - Rugby Tournament

17th - Year 6 Leavers Party

22nd - Year 6 Leavers Assembly / Last Day of Term

Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation