



Kew Woods News

Friday 16th January



Kindness Connect Believe

In Monday's assembly, Miss Checkley read the book 'The Boy

With Big, Big Feelings' where the boy tries to cope by stuffing down his feelings, but with a little help and artistic inspiration, the boy realises that his feelings are something to be celebrated.

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ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 96.09% which is above national average.

Well done to class RK who had the highest attendance at 99.2%

Dates:

January

20th - Year 6 Robinwood Parents' Meeting at 3:30pm

February

3rd - EYFS Stay and Count at 2:40pm

5th - Book Fair in school for a week

5th - Keep the Wheels Turning Sponsored Bike Ride Event

6th - Foodbank Friday

9th - Children's Mental Health Week

9th and 10th - Year 6 Parents' Evening

10th - Safer Internet Day





Staff take on the challenge of a
24 HOUR BIKE RIDE

Helping to raise awareness of
#kNOwKnifeCrime

THURSDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY



Pupils will be part of the excitement as they join our teachers for a high-energy daytime PE circuit to launch the charity bike ride! While the children power through their challenge, our incredible staff team will keep the wheels turning and continue cycling all through the night to raise awareness of this crucial cause.

All money raised will go towards Mini Medics First Aid training for our pupils. Please bring in any donations you can to support the **#kNOwKnifeCrime** campaign-every contribution makes a real difference. Thank you!



This Week's Class Dojo Winners

Louis	RK
Willow	RW
Charlie	1K
Freddie	1W
Arlo	2K
Aisha	2W
Darcy	3K
George	3W
Mila	4K
Jacob	4W
Harley	5K
Lucas	5W
Maya	6K
Harry	6W

This Week's Big Question is :

Why do people make New Year's resolutions, and do they really help us become better?

BIG QUESTION of the week!

Here is a summary of what the pupils thought:

1K - New Year goals help us to work on something to try and get better at it.

1W - We make a resolution to become better at something and it makes us a good person.

2K - People make resolutions to challenge themselves and they can feel proud when it is achieved.

2W - People make New Year's resolutions because they want to try something new or get better at something. It's like making a promise to yourself!

3K - People make a New Year's resolution so they can start fresh and try to be better at things - it is like making a promise to yourself. They make you become better if you keep to them and also help you to think about planning for the future.

3W - New Year's resolutions help us set goals to improve ourselves however when we don't do them they can make us feel like we've failed.

4K - People like to set goals for themselves to try and achieve to help them become better at things or learn new skills. Some of us thought that resolutions can sometimes put pressure on us but that they can also help us learn resilience and determination.

5K - New Year's resolutions give us a fresh start, help us stay focused on our goals and let others support us as we work to achieve them.

***Next Week's Big Question is linked to the British Value of Tolerance:
'We must always follow our heart and be in service of others'. What do
you think Ahen means by this?***



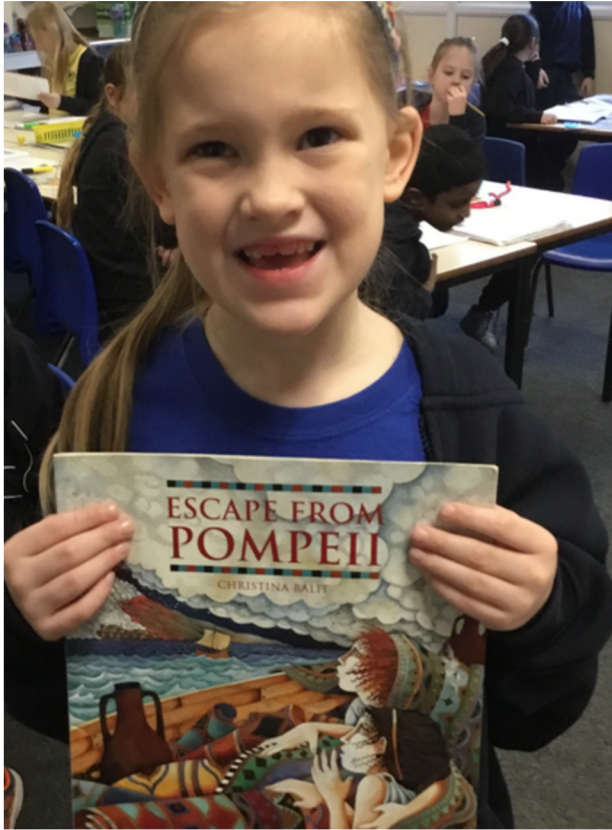
Computing at Kew

This week, Year 5 enjoyed exploring the microbits in computing and learning to write algorithms whilst KS1 enjoyed programming their Bee-Bots.

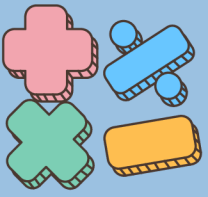




Developing a Love of Reading



Year 3 have started their new class book *Escape From Pompeii*, which also links to their history topic.



Year 2 Maths



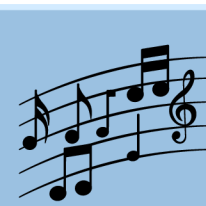
This week, Year 2 have been enjoying learning about money. Using coins, they explored different ways to make money £1.



Year 1 Art



Year 1 have enjoyed the start of their new art topic on sculpture. They made their own paper towers and arranged them onto their base with a new joining technique.



Year 6 Music



Year 6 really enjoyed their first keyboard lesson this week.



Fundraising



One of our Year 6 pupils donated some of her hair to the Little Princess Trust this week, which will be used to make a wig for a child with cancer.

She has also raised almost £800 for the charity!

We are very proud!



The A Team

Congratulations to our footballers, who started the year with a 1 - 0 win in the quarter final of the Duffy Shield.

We now await our semi-final opponents. Well played boys!



NURSERY

newsletter

This week

This week we have had lots of fun in Nursery! We enjoyed reading the story "The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish" and even made our own jellyfish. We also talked about the meaning of the beginning, middle and end of a story.

In maths, we focused on the number 3 and explored the different ways it can be represented. We have also had a great time playing outside in the mud kitchen, developing our creativity and teamwork.

Next week

Next week in Nursery, we will be reading the story "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?". While sharing this book, we will be learning that print carries meaning and tells the story. The children will also enjoy drawing their own animals inspired by the book, developing creativity and fine motor skills.

In maths, we will be focusing on the number 4. The children will explore how 4 can be represented in different ways, such as counting objects, using their fingers, recognising numerals, and creating sets of four. We will also practise spotting the number 4 in our environment and matching quantities to the numeral, helping to build strong number understanding through fun, hands-on activities.

Reminders

Remember to send your home learning to
learningselfie@kewwoods.com



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DIGITAL DEVICES & WELLBEING

Children aged 7 to 14 now spend roughly 3 to 5 hours a day on phones, tablets, consoles, and computers. That much screen time has parents and educators worried – not just about the hours logged, but about online safety and the knock-on effects on mental health. This guide brings together practical, expert-backed strategies so adults can nurture healthier digital habits and help young people thrive both on and offline.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SLEEP DISRUPTION

Excessive screen time, especially before bed, can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep onset. Children may struggle to concentrate or regulate emotions due to poor sleep hygiene linked to late-night device use.

ONLINE PEER PRESSURE

Social media platforms expose children to unrealistic standards and peer validation loops. Likes, comments, and follower counts can influence self-worth and lead to anxiety or risky behaviour to gain approval.

CYBERBULLYING EXPOSURE

Children may encounter bullying through messaging apps, games, or social media. This can be persistent and anonymous, making it harder to detect. Victims often feel isolated and reluctant to report incidents.

REDUCED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Time spent on screens often replaces outdoor play and physical activity. This sedentary lifestyle can contribute to obesity, poor posture, and reduced cardiovascular health.

EMOTIONAL DYSREGULATION

Fast-paced digital content can overstimulate young brains. Children may become irritable, impatient, or struggle with boredom and emotional control when not engaged with screens.

PRIVACY AND SAFETY RISKS

Children may unknowingly share personal information or interact with strangers online. Without guidance, they may not understand the long-term consequences of digital footprints or unsafe online behaviour.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Establish screen-time limits and device-free zones, e.g. classrooms and dinner tables. Use parental controls and co-create a digital use agreement with children to encourage accountability. Trying a visual schedule or timer app can help children understand and stick to limits.

MODEL HEALTHY HABITS

Children mirror adult behaviour. Demonstrate balanced device use, take regular screen breaks, and prioritise face-to-face interactions to reinforce positive behaviours. Making a habit of putting your phone away during meals and conversations can show that real-life interactions come first.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DIALOGUE

Create a safe space for children to talk about their online experiences. Ask open-ended questions like, "What did you enjoy online today?" to build trust and awareness. Try setting aside 10 minutes each day for a digital check-in where children can share what they've seen or done online.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Teach children how to evaluate online content, recognise misinformation, and understand privacy settings. Empower them to think critically and act responsibly in digital spaces. You could use real-life examples from the news or social media to help children practise spotting fake information.

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provision.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

At Kew Woods we use Read Write Inc. Phonics to support in teaching your child to read. Over the half term there will be no reading books or spellings sent home as children will be re-grouped when we return to school. We encourage you to still read with and to your child daily or use the QR codes below to watch Read Write Inc sounds videos and the sound pocket book that has gone home with your child today.

In the appropriate QR code there will be 10 videos for you to watch one a day for the children to gain confidence in the sounds.

Reception



Year One



Piano, Guitar & Singing Lessons

at Kew Woods
Primary School



Piano, Guitar and Singing Lessons at Kew Woods Primary School

Link Learning are offering piano, guitar and singing lessons at Kew Woods Primary School. Lessons are taken weekly during the school day during term time. We'll be in touch with you once we receive your registration to answer any questions you may have.

All our tutors are enthusiastic musicians able to teach up to a high level and have recent DBS certificates.

For any queries please get in touch via telephone at 07305507504 or email at admin@linklearning.education

What we offer

- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual
- Digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports

Tuition price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £6.50 per lesson (15 minute duration, guitar and singing only)

Please register at www.linklearning.education/register

LinkLearning is a team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

In our music lessons we focus on the individual learning styles and interests of our pupils.

To learn more visit
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APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022?

If so, your child is due to start
school September 2026!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2026**

For more information or to make an
application, scan our QR code or go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool



sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

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EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?
Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

Meet with professionals from Aiming High, Early Help, Sefton Parent Carers and the Autism and Complex Needs Teams.

North Sefton

Southport

Linaker Family Hub,
PR8 5DQ
10am-12pm

7th November 2025
9th March 2026
19th June 2026

Central Sefton

Maghull

Hudson Family Hub,
L31 5LE
10am-12pm

28th November 2025
2nd February 2026
22nd May 2026

South Sefton

Seaforth

South Sefton Adult
Education Centre,
L21 1 EZ
10am-12pm

12th September 2025
12th January 2026
16th April 2026

Take time for you and have a brew! All children welcome.

For more information please contact:

Lauren.Wilding@sefton.gov.uk



Sefton Family Hubs



Tea & Toast at Linaker

LET'S
TALK!



Join us for relaxed weekly sessions where you can talk, listen, and connect with others in your community. Whether you're a teenager, parent or carer, everyone is welcome.

Each week, we chat about topics that matter to you and our friendly staff are here to listen and link you with helpful advice and services.



Scan the QR code or visit
www.sefton.gov.uk/familyhubs to
view our Tea & Toast calendar



Drop-in every Tuesday and Thursday
9:15am - 10:15am
0151 288 6765

Sefton Family Hubs



Our Timetable
September - December
Support. Grow. Thrive.

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Sefton Family Hubs

Talbot Street Family Hub

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9am - 5pm
Volunteer Programme
Booking required

9am - 3pm
Sefton Welfare Rights
Appointment Only
Enquiries to
welfare.rights@sefton.gov.uk

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30pm
Henry Programme
Targeted Group
Booking via Health
Visitors
Runs monthly

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

10am - 5pm
Sefton Parents/Carers
Group Coffee Morning
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
Careers Connect
Drop-in (16-18)

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30am
Family Advice & Guidance
Drop-in

Afternoon

1pm - 2:30pm
Little Explorers / Peeps
For ages 0-4
Drop-in

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Gardening Club - Edible
Gardens
Drop-in (Runs September -
October)

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Little Chefs
Booking required

1pm - 5pm
Family Law Advice
Appointment Only

12:30pm - 5pm
Sefton Parent Carers
1-1 Drop-in

1pm - 3pm
ACEs (Young People)
Targeted Group in
schools
(Starting October 2025)

Virtual Offer

Information, Advice, and
Guidance

Breastfeeding Support

Parent Carer Panel

St. Andrews Place, Southport, PR8 1HR | 01704534975 | Seftonfamilyhubdeliveryteam@sefton.gov.uk

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

10am - 12pm
Sensory Baby
Drop-in

9:30am - 11am
Baby Clinic
By appointment only
via Health Visitors

9:30am - 11am
Sefton Breastfeeding
Support Group
Drop-in

Afternoon

Canning Road Methodist Church, PR9 7SS | 01704534975 | Seftonfamilyhubdeliveryteam@sefton.gov.uk

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Linaker Family Hub

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Morning

9:15am - 11:30am
Parent Carer
Drop-in

9:30am - 11:30am
Youth Connect 5
Targeted Group
Booking Required

10:30am - 11:30am
Baby Massage
Booking required

9:15am - 10:15am
Tea and Toast
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
ACES (Female)
Targeted Group
Booking required

Phoenix Healing CIC
Freedom Programme
By appointment via 07368
686 730

12pm - 5pm
Midwives - Stop Smoking in
Pregnancy
Appointment Only

1pm - 5pm
Parent Carer Panel
Online Twilight Session

6pm - 8pm
Caring Dads
Targeted Group through
Brighter Kinder Futures -
brighterkindorfutures@sefton.gov.uk

12pm-2pm
SWACA for Men
1-1 Drop-in

12pm - 2:30pm
Incredible Years
Targeted Group
Booking required

1am - 2pm
Bee Kind Parenting
Course
Booking required
(Starting October
2025)

9:15am - 10:15am
Tea and Toast
Drop-in

10am - 12pm
Riding the Rapids
Targeted Group
Booking required

1pm - 3pm
Chattertime
Booking required

Virtual Offer

Information, Advice,
and Guidance

Breastfeeding
Support

Parent Carer Panel

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<p>9:30am - 10am & 10:15am - 11am Toddler Rhyme Time at Birkdale Hub Station Master's House - call to book</p>	<p>9:30am - 10:15am Jo Jingles For 18m - 3yrs</p> <p>10:45am - 11:30am Jo Jingles For 3m - 18m</p> <p>Dates: 9/9 - 21/10 Facilitated by partners Booking Required £42 for 7 weeks</p>	<p>9:30am - 10:10am Dancing Songbirds For 18m-3yrs Drop-in</p> <p>10:30am - 11am Baby Rhyme Time For birth to crawling Drop-in</p>		<p>9am - 11:30am Positive Parenting Course Booking Required</p>
Afternoon	<p>1:30pm-2:30pm Baby Yoga For 6 - 12 month olds</p> <p>Dates: 22/9 - 13/10 Facilitated by partners £10 Booking Required</p>	<p>1pm-3pm Baby Weigh-in Book with your Health Visitor</p>			<p>1:30pm - 2:30pm Baby Massage For 6wks - 6m</p> <p>Dates: 26/9 - 17/10 Facilitated by partners £10 Booking Required</p>

Farnborough Road Infant School, Farnborough Road, Birkdale, PR8 3DF | c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk
Call us to book your place on 01704 572 579

Sefton Family Hubs

First Steps Family Hubs King's Meadow

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning		<p>10am - 11am Little Treasures For birth to crawling Drop-in</p>	<p>9:30am - 11:30am Life's for Living Sefton (Children) Booking required</p> <p>10am - 12pm Life's for Living Sefton (Adults) Booking required</p>		<p>10:30am - 11:30am Little Chefs For 2 - 5 year olds</p> <p>Dates: 19/9 - 24/10 Facilitated by partners Booking Required £15 for a 6-week course</p>
Afternoon	<p>1pm - 2pm Baby Weigh-in Book with your Health Visitor</p>	<p>1:30pm-2:30pm Top Tots For 18 months + Drop-in</p>	<p>1pm - 2pm Toddler Group For 18 months + Drop-in</p>		<p>Saturday</p> <p>10am - 12pm Dad's Club Drop-in</p> <p>Dates: 4/10 & 8/10</p>

Kings Meadow Primary School, Meadow Lane, Ainsdale, PR8 3RS | c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk
Call us to book your place on 01704 571606



Open Day Schedule 2025-26

Contact: Paula Morgan

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Email: paula.morgan@crosbyhigh.org

if you require further information or wish to book an
alternative appointment



30th September 2025

2nd December 2025

19th March 2026

14th May 2026

18th June 2026

**Tours are at
1.00pm and 2.00pm**