



Kew Woods News

Friday 19th December



Merry Christmas Everyone!

What a busy last week we have had at Kew!

We started the week with Year 6 performing Madagascar the Musical, which rivalled a West End production! The children's singing, dancing and acting was phenomenal and the audience were on their feet applauding, cheering and dancing; showing just how much they enjoyed the performance.

We have had our class Christmas parties where the children played lots of games and had lots of fun.

On Thursday, Kew Factor 2026 raised the roof with brilliant performances from our four judges as well as incredible performances from our very talented contestants.

To end the week, Mrs Greaves shared the Christmas Story in a whole school assembly and staff shared their highlight of autumn term.

We wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all in 2026!



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ATTENDANCE:

School attendance this week is 95% which is above national average.

Well done to class 6K who had the highest attendance at 100%

Dates:

January

5th - School reopens
After school clubs start this week

12th - Year 6 Gangs Workshops this week

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

February

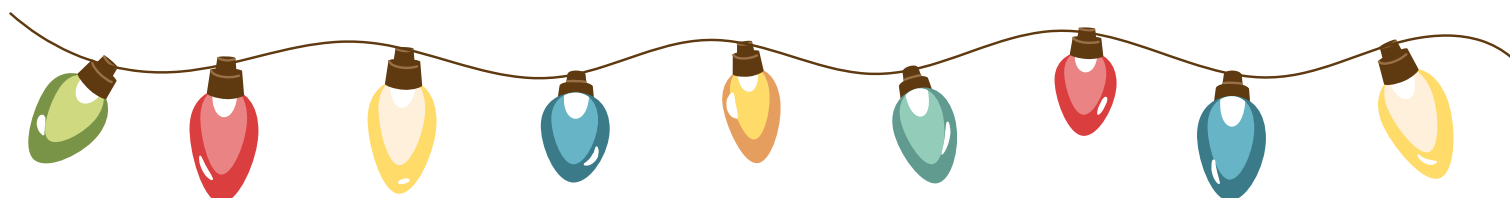
3rd - EYFS Stay and Count at 2:40pm

5th - Book Fair in school for a week

6th - Foodbank Friday

9th - Children's Mental Health Week

10th - Safer Internet Day





Year 6 Performance





Q Factor

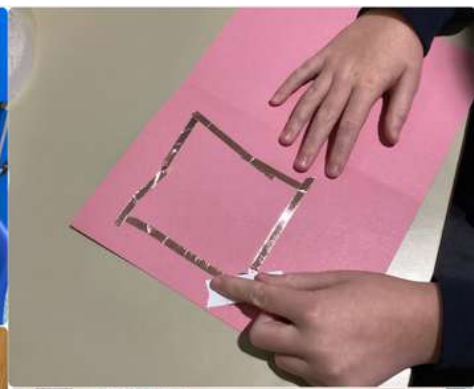




DT at Kew Woods

We have been completing our DT projects across school this week. The children have developed their skills and creativity to design, make and evaluate their products.





DT - Pavilions

We designed and made a pavilion that had a frame structure, fit on an A4 base and which provides shelter.





Year 4 Homework Projects

It has been so lovely to see all the fabulous homework projects from 4K this half term. You really showcased your learning about rivers in Geography. Well done!

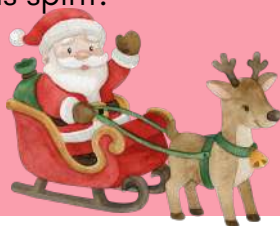


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This week

This week has been full of all things Christmas! We have had our class party, loved the Year 6 show *Madagascar*, enjoyed *Q Factor*, played games, watched films, and enjoyed lots of festive crafts together. The children have had a wonderful time celebrating and getting into the Christmas spirit!



Next week

School reopens on Monday 5th January! We will be settling back into our routines and expectations. We will also be enjoying the story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, using it to spark lots of lovely discussions. In Maths, we will be focusing on the number 3 and exploring the different ways we can represent it through fun, hands-on activities. We will also be carrying out a simple science investigation, looking at ice, how it melts, and exploring what makes it melt faster.

Reminders

School will reopen on Monday, 5th January 2026.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI TOYS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

This festive season, the newest toys on the shelves do not just blink or make noise; they listen. Many now come with artificial intelligence (AI), allowing them to talk, learn, and even respond to a child's emotions. These toys can be educational and engaging, but they also collect, store, and process information. This guide explains what that means for families and why it matters.

TOYS THAT LISTEN AND LEARN

When a toy uses AI, it collects data such as voice recordings, interactions, and background sounds. This information is sent to remote servers, where it is analysed to improve responses. Your child's voice becomes training data, which may be stored indefinitely or shared with third parties.

WEAK SECURITY PROTECTIONS

Some AI toys have poor password protection or open network connections. Others may have microphones or cameras that stay on, even when the toy appears to be off. This can lead to recordings being made without your knowledge, including conversations unrelated to play.

ARTIFICIAL VOICES, REAL INFLUENCE

For very young children, an AI companion may become one of the first voices they interact with regularly. How that voice shows humour, empathy, or authority can shape how a child learns to communicate. If the model is artificial, then part of what is learned is artificial as well.

PRESSURE TO KEEP ENGAGING

Some toys reward repeated use or track engagement, encouraging children to interact more. When children compare how their toys perform, it creates pressure to play more often. This increases the amount of data collected and can make learning feel like competition.

MARKETING THROUGH PLAY

Toys that learn a child's preferences may feed that data into future advertising. A toy that knows a child's favourite colour or hobby could help a company design more targeted marketing to that child and their family.

PLAYTIME AS DATA TRAINING

The information collected from children helps train AI systems. Their voice, emotional responses, and behaviour shape how machines 'understand' people. Play becomes part of a much larger system that influences how future technologies behave.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START WITH A CONVERSATION

Talk to young people. Explain that some toys learn from what they say and do. Help them understand that even friendly technology should have boundaries, and to ask questions about it. Curiosity is healthy, blind trust is not.

SET LIMITS ON USE

Turn off Wi-Fi or Bluetooth when the toy is not in use. Check for updates regularly, as they can change privacy or safety settings. Treat connected toys like any smart device; they should be monitored, updated, and switched off when not in use.

MODEL DIGITAL AWARENESS

Children learn from adults. If they see you checking privacy settings, reading terms, and talking openly about online safety, they are more likely to do the same. Show them how to question technology in a healthy way.

RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY

Look for toys that work offline or store data locally. Check for a free or demo version so you can test how it behaves. Read privacy policies to understand what data is collected, where it goes, and whether it's shared with others.

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS

Find out where the data is stored and who has access to it. Some companies sell or share data with advertisers. If the toy connects through an app, check what it requests access to and limit those permissions whenever possible.

BALANCE AI WITH REAL PLAY

AI toys can be fun and creative, but they are not a replacement for real human interaction. Encourage time away from technology with activities that foster emotional and social development. Use AI toys to support learning, not define it.

Meet Our Expert

Clara Hawking is Executive Director of Kompass Education. She advises governments, school trusts, and global organisations on AI governance and safeguarding, helping schools and families understand how technology shapes learning, wellbeing, and the digital future of children.



CHRISTMAS TREE

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**WE WILL COLLECT BETWEEN
FRIDAY 9TH – SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY**

WE COVER: PR8, PR9, PR4 6, L37, L39, L40, WN8

**Registration will close at MIDNIGHT on
Tuesday 6th January**

To arrange a collection please scan the QR code or book in at:
queenscourt.org.uk/trees





Free places available at our Christmas Sport Camps

Dear Parents/Guardians,

FREE PLACES for benefit related Free school meal children

As part of the HAF program we have limited FREE places available on a first come first served basis. We will be providing a healthy hot meal and snack supplied by an outside caterer along with drinks throughout the day.

To receive a free place your child must meet the following criteria:

- be eligible for benefit related Free school meals and live in Sefton
- attend for a minimum 4 hours per funded day
- It will be on a first come first served basis
- Please state that you are eligible for the free place on the text. I have to then check this with school to confirm eligibility

**Camp 1: Multi Sports at Linacre Primary School, Bootle, L20 5ED - enter via school entrance -
Drop off at 9am - pick up at 3pm.**

Dates: 22nd December
23rd December
29th December
30th December
2nd January

**Camp 2: Multi Sports at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Birkdale, PR8 4LT - enter via big blue gate -
Drop off at 9am - pick up at 3pm.**

Dates: 22nd December
23rd December
29th December
30th December
2nd January

To reserve a place please send a text to 07725189965 stating your child's name, if they are eligible for a Free place or not, all dates that you want your child to attend and your child's school and current year group.

If you require any further information please give me a call on 07725189965. **A confirmation text will be sent once booking is received. You must bring the completed form below with you on your child's first day at camp.**

Name..... Age.....

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 1

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 2

Any medical condition or food allergies to be aware of?
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Any other special instruction or behavioural considerations?
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Collection Password.....

I do / do not give consent to photography/videography for social media (please circle)

Signed..... Date.....



Community Multi Sports Coaching



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Winter Challenge 2025

Activity 1 Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. wintermini.org.uk	Activity 2 The 2025 Festival of Winter walks takes place from 20th December-4th January 2026 and is all about wrapping up warm and getting out to your local park, forest or scenic area. After your walk, draw a map of your route and make a list of 5 things you spotted!	Activity 3 Make something yummy, on a wintery theme! There are lots of treats to choose from here Winter Themed Food for Kids - Fats Amazing How about Mozzarella cheese snowmen, Rudolf Reindeer cakes, snowman garlic pizza bread or marshmallow penguins?	Activity 4 Have a go at one of these challenges - Either write all the letters of the alphabet down the side of a piece of paper then think up a Winter themed word beginning with each letter...or complete this wordsearch 1804adb00dbd80b0b0a4e1480a9d643c.jpg (612x792)
Activity 5 The Wildlife Trusts have a 12 Days Wild Challenge - you can download your free pack here 12 Days Wild The Wildlife Trusts From 25th December for 12 days, challenge yourself to a new activity each day...why not try stargazing, writing a winter poem or collecting nature treasures? Complete at least 2 activities to gain your credit!	Activity 6 Using your imagination create a model of a structure that you could shelter in during a snow storm! You could use lego, building blocks or junk materials out of your recycling bin. Remember it only needs to be a model, not life sized! You could even put some little figures inside!	Activity 7 Why not have a go at one or more of these winter themed craft activities? Choose from Northern lights art, toilet roll penguins, pipe cleaner icicles, snowman bowling and much more! 50 Fun and Easy Winter Crafts for Kids to Make - Taming Little Monsters	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

Tea & Talk Family Peer Support

A monthly peer support group for parents, carers or family members in Southport to feel a sense of community and improve their wellbeing.

Facilitated by registered counsellor Penny Roscoe-Jones from FLOAT therapies. Penny will be available to chat to and guide you through any worries and anxieties you may have as a parent, carer or family member.

Second Monday of the month

Start Date: Monday 12 January 2026

Time: 5:30pm - 7pm

Venue: Family Life Centre, Ash St, Southport, PR8 6JH

A part of the Southport Together Community Support Service, supporting the wider community affected by last year's tragic events in Southport.

For more information, contact us:
Southport Together Community Support Service
T: 07955 282 945
E: communityoutreach@seftoncus.org.uk



Fresh Start Fridays Family Peer Support

A monthly peer support group for parents, carers or family members in Southport to feel a sense of community and improve their wellbeing.

A professional will be available to chat to and ask questions about any worries and anxieties you may have as a parent, carer or family member.

Second Friday of the month

Start Date: Friday 9 January 2026

Time: 12.30-2pm

Venue: Linaker Family Hub, Linaker Street, PR8 5DQ

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School age flu drop-in clinics

The flu vaccine is available to all children from nursery up to year 11.



You can drop-in to one of the clinics being provided by Mersey Care's School Aged Immunisation Team.

Friday 19th December, 10.00-4.00pm at
Sefton Road Clinic, L21 9HE

Saturday 20th December, 9:30am to 3.00pm at
Manor Farm PCRC, Huyton, L36 0UB

✓ Remember: This is a drop-in service, so you may need to wait to be seen. Your patience is appreciated.

For further drop in venues please visit the living well bus timetable:
<https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/livingwellservice>

If you require an appointment time, please contact:

Liverpool School Immunisation Team: 0151 295 3833
Sefton School Immunisation Team: 0151 247 6130
Knowsley, Halton & St Helens Schools: 0151 351 8805



Have questions about Neurodiversity?

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network supporting you to find the answers (with or without diagnosis)



Parents and carers would you like to know more about Autism, ADHD, specific learning difficulties or sensory processing difficulties to better understand and support your child / young person?

Come along to our **FREE** to attend meetings and workshops

- Learn about neurodevelopmental conditions
- Identify practical strategies that work for you and your family
- Meet other parents in similar situations
- Ask questions and talk to our team who can help and support you



Community Network Group

every Wednesday morning in term time
9.30am - 11.30am

May Logan Healthy Living Centre

294 Knowsley Road, Bootle, L20 5DQ

no need to book, just come along

or

Online via zoom

Monday mornings & Wednesday evenings

To find out more about how
we can support you and your
family

come along to our group or call our team:

0151 486 1788

or email us:

info@advancedsolutions.co.uk

Family Learning Programmes

6 session programmes
running in Sefton and online

Check out our website
and download our
Sefton newsletter



www.advancedsolutions.co.uk

**WE ARE OPEN FROM 8.30^{AM} - 2.00^{PM}
24TH + 25TH + 26TH DECEMBER**

ARE YOU VULNERABLE?

DON'T BE COLD ...

OR HUNGRY ...

OR ALONE AT CHRISTMAS

**THE
ALCHEMY
CENTRE
3 MORNINGTON RD
SOUTHPORT
PR9 0TS**

BREAKFAST ■ HOT LUNCH ■ TAKEOUT DINNER

Southport Christmas Shelter provide a warm and welcoming environment over the festive season, where you can come along to enjoy hot and cold food throughout the day, as well as checking-out our huge selection of warm winter clothing

**PLUS
TAKE AWAY
SANDWICHES**



**EVERYTHING
FREE**



EMAIL:
xmasshelter.southport@gmail.com

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
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