

WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

Such a busy week at Kendrick full of creativity and enrichment!

New on the website this week are the following articles:

- [Staying safe in the Summer Holidays](#)
- [Lessons from Auschwitz podcast series](#)
- [Wellbeing Gazette put together Wellbeing Committee of Kendrick Student Leaders](#)

In addition, there have been several school events:

- Sixth Form Parent Information event on UCAS – a presentation has been sent to parents
- Creative Arts Festival Showcase on Wednesday evening featuring a variety of accomplishments and talents of students including dancing, singing, drama, clay work, painting, textiles projects
- Heritage Day: celebrating the variety and diversity of heritage and culture there is at Kendrick
- Senior Music Festival at the Hexagon where school choirs from in and around Reading, including Kendrick, gathered to sing in a mass choir
- Debate between A Level French students at Kendrick and Reading School
- Visit by 60 Year 3 children from Katesgrove Primary School for a Music Workshop

There is more to come with the [Summer Fair tomorrow, Saturday 4th July](#). This should be a lovely occasion as the weather is fine and several students have volunteered to run stalls and take part. There is also the Summer Concert next Thursday 9th July at 6.30.pm with still more super-curricular events to follow in the final week of term. All these events and occasions demonstrate again the variety and breadth of what is available to students at Kendrick to enrich and extend their personal growth and development.

While the students have been at home today, staff have been busy at school fulfilling the training element of our work. Several staff have undertaken statutory training, including First Aid, as well as training in other areas of compliance. Teachers received some training on the use of AI in teaching and how harnessing and utilising some platforms can be helpful and assist teachers in their work, speeding up processes in planning, preparation and marking. We also received guidance required for UCAS mentors who will support Year 13 students writing UCAS applications. Staff also heard from me and Mr Simmonds about the school and what we have completed and achieved this year, as well as what there is to come next year under the new leadership arrangements. I know Mr Simmonds is keen to engage with parents early in September and I hope parents will respond enthusiastically to him with some of the great ideas he has to take the school forward.

I hope students had a good day today enjoying the sunshine and we look forward to seeing them on Monday.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

School Notices

Profiling Day – Wednesday 8th July

Please see the emails sent to you regarding the arrangements for Profiling Day on Wednesday 8th July.

Year 7, 8 and 9 – in school as normal

Year 10 – work at home, registering at 8.25am and completing work set for them.

Year 12 – in school morning or afternoon

Episode 4 – Staying Safe over the Summer

We are pleased to announce that Episode 4 -Staying Safe over the Summer our fourth episode in the Kendrick School Webinar Series, is now live.

This series aims to inform, support, and strengthen understanding between students, school, and parents by exploring shared perspectives and addressing topics that can sometimes feel challenging. Our hope is that these webinars will foster greater insight, mutual support, and more open dialogue within our school community. The webinars will run throughout the course of the year, with each session lasting approximately 30 minutes, allowing families to engage with the content in a flexible and accessible way.

A reminder that these links can be accessed at any time through either this [link](#) or through our school [website](#).

We hope you find this webinar informative and engaging. Should you have any feedback or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at shyde@kendrick.reading.sch.uk

Kendrick School Summer Concert, Thursday 9th July 2026

Our **Summer Concert** will feature a range of songs from Carnatic Vocal Ensemble and Chamber Choir, with instrumental music from films and musicals and more. All of the school's main ensembles will perform, including Wind Orchestra, Jazz Band and all of Year 9 singing as a choir. Furthermore, our staff band, No Direction will be joining forces with Mass Choir to entertain you whilst we also welcome our new beginner Brass Ensemble too. Additionally, this will be Ms Kattirtzi's final concert at Kendrick and it would be wonderful to fill the audience to show our gratitude to her on this momentous occasion. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 8.45pm.

Please note that refreshments, including our famous samosas, will be available from KPS before the concert.

Please may we remind you that no parking is available on the school site unless you have a disability. If this is the case, please contact Reception.

Tickets: Our Summer concert tends to sell out quickly and tickets will be going on sale from **Friday 26th June 4 p.m.** Tickets will NOT be available before this time, and you will receive an error message if you click the link. We therefore urge you to order them via the link below as soon as possible through Evolve Shop, **once open**, in order to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £5.00. In the first instance, tickets will be restricted to five per family. We politely ask for you not to leave ticket requests or queries until the day of the concert.

https://evolve.edufocus.co.uk/shop/shop_item_public.asp?site=rbcvisits&estab=3359&id=6819

Please note that no printed tickets will be provided, but you must present proof of purchase e.g. an EVOLVE receipt on a mobile phone. This will be checked on the door when arriving at the School Hall. There may be some tickets available on the door, but this can't be guaranteed.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the concert.

School Meals Increase

From 2nd November 2026, the cost of a school meal will increase to **£3.03**.

Dr Bike – Free Bike Check Ups

Dr Bike is touring around Reading to give people the opportunity to drop by with their cycles for a free check-up close to home.

The community sessions happening around Reading this week are ideal for families and young people wanting to use their bikes to get around Reading quickly and cheaply.

Experienced mechanics from Avanti Cycling will be on hand to carry out minor repairs to bicycles, provide safety tips and advice on looking after your bike.

The free sessions are part of the Council's aim to encourage cycling and walking in the borough to help reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and benefit the health and wellbeing of Reading residents.

The Dr Bike roadshow will be calling in at the following locations:

- Dee Space Community Centre – Tuesday 30 June, 4-6.30pm

- Coley Park Community Centre – Wednesday 1 July, 4-6.30pm
 - Broad Street, outside Sainsbury's, town centre – Thursday 2 July, 11am-2pm
 - Hexham Road Community Centre – Thursday 2 July, 4-6.30pm
 - Southcote Library – Friday 3 July, 4-6.30pm
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Safeguarding

[Safeguarding at Kendrick School](#)

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Mental Health and Wellbeing

[Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School](#)

[Summer Holiday Wellbeing Tips](#) As we head towards the summer holidays, it is a good time to start to think about your summer holiday wellbeing. Sometimes the long holidays can be a bit disorientating or overwhelming, as weeks without routine or purpose stretch out ahead. Have a look at these [five top tips](#) to help you boost your summer holiday wellbeing.

SEND

[Reading's SEND Local Offer](#). The SEND Local Offer is here to help you find information about local services, support, activities and events for children and young people aged 0 - 25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND).

School Fund

Please donate to our School Fund [here](#). You can make one-off payments through your ParentPay account or complete a [standing order form](#) for more regular payments. If you are a UK taxpayer, please ensure you also complete a [Gift Aid Form](#).

A school fund is maintained by voluntary contributions from the parents/carers of students. Its purpose is to provide an additional source of funding for the provision of facilities and educational resources for the benefit of students. We use our School Fund to support so many activities **in and out of** school that have now become essential to school life.

Canteen

The Spring/Summer menu can be found [here](#). **Please ensure that you regularly check your child's canteen balance on their ParentPay account and settle any 'overdrafts' quickly.** Overdrafts should only be issued on an exceptional basis and not as a regular occurrence.

Latest News on our Website

- [French MFL trip](#)
- [German MFL Trip](#)
- [KPS Summer Fair](#)

School Calendar

Week commencing 6th July 2026 – Week B

Tuesday 7 th July	KPS Meeting Online, 6pm – 7.15pm
Wednesday 8 th July	Profiling Day
Thursday 9 th July	Trustee Board Meeting, 4.30pm; Summer Concert, 6.30pm

Student Careers and Work Experience

Current Opportunities

Vacancies

No current vacancies

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve

Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)

Weekly News – Friday 4th July 2026