WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

School Notices

Free School Meals

This is a reminder that students in receipt of free school meals (FSM) have a **daily allowance of £2.78**. The allowance must be spent that day and cannot be rolled over to another day. This typically buys a main meal and dessert however, students can spend their allowance on any item, but parents/carers must repay any amount spent over the £2.78 allowance through their ParentPay account.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Kendrick School

Talking to children about AI. Learn now to talk to children/young adults about artificial intelligence (AI) and support them while they discover this growing technology. Source: NSPCC

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School

AI and Mental Health. AI chatbot services such as ChatGPT and Gemini have the potential to bring access to mental health advice to more people than ever before, but they aren't without risks. Mental Health UK explore the benefits and risks for mental health and wellbeing, alongside how to use AI safely.

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 Autumn/Winter 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

School Calendar

Week A

Biology Week

Friday 16th October – Year 10-13 Globe Theatre Trip

Student Careers and Work Experience

CAREERS TALK - Meteorology: including Laura Tobin from Good Morning Britain – 11th November 2026 5pm to 6pm at The Abbey School in Reading

- **Laura Tobin** - Broadcast meteorologist and scientist, weather presenter on ITV's Good Morning Britain and

- **Professor Andrew Charlton-Perez OBE** - Climate Scientist, Professor of Meteorology at the University of Reading.

This event is open to all students in the area. If you are interested in attending please complete this Eventbrite link.

Please note this event is not affiliated with Kendrick School.

Vacancies

We will shortly be advertising for an Evening Caretaker and a Science Technician.

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve

KPS Updates

Please see the latest KPS newsletter here.