WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

This week we have had three significant events in the life of the school. On Tuesday, the school hall was packed with parents and staff enjoying the Evening of Dance. A wonderful celebration of the students' creativity and talent all brought together by the PE department. This is a most joyous and incredibly well-established Kendrick tradition.

On Wednesday I was joined by one of our year 13 students who is this year's Head of Contingent of the Reading Combined Cadet Force for our Remembrance Day school assembly. Her powerful words resonated across the school. It was so much appreciated that many students who are involved in the cadet forces and St John's Ambulance wore their uniforms in school during the day. The school paused its busy day along with the rest of the country at 11.00am to hear the Last Post played and maintain a two minute silence followed by the Reveille.

On Wednesday afternoon we had our Sixth Form Open evening. We welcomed many students from our Year 11 and from across Reading with their parents into school to meet teachers and sixth form students. We very much hope that their visits and the talks from our Head of Sixth Form and student leaders have helped with their A Level decision making. We certainly enjoyed hosting the evening and meeting so many remarkable young women all planning their next steps in education.

Many parents, staff and students have been celebrating Diwali last week and this has brought additional warmth, light and energy into the school.

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Mr Nick Simmonds
Headteacher

School Notices

Parents and carers of Reading, we need your help!

Your NHS wants to learn more around what people think about vaccines in high school. So, we are asking all parents of children aged 11-16 to have their say. Your feedback will help change how we promote vaccines across Reading.

Simply the link below to give your thoughts. It only takes 5 minutes!

HERE TO HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE: School Vaccines in England - Parent/Carer Survey – Fill in form

Safeguarding

Safeguarding at Kendrick School

Going out for staying home alone. As your child gets older, it is likely they will want a bit more independence for want to explore alone during the school holidays. But they are ready to stay home or go out alone? Please click here for advice from the NSPCC.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing at Kendrick School

Dealing with stress. Stress is something everyone feels at times, especially when dealing with change or life challenges, such as money worries, work issues or relationship problems. A little stress can be a good thing, as it helps us to get things done or focus on something that needs our attention. How we manage stress can make a big difference to our mental wellbeing, and the first step to managing it is to know how it affects us and why.

Find out about common symptoms of stress and possible causes. Plus get advice on stress relief, and a personalised plan of self-care tips here from BetterHealth.

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

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School Calendar

Week A
Anti-Bullying Week
National Self Care Week
Tuesday 17th November – GCSE Presentation Event, 2.30pm.
Wednesday 18th November – Profiling Day; Year 7 Study Skills; Widening Horizons Information Event
Thursday 19th November – Trustee Resources Meeting, 4.15pm
Friday 20th November – German Christmas Market Trip; KS3 Trip to Pinocchio

Student Careers and Work Experience

For current opportunities click here.

Vacancies

No vacancies at the present time.

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve

KPS Updates

Please see the latest KPS newsletter here.