

WEEKLY UPDATE – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

Letter from Ms Kattirtzi, Headteacher

We started the day with a whole school assembly. It is the assembly which brings to the end the term of office of our Kendrick Student Leaders. With confidence and maturity that they have developed over the last year, they spoke to the school about all they had done this last year to promote the social cohesion, community harmony and activities that binds us all at Kendrick. Supported by the staff, this group of students lead the student body in so many ways. Besides organising the variety of activities, they are strong and bold role models for every student in the school to see and perhaps to be one day. Graciously they thanked everyone who helped them in the work they have done this year and wished the incoming team their best wishes for the next year. Also, at our assembly this morning we heard some pieces from the Spring Concert earlier in the week, including the Flute Ensemble, piano piece by Wincy in Year 13 and a most beautiful vocal piece from the Chamber Choir, called Paper Crane. This song is based on a Japanese legend that promises a wish to anyone who folds a thousand paper cranes. Inspired by this tale, Sadako Sasaki, a child born in Japan in 1943, who in at the age of 11 was diagnosed with leukaemia, set about making paper cranes to help bring about healing and peace. Sung with such emotion and tenderness, this song moved everyone in the hall and was an appropriate way to end our assembly. We also listened to a poem, written by Anagha, KS4 winner of the Holocaust Day Poetry Competition this year.

Please read the super articles on the website of student activities and achievements.

[MFL Study Day at Reading University](#)
[Reading Symphony Orchestra's Young Musician of the Year 2026](#)

Reminder that the deadline for the [Bursaries and Grants](#) is **Friday 17th April**. For the **STEM Bursary**, which is for Year 13 students, the deadline for this award is Friday 15th May 2026

KPS Raffle – one last push please! [Link](#) to buy tickets.

In the spirit and sentiment of this morning's assembly I would like to end this week's update with the last verse of Anagha's poem. Based on the theme *Across the Generations*, Anagha's poem ends –

*And so, across generations, the flame is passed.
From weary eyes to watchful ones.
from shaking hands to determined hearts.
We become the treasure keepers of the flame that represents countless memories
and we are the only thing tying the past and future,
and we will not, should not, cannot let that flame be extinguished.*

With these thoughts in mind, I wish everyone a pleasant and restful holiday and a happy Easter. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

With best wishes.

Ms Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

School Notices

Kendrick School Open Day Sessions

For Year 5 students and their parents considering Kendrick School as a secondary school option in September 2027 The sessions will take place in either the morning or afternoon and will last approximately 1½ hours. There will be a tour of the school with our students, and a talk by the Headteacher, Ms Kattirtzi and our Student Leader Team. The event is for families who live within our designated area only. To book a ticket click [here](#).

Safeguarding

[Safeguarding at Kendrick School](#)

[Avenues of Support for the Easter Holidays](#). Remember, no-one should ever feel alone, and help is available by connecting with others.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

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

[Self Care Guide from Young Minds](#). 'Self-care' is a phrase you've probably come across, but what does it really mean? Find out what is meant by self-care and how to find what works for you.

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[No.5 School Transitions Project – 7-10th April 2026](#). A 4-day series of Creative Expressive Wellbeing workshops to help support young people who feel they may struggle with varying school transitions through creative and performing arts. This project is open to young people starting Year 7, 8, 9 or 10 in September who may be struggling with school or feeling nervous about moving up to a different year group. Registration form can be found [here](#).

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 menu for Autumn/Winter can be found [here](#). The menu is subject to change dependent on food availability. **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

[International Women's Day Week at Kendrick School](#)

[Reading Symphony Orchestra's Young Musician of the Year 2026](#)

[MFL Study Day at Reading University](#)

School Calendar

Week commencing 13th April - Week A

- Monday 13th April – start of Term 5, 8.25am
- Wednesday 15th April – Year 8 Parent Consultations

Student Careers and Work Experience

[Current Opportunities](#)

Vacancies

[Business and Economics Teacher](#). For September 2026. Closing date for applications 9am Wednesday 15th April 2026
[Evening Site Assistant](#) to join us in April 2026. 4.45pm to 9.30pm Monday to Friday. Please apply as soon as possible.

ParentPay and Evolve Reminders

[Latest Reminders for ParentPay and Evolve](#)

Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)
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