



KPS – Kendrick Parents' Society Newsletter

w/c 20th Oct 2025

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. In this newsletter, we will keep you updated on all the latest developments and happenings. We'll also share information about upcoming events in the coming weeks.

KPS Diwali Celebrations – A Joyful Return!

After a few years' break, the KPS Diwali Celebration made a wonderful comeback this year and what a lovely evening it turned out to be! Despite being organised in a short time, the event was filled with warmth, colour, and a strong sense of community.

Held on Saturday 18th October 2025 from 4pm to 7pm at Kendrick School, the evening featured vibrant cultural performances, festive food stalls, and fun activities for families and students to enjoy together. Laughter, music, and the spirit of Diwali filled the hall, reminding us of the joy of celebrating light, hope, and togetherness.

We are delighted to share that, along with match funding, we raised around **£1000** from this event. We are truly happy with how everything went and proud of what we achieved as a community in such a short time.

A big thank you to all our volunteers, performers, stall holders, parents, and the KPS team for making this celebration possible. Your support helped bring the Festival of Lights back to life at Kendrick!





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Year 7 Movie Night Highlights

Our Year 7 students had a lovely evening at the movie night. They enjoyed watching the film together, with snacks in hand and plenty of giggles throughout the evening as they relaxed with their friends. The atmosphere was fun and calm, and everyone went home happy after spending a nice time with their classmates. It was wonderful to see new friendships forming and existing ones becoming stronger as they made memories they will treasure. We are happy to share that we raised £734 from the event. A huge thank you goes to all the **teachers, helpers, and parent volunteers** for their support. Your hard work made the night successful and enjoyable for the children. Few of our volunteers helping at the KPS stall....



Volunteering Opportunities at KPS:

Are you looking to get more involved in our school community? Please see below on how to get involved. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

KPS Events and Refreshment Helpers

Does your child participate in music or drama performances at the school? We need volunteers to help serve refreshments during these events. This is a great way to be part of the school activities and support our students.

Please note, your help is needed only when your child is performing. To join our team of Refreshment Helpers, please join the WhatsApp group using this link: [Refreshment Helpers Group](#)

Pre-loved Uniform Shop Volunteers

Are you available on Saturday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help run our pre-loved uniform shop. This initiative not only helps raise funds for the school but also supports environmental sustainability by reusing uniforms. It's a fantastic way to provide great value to parents while ensuring students have access to quality uniforms at reduced prices

Join our team by clicking on this WhatsApp group link: [Uniform Shop Volunteers Group](#)





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Previous KPS Meeting and Upcoming KPS Meeting

Yesterday, 22nd October, we held our KPS meeting where we have given updates on the recent KPS events and finances. We are thankful to all the members, parents, and carers who made the time to attend the meeting. We also provided updates on the upcoming activities KPS will be organising.

Please mark your calendars for our next meeting (**Annual General Meeting**) on **Wednesday 10th of November 2025** from **6pm to 7:30pm**. We will be sharing the agenda for the meeting near the time.

Join the KPS Committee – AGM 2025

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the school community? Now's your chance! The KPS Committee is gearing up for its Annual General Meeting (AGM), and we're excited to welcome new members who want to make a positive impact.

AGM Date: Thursday, November 6th

Time: 6pm to 7:30pm

Location: Kendrick School main hall

At the AGM, we would love to see some fresh faces join the team! Whether you have a passion for organizing events, fundraising, or supporting the school community, there's a role for everyone.

Why Join the KPS Committee?

- Help shape and support school activities and events
- Meet other parents and work closely with the school
- Share your skills, ideas, and expertise
- Make a difference in the lives of our students

There are multiple different roles available within the committee, and you can view all the job descriptions on the KPS section of the school's website for more details or email for more information

Please email us at KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk to express your interest or ask any questions.

Let's work together to make Kendrick School even better for our students and community. We look forward to hearing from you!

Join KPS

Since KPS operates as a registered charity, we invite you to become a part of our community by joining us. Connecting with your child's school through KPS is a simple process.

Please take a moment to complete our [online membership form](#), making your involvement seamless and effortless. Your participation is highly valued, and we look forward to welcoming you to the KPS family.



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Raise money while you shop

Easy2name labels

Easy2name is a name labelling company that provides labels and tags for clothing, sports equipment, accessories, stationery etc. **We have partnered with Easy2name to raise funds through their fundraising scheme for schools.**

When you put an order at www.easy2name.com, please state our school when it gives you an option, and we'll earn 20% cashback of your entire order that we can use to directly improve our school. **Just fill in our unique code at the checkout FR-KENDRKPAS-76.**

Easy Fundraising

KPS has also signed up to other easy ways of raising funds for the school especially when you are shopping online - easy fundraising charity site : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kendrickschoolreading/>.



Please continue to use these links and let's all together contribute to something that our children can benefit from.



GAYL

Give As You Live (GAYL) is one way with which you can help KPS receive additional funds with no cost to you! Please use this link <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/kendrick> and help us raise additional funds.

The Giving Machine

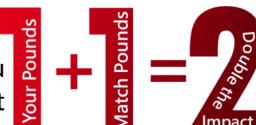
Another opportunity for you to raise more donations and funds for the School when you shop online. Go to this site and raise money while you shop for free: Here is the link: <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/kendrick-parents-society/>



Match Funding - help us raise £100's by simply filling in a form!

Did you know that many big companies are ready to double the money we raise? They have funds set aside just to match charity donations, and all we need to do is ask! A few of our parents, have already successfully secured this match funding simply by completing an online form and getting a confirmation letter from our parents' association.

Companies like Barclays, British Telecom, Heathrow, Microsoft, Nat West, PepsiCo, Vodafone, and others support their employees in fundraising efforts by matching the money they raise. You don't need to be heavily involved in the fundraising or even work full-time; just lending a hand at our events can make you eligible.



If you work for a company that offers match funding, please consider directing this support to our fundraising group. We're a registered charity, so your contribution could go twice as far. Even if you aren't eligible, perhaps you know other parents who might be. Remember, many companies allow their staff to support multiple charities throughout the year.

We would love to see more parents take advantage of this fantastic opportunity at any of our events during the year. It's a simple way to significantly increase the funds we raise!

Kind Regards,
KPS Team