

Magical Moments

Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6s have had a busy week this week!

They learnt about safe cycling in Bikeability sessions and the instructors commented on their maturity and behaviour.



Meadowlark

A huge well done to Azzurra, Maggie, Alice, Thea, Yasmin, Esmee, Zara, Hollie and Winne for participating in Country Dancing at Meadowlark. They all represented the school brilliantly and performed with such confidence.



Art Festival

Last week was Unity's Art Festival and every class was really busy creating some amazing art and sculptures.



It's hard to believe another year is drawing to a close and our Year 6 children are in their final preparations for their Leavers' Assembly and transitions to secondary schools. Our new Reception children will be joining us for visits over the next few weeks and we welcome them all to our Kedington family.

We've had some exciting enrichment opportunities this term and there are still lots of exciting things to come. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day

Everyone is very excited about Sports Day on **Thursday 11th July 2024**. Fingers crossed that the weather stays dry! Mr Proffitt, will share further information with families on Dojo, but a reminder that children need to wear colour t-shirts of the house they are in and will need to have a water bottle in school, sun hat and cream especially if it is going to be hot.



Families are welcome to join us for a picnic lunch on the field from 12 noon and can stay to watch the afternoon races.

The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets and have organised a cake sale at 12 noon and an ice-cream van at 2.45pm.

PTFA

The PTFA are busy organising the school disco on **Friday 5th July 2024**. Tickets are now on sale on Arbor. We are so grateful for all their fundraising this year. Their funds have been used across the school to provide enrichment opportunities for theatre companies such as Divergent Drama to work with classes. Their funds have also provided our Year 6s with SATs breakfasts and leavers' hoodies, and paid for discos as well as books for the library. We are keen to maintain the PTFA and are looking for more volunteers. If you think you can give some time and have some good ideas, then please do get in touch.

Enrichment Events

The summer term is always one of our favourites and we have continued to plan exciting events for the children this term. Our Year 1s have visited Shepreth Wildlife Park, and other classes have trips planned to Colchester Castle, Hollow Trees Farm and a Great Fire of London workshop in school! Our Enrichment Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the children completed a range of activities including climbing, archery, forest school, leaf printing and camp fires. We continue to provide these annually for our children, so they all get to experience this up to six times during their time at Kedington.



This year, we have an exciting opportunity for Years 3, 4 and 5 to take part in drama and dance workshops under professional coaching with Divergent Drama. They will also be performing to parents after their workshop.

Our younger children will be working with a different company, Door Stop Theatre, and will be watching a performance in the afternoon called 'A Strange New Space'. We also have arranged a world music workshop for all classes to be involved in on 16th July 2024 and this has been funded anonymously by a previous governor and I'm sure this will be an amazing opportunity for the children.

New Parents' Information

This week we welcomed our new Reception parents into school and our new children have been visiting the classroom and having a story posted to them from staff at Kedington. This year we were oversubscribed once again and will have 30 new Reception children joining us.

Lost Property

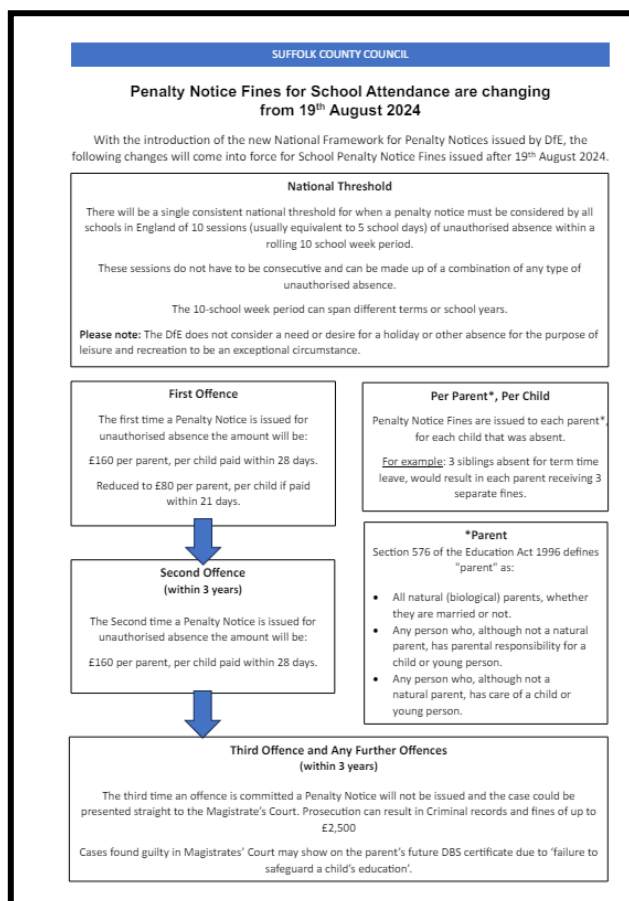
We have a huge amount of school uniform including jumpers, hoodies and water bottles that sadly are unnamed and haven't been claimed for sometime. We have moved lost property from the hall to the sunshine room so this can be easily accessed by parents after school. Please do take any items you think you could make use of even if they are not your child's.



Attendance

We have had a huge amount of holiday absence requests over the last few weeks. Although it is understandable that parents will look to book in term time when holidays are cheaper, Unity School Partnership's policy is to discourage this. This is because of the benefits of children being in school and the impact of them missing lessons. In line with the attendance policy, penalty notices (fines) will be issued for any unauthorised absence of 8 sessions (4 days) and it is extremely unlikely that circumstances will be considered 'exceptional' and the holiday authorised.

You may have also heard of significant changes to penalty notice fines coming into effect from August 19th 2024. Please read the document below as there are important changes to be aware of.





Staffing Arrangements for Next Year

We are pleased to confirm our staffing arrangements for teachers for next year. These will be as follows:

Class	Year	Teacher (s)
China	R	Mrs Reeder (4 days) & Mrs Bradnam (1 day)
Brazil	1	Mrs Jordan (3 days) & Mrs Dearman (2 days)
Kenya	2	Miss McKenzie (3 days) & Miss Morey (2 days)
Italy	3	Mrs Beard
Egypt	4	Mrs Wreathall
Antarctica	5	Miss Perkins
Jamaica	6	Mr Proffitt

As you can see, Mrs Jordan has decided to join our Kedington team once again. Mrs Jordan worked at the school in Reception and Year 1 until 2021. We are delighted with this appointment as Mrs Jordan is an excellent teacher and has superb knowledge of the Early Years. We are thrilled that she will be teaching our Year 1 pupils, especially as she knows our school so well and is aware of the previous journey our Reception children have been on.

Miss MacKenzie will also be returning from maternity leave and will be teaching three days a week in Year 2. Again, Miss MacKenzie is a very knowledgeable Year 2 teacher, and we are pleased she will be back with the Kedington family once again.

We are yet to finalise where our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) will be based next year.

Dates for your diary

Friday 28 th June	PD day
Wednesday 3 rd July	China class trip to Hollow Trees Farm
Thursday 4 th July	Year 5 Divergent Drama workshop & performance
Friday 5 th July	Year 3 and 5 Divergent Drama workshop and performance
Tuesday 9 th July	Children's University Graduation at Samuel Ward
Monday 8 th July - Wednesday 10 th July	Year 6 Stour Valley transition days
Thursday 11 th July	Sports Day
Friday 12 th July	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop Leavers' Assembly and Lunch Reports out to parents
Monday 15 th July	Year 3 Colchester Museum trip
Tuesday 16 th July	Music Workshops
Wednesday 17 th July	Samuel Ward & Castle Manor transition days Whole school transition morning
Thursday 18 th July	Samuel Ward & Castle Manor transition days
Friday 19 th June	Samuel Ward & Castle Manor transition days Last day of term- finish at 1:30pm



**Kedington
Primary
Academy**

2024-25 Term Dates

	Begins	Ends	Draft PD days
Autumn	Monday 2nd Sept 24	Friday 20th Dec 24	Monday 2nd Sept 24 Tuesday 3rd Sept 24
Half Term*	28th Oct 24	8th Nov 24	
Spring	Monday 6th Jan 25	Friday 4th April 25	
Half Term	17th February 25	21st February 25	
Summer	Tuesday 22nd April 25	Tuesday 22nd July 25	Friday 27th June Monday 21st July 25 Tuesday 22nd July 25
Half Term	26th May 25	30th May 25	

2025-26 Term Dates

	Begins	Ends	Draft PD days
Autumn	Monday 1st September 25	Friday 19th Dec 25	Monday 1st Sept 25 Tuesday 2nd Sept 25
Half Term*	27th Oct 25	7th Nov 25	
Spring	Monday 5th Jan 26	Friday 27th March 26	
Half Term	16th February 26	20th February 26	
Summer	Monday 13th April 26	Monday 20th July 26	Friday 22nd May 26 Friday 26th June 26 Monday 20th July 26
Half Term	25th May 26	29th May 26	