

Magical Christmas Moments

Christmas Nativities

We have been so proud of our reception and KS1 children performing their Christmas nativities to our families. They all looked fantastic in their costumes.



PTFA Pottery Event

The PTFA organised a successful Christmas pottery event which children of all ages thoroughly enjoyed. They have many more exciting plans including discos, film nights and a summer fete in July 2025.



The children sang beautifully during the Christmas Service at the church.
Thank you to Fr Chris for leading the service.

We also had a wonderful Christmas lunch cooked by Keren and Gemma.





Dear families,

As we come to the close of a busy and successful term, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that we have achieved together. This term has been full of special moments, hard work, and progress, and we are incredibly proud of our children and the entire school community.

Christmas Nativities

Our Christmas Nativities were a huge success, bringing festive joy to our school and to all who attended. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, sing the songs, and perform with great enthusiasm. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season, and we were so pleased to see such a fantastic turnout of families supporting our younger children.

Buddy Bench for Mental Health Day

We are thrilled to announce that our school has won a Buddy Bench as part of Mental Health Day celebrations!

This is a fantastic addition to our playground, providing a space where children can sit and be supported if they're feeling lonely or in need of a friend. We believe this will make a big difference in fostering positive relationships and supporting mental well-being across the school.



iRock Assembly Success

Another exciting highlight of this term was the success of our iRock assembly. We are pleased to report that it led to many bookings for iRock lessons! We can't wait to get started with these lessons in the New Year and are currently in discussions with iRock on when this will start. It is looking likely that lessons will begin in March. We will notify families as soon as we have further information provided by them.



Academic Progress and Assessments

We are also delighted to report that our children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects. In particular, our Year 6 assessments and phonics outcomes show excellent progress, with many children achieving great results. It's clear that the hard work of both our children and teachers is paying off, and we look forward to seeing even more academic growth in the Spring term.



Positive Behaviour and Attitudes

Throughout the term, we have seen wonderful examples of positive behaviour and attitudes across the school. Our pupils have demonstrated many of our values including kindness, appreciation, and a strong commitment to their learning. This positive atmosphere makes our school a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

This term, we have also been reviewing our Behaviour Policy and consulted with staff and governors. The new policy emphasises understanding and supporting the emotional and developmental needs of our children, ensuring that we create a safe, nurturing environment where everyone can thrive. The draft policy can be found here: [Model Relationships and Behaviour Policy Kedington.docx](#) and we would welcome any feedback so please do email the office if you wish to comment.

Parking concerns

We kindly ask for your cooperation in parking responsibly during school drop-off and pick up times. Please avoid parking outside the church and on the yellow lines as this is causing disruption to residents. The yellow lines are in place to ensure the safety and prevent congestion, and we have received several concerns from the community regarding this issue, as well as cars parking on junctions and grass verges. We appreciate your understanding and support in keeping our neighbourhood safe and respectful for everyone. Thank you

Fundraising success

Thank you to all our families that supported Children in Need this year. It was a pleasure to see children wearing something spotty. They all looked fab! I am delighted to share with you that school raised £89.00 . We also celebrated Mental Health Day by wearing odd socks to school and raised £141.89 for Hello Yellow. Thank you so much for all your fundraising support. These are excellent charities to be contributing to.





Role Models Status

Today, we celebrated new pupils receiving Role Model Status. It is always a pleasure to hear of children who continue to demonstrate our 'Kedington Manners and Conduct' so consistently across the school. Achieving this is not easy and once role model status has been achieved, it stays with children for their entire time at Kedington. We now have 46 children with role model status, and you can see them clearly across the school as they will be wearing a special role model badge.

A huge congratulations to the following children for receiving role model status today in assembly:

Year 2 - Winnie, Zara

Year 3 - Ella-Rose

Year 4 - Jude M, Thomas

Year 5 - Percy

Year 6 - Henry, Jorge, Hana

Thank You for Your Support

We would also like to thank all our families for their continued support, particularly in helping us maintain excellent attendance.

Your commitment to ensuring children attend school regularly, and take holidays only during the school breaks, has a significant impact on their learning and success.





Dates For Your Diary

January 2025	Event
Monday 6 th January	Pupils return to school
Monday 27 th January	Year 5 Road Safety Presentation
February 2025	Event
Monday 3 rd February	Children Mental Health Week
Monday 17 th February	Half term
March 2025	Event
Tuesday 4 th March	iRock lessons begin
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	OM Health in school
April 2025	Event
Tuesday 1 st April	Parents' evening
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents' evening
Friday 4 th April	Finish for Easter break Collection 3.15pm

Smartphone Free Childhood Initiative

At Kedington Primary Academy, we know how harmful the use of smartphones can be for children and urge all our parents and carers to pledge to delay giving their child a smartphone until they go to high school.

UPDATE 17.12.24

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLEDGES = **52**

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN = **24.3%**

Year Group	Number of Pledges	10+ pledges?
R	7	
1	13	YES
2	10	YES
3	9	
4	5	
5	5	
6	2	

Parents and carers can pledge at any time using [this](#) link or the QR code.

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Pledge

