



KESTON
CE Primary School
Part of the Aquinas Trust

Weekly Newsletter

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a great first week back to school. We are incredibly impressed with how quickly the children are settling into their new classes. There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school, everyone is being considerate and demonstrating our Keston values which makes us so proud.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Arden

Upcoming Events and Important Dates



- **Monday 14th September**-Welcome back to school service with Rev'd Belinda @2.30pm. Please book a seat on Arbor. 1 seat per family due to hall space.
- **Wednesday 16th September**- 3 x Y6 pupils attending the Travel Explorers Ambassadors Event at Oakley House 9.45am-1.10pm
- **Friday 18th September**-PTA Inflatable Event 3.20-5.30pm
- **Jeans for Genes Charity Day** -Children may wear their own clothes to school with one item of denim in support of the charity. To make donations easier we have set up our own JustGiving Page for Donations.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jennifer-davall-13>

School Celebrations and News



Staffing news

We welcome Miss Oakley, our new Teaching Assistant, who is working across all the classes. She has settled well and is enjoying getting to know all the children. We also welcome Mr Johnston; our new PE coach (Buzzers Academy) who has taught all of the classes now and is impressed with the children's enthusiasm for sports.

Year 1 are enjoying using the continuous provision space between the hall and the Year 1 classroom as they transition to more formal learning later this term. They are enjoying their writing, phonics and guided reading.

Year 2 have been practising their letter formations with air writing and 'The best thing about Year 2 is doing computing,' said Arnie.

Year 3 have been working collaboratively during their Games Cafe for early morning work. It's a great way to start the day and to think strategically.

Year 4 have been drawing around each other and identifying parts of the body including their internal organs. They have enjoyed using the correct scientific vocabulary.

Year 5 have enjoyed PE with our new coach Mr Johnston and made him feel part of the Keston family. 'The best thing about Year 5 is getting back into a routine and meeting our new teachers,' said Emre.

Year 6 have really stepped up to be the pupil leaders of 2026-2027. They are being excellent role models and buddies to the younger children whilst having a focused attitude to their learning. A fantastic start!

See the attached flyer for the reception intake 2027-2028 we are now taking bookings for open day tours. Please promote the school to friends, family, neighbours, colleagues etc if they have school aged children who are starting school next academic year.

Rev'd Belinda will be here on Monday at 2.30 pm for our Welcome Back to School service, do join us if you can. Book on Arbor. Don't forget to come along to our Inflatables Day on Friday 18th which also happens to coincide with Jeans for Genes Day. Details on accompanying email.

NEWS

Community News

BYMT Try a Musical Instrument Day

Saturday 12th September 10-12.30pm. See attached flyer

Healthy Food Habits Food Explorer (SEND)

Wednesday 23rd September 9.30-11am @ Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre. See attached flyer

Keston Baby and Toddler Group

Starting Friday 18th September 11am-1pm. See attached flyer

Attendance



Whole School Attendance 97.6%

Class Winner was Y5 who achieved 98.9% Well done!