

## Message from Shona Pitcher

## Headteacher

As we reach the end of our first week back, I'm pleased to see how well the children are settling into their new classes and routines. There's a real sense of energy and enthusiasm around the school and it's wonderful to see pupils adapting so positively.

This week, our Year 3 classes enjoyed the first school trip of the year to Butser Farm. Thankfully, they managed to dodge the rain—which has certainly caught us all out at times! We're looking forward to hearing more from Year 3 about their adventures and learning next week.

A reminder that the dates for our welcome meetings have now been shared with families. Please do check the 'Dates for your Diary' page for all the details and updates.

Thank you for your continued support as we start this new academic year together.

### **Extra curricular clubs : Autumn Term 2025**

Our clubs programme has started this week, we are delighted to have so many clubs to offer our children.

If you are in receipt of free school meals your child is entitled to one free paid club place. Please speak to the School Office for further details.

There are still spaces available on a number of clubs:

Art Club—Thursday after school

Ballet—Tuesday lunchtime

Basketball— Thursday lunchtime and Thursday afterschool

Busy Lizzy—Tuesday lunchtime

Drama—Thursday after school

Kids with Bricks—Thursday after school

Sewing—Wednesday lunchtime

Spanish—Tuesday after school

The timetable and letter with full details is available on the school website. Please click on the following link to access this information [Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School - Clubs](#)

### Parking and Road Safety Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately around Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School. Please help us keep our children safe by following these guidelines:

- **Do not park on the zigzag lines** outside the school, on the double yellow lines, or across driveways. Parking in these areas reduces visibility and puts children at risk when crossing the road, especially at the pedestrian crossing.
- The **school car park is for staff use only**. Please do not use the car park to drop off for morning clubs or to collect from after school club. Instead, always use the pedestrian entrance at the lower gates.

From next week, a member of our Senior Leadership Team will be present at the roadside by the lower gate each morning, whenever possible. This week, the team has been focused on supporting our new pupils as they settle into school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to ensure a safe and welcoming start to the day for all our pupils.

### **Routine vaccinations**

As your child starts or returns to school, they will have more contact with other children. If their routine immunisations are not up to date, they could be vulnerable to serious illnesses such as measles and whooping cough, which can have significant impacts on your child's life. If your child isn't vaccinated, they are not protected.

Please confirm that your child is fully up to date with their routine immunisations by checking their Red Book or contacting your GP surgery.

For a **full checklist of vaccines and when they should be given visit - NHS vaccinations and when to have them.**

The nasal flu immunisations will be taking place at school on **Tuesday 11th November**, full information will follow shortly

### **#AskAboutAsthma campaign**

This NHS [campaign](#) aims to raise awareness about asthma including: [getting an asthma plan in place](#); [asthma care](#) (short videos); and [how air pollution can trigger asthma attacks](#).

Schools and parent/carers can get [free air pollution alerts](#) from [AirText](#) to be prepared for increased asthma attacks after the summer holiday.

[Continue reading for Asthma awareness resources.](#)

Prime Ministers letter to parents- Best start in life. Please click on the following link to open the letter from Keir Starmer to parents.

**[Read the Prime Ministers letter to parents](#)**

**Dates for your Diary**

Weds, 17th Sept	NUR	Nursery Welcome meeting @ 9am—Main Hall
Weds, 17th Sept	YR 2	YR 2 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Thurs, 18th Sept	YR 4	YR 4 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Fri, 19th Sept	REC	Reception Welcome meeting @ 9am—Main Hall
w/c 22nd Sept	ALL	Travelling Book Fair
Mon, 29th Sept	YR 5	YR 5 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Tues, 30th Sept	YR 4	Year 4 visit—Richmond Park
Weds, 1st Oct	YR 3-6	Author visit—Dermot O’Leary
Weds, 1st Oct	YR 3	YR 3 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Thurs, 2nd Oct	YR 1	YR 1 Welcome meeting @ 6pm—Main Hall
Fri, 24th Oct	ALL	INSET DAY—School and Nursery Closed
Mon 27th—Fri 31st Oct	ALL	HALF TERM
Mon, 3rd Nov	ALL	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 2
Tues, 11th Nov	R –6	Flu immunisations (details to follow shortly)

*If your child is absent from school please can you telephone the main school telephone number and press option 1 or email the Absence email account: [absence@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:absence@grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk)*

*Save the date:*

Sports Day will be held on:

**Wednesday 20th May 2026**

Please note that the day of Sports Day has changed this year due to an existing booking at Kingsmeadow which could not be moved.



**Spotlight on attendance**

Congratulations to **4C** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.6%).