

## Message from Shona Pitcher

## Headteacher

The weeks are passing by so quickly and this is in part due to the amazing array of activities and celebrations taking place in school. It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school and celebrate their children's achievements.

I wanted to say what a wonderful event the Christmas Fair was last weekend. The entrance was extremely busy, keeping myself, Mr McHale and our Governors on our toes! The teachers loved the Festive Jackpot and enjoyed seeing so many of you visit their stall. The performances from our Country Dancing club, Little Voices and Grand Singers were wonderful - thank you to Miss Martin, Miss Taylor and Miss Villar for all their hard work. Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that had a part in organising and volunteering to make the Fair such a success.

It has been a very musical week in school with performances from 3S, 4SP and 5AM delighting us all with their skills on the Ukulele, djembe drums and trumpets. We had performances from a number of our Rocksteady bands, with more to follow next week and finishing up the week with our Grand Singers performing at John Lewis this morning.

Please check the dates for the diary page with details for all our upcoming events!



Today the children took part in the Santa Dash during their Daily Mile.

We loved seeing all of the Santa hats as they ran around the playground and warmed themselves up on this frosty morning.



Dylan (5C) received the 2025 Borough Junior Para Sports Award alongside Joseph (pictured).

These two young athletes have achieved great things this year, you may recall Dylan's participation in the TCS Mini Marathon earlier this year.

This week 4SP wowed their audience with an excellent drumming performance of all of their learning this term. They have worked hard to learn and perfect their drumming skills on djembe drums.

Well done!



5AM delighted parents with their trumpet skills this week. The children loved sharing their new skills with their parents. We hope that you enjoyed their performance as much as they did.

Kingston Music Service have worked hard with the children over this term. If your children have caught the music bug then do have a look on the Kingston Music website for available opportunities.

[Kingston Music Service | Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames](http://www.kingstonmusic.org.uk)



3S were proud to show their parents their new ukulele skills this week. They worked hard, over the past 10 weeks, to learn 5 songs for their ukulele performance, and they did a great job! Thank you to the parents of 3S for their support and encouragement.



### **School Applications**

If your child is due to begin Reception in September 2026, please visit the Kingston eAdmissions site to make your applications. Please follow the below link:

[Kingston Council eAdmissions](http://www.kingston.gov.uk/eAdmissions)

# AVENEWS

[www.grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk](http://www.grandavenue.kingston.sch.uk)

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Friday, 5th December 2025

## Weekly House Points

Here are this weeks house points. Well done to Painshill.

Painshill	137
Kew	130
Claremont	127
Norbury	94
Richmond	80
Wisley	75



## Spotlight on attendance

Congratulations to **4V** who have had the highest attendance this week (99.7%).

## Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

Following on from the letter regarding the OPAL programme, this is a reminder to please take a moment to complete the short survey.

[Please click here to complete the Parent and Carer Survey](#)

As we come towards the end of term please can you all check your School Gateway payments for trips and workshops for the Autumn Term have been paid. Thank you.



Jackson (6T) won a gold medal for his first karate competition.

Well done Jackson.

Enter the GASP A text raffle for a chance to win one of the prizes below.

**GRAND AVENUE Text Raffle**

**TEXT/SMS XMAS25 to 70331**

Winners drawn and announced at 7pm on the 14th Dec!  
Each entry is £3

Art-k Kingston- Kids Holiday Art Workshop  
Berrylands Pilates- Block of 6 Classes  
Coffee On The Corner- £20 Voucher  
Cook- £20 Voucher  
David Lloyd Raynes Park 1 x Family Pass  
Higgins Aquatics Voucher- 1 Week's Swimming Crash Course  
Koyal Restaurant Surbiton 2 x £50 Vouchers - (2 prizes!)Lazer Lions £50 Holiday camp voucher  
Matthew James Estate Agents 6 Bottles of Bouvet Rose Brut  
Megans at the Post Office- £50 voucher  
Mirabeau Wine- 3L Bottle  
Moose Toys Large Toy Bundle  
The Entertainer Toy Shop £15 voucher  
Ultimate Barbie Dreamhouse Bundle  
Snowy The Gonk Jelly Cat  
Simon Smith Plant  
Happy Yoga - 2 Classes Bundles  
Debutots - 1 Half Term  
Baby Soft Toy Bundle (2 prizes)

Funds raised through the raffle will be invested by GASPA in Grand Avenue School's wish list.

Your donation will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme, operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see [www.easyclonate.org](http://www.easyclonate.org)

Dates for your Diary

Mon, 8th Dec	RBF	Butterflies Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall										
Tues, 9th Dec	KS2	Winter Concert @ 6.15pm (full details to follow)										
Tues, 9th Dec	RBB	Bumblebees Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall										
Tues, 9th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm										
Weds, 10th Dec	RL	Ladybirds Christmas performance @ 9.30am—Annex Hall										
Weds, 10th Dec	YR 4	Showcase afternoon @ 2.45—Year 4 classrooms										
Thurs, 11th Dec	ALL	Christmas Jumper Day										
Thurs, 11th Dec	YR 2 & 3	Christmas Performance @ 9.15am—Main Hall										
Thurs, 11th Dec	YR 1	Festive Craft Afternoon @2.15pm										
Fri, 12th Dec	YR 2 & 3	Christmas Performance @ 1.45pm—Main Hall										
Mon, 15th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Sing a Long										
Mon, 15th Dec	YR 3	Year 3 Sewing Day—volunteers requested										
Mon, 15th Dec	YR 4	Rose Theatre trip—Cinderella										
Thurs, 18th Dec	YR 3	Year 3 Showcase Afternoon @ 2.45pm										
Thurs, 18th Dec	R– YR 6	Christmas Party (please see letter for full details)										
Fri, 19th Dec	NUR	Nursery Christmas Party										
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