



Kensworth CE Academy

Monday 20th April 2026

"With God by our sides we can move mountains"

As we begin the final term of the academic year, there is lots going on across the school. This includes SATs for Year 6, phonics screening assessments and multiplication tables checks are all taking place. Everyone is working hard and trying their very best.

Teachers will be sending out via Class Dojo what the children will be learning this term.

Highlights from last week!

Hornbeam Class had a wonderful time at PGL!

They challenged themselves in activities such as Crate climb, Canoeing, Zipwire, Trapeze, Archery and more. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Silent Disco. It was wonderful to see the children flourishing and growing in confidence, we were very proud of them all! Thank you to our year 5 and 6 parents for supporting this trip and thank you to Mrs Rooney and Mrs Rowe for their care and commitment.

We have plans for some other exciting trips and visits this term for all classes. Watch this space!

Mr James-Hammond and Mrs Woodland-Payne have joined our school team. It is wonderful to have them on board!



Our School Value

Friendship

"Encourage one another and build each other up."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Please see below a Home School Values sheet attached so that you can explore this value at home.

We are excited to introduce 'Playground Pals' this term where our year 5/6 children will take it in turns to become young leaders on the Key Stage 1 playground

Reminders



Please find diary dates and clubs available for this term



As usual, school lunches need to be booked by 8am and can be booked daily, weekly, monthly and half termly in advance. If we have a special menu day, any previous normal menu choices will be deleted and you will need to rebook your child's meal. Please see attached the Menu for this term.

Important Notices



We are in desperate need of bike helmets and would really appreciate if you have any that your children have grown out of or do not use to be donated to the school.

We are also looking for tyres, empty cable reels and crates for our outdoor play project and if you know of anyone who could donate any of these please do let the school office know. Thank you!



Church May Festival



Please join the church for their May festival on Sunday 3rd May! At St Mary's Church!

Parent Questionnaire

We have only had a few responses from the parent questionnaire from the end of last half term. Please find a link below and if you haven't already completed this please do. Your views are very important to us.

[Parent Questionnaire](#)

Earth Day

This Wednesday is Earth Day and each class will be doing lots of activities related to cutting our carbon footprint.

There are some great mission packs that can be completed at home if you would like to get involved on the BBC website below.

[Mission Pack Earth Day](#)



Get Involved with the PTA

Please look out for upcoming PTA events and join in where you can. Your support makes a real difference to our school community.

Save the dates:



Milkshake Fridays-Every Friday @ pickup from staffroom window Starting WC 13th April

Movie night 7th May

Sponsored Jump for Joy WC 18th May

Father's Day Breakfast – 19th June

Summer Fayre- 11th July

We look forward to seeing you there!

SATS Breakfast Club

It is not long until year 6 take their SATS assessments.

On Tuesday through to Friday mornings we will be running a SATS breakfast club (Breakfast will be provided)

This will run from 8.15am and we would like all of our year 6 pupils to attend.

This is not for the year 5 pupils in Hornbeam Class.

SATS breakfast club will run for all of this half term.



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FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP.
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Friendship

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



FAMILY FOCUS

Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



READ TOGETHER...

Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** *must* meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-13



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



and



FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



HALL OF FAME



A dog is a man's best Friend

Near the village of Beddgelert in North Wales is a beautiful sculpture of a very special **friend**.

According to legend, the monument marks the resting place of the faithful dog, Gelert, who once belonged to the medieval Welsh Prince, Llewelyn the Great. A tombstone tells the story of a fateful day when Llewelyn went out hunting leaving the faithful hound, Gelert, to guard his young son. On his return Gelert sprang to greet his master, but Llewelyn noticed some blood on his fur. He rushed inside his house. To his horror the first thing he saw was his son's cot. It was empty!

The frantic father turned on the dog, thinking he must have harmed the boy. He killed Gelert there and then with his sword. At that moment a child's cry rang out through the house. Llewelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Gelert had killed before it attacked the small child.

Prince Llewelyn is said never to have smiled again and with tears of sadness he buried Gelert in this place, which became known as "the grave of Gelert", or in Welsh, Beddgelert.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.

WEEK 1
Spring/Summer 2026
13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26,
15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26,
17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26,
19/10/26



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MAIN
EVENT



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC

Veggie Dish



RAINBOW
ALLEY

Vegetables and Salads



BIG
TOPPING

Filled Jackets



DESSERT
TROLLEY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese 	Homemade Pork Sausage Roll with Wholegrain Rice Salad 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Cottage Pie 	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips 
Mixed Bean Fajitas with Wedges 	Veggie Sausage Roll with Wholegrain Rice Salad 	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Shepherdless Pie 	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips 
Vegetable Sticks	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 
Orange Squash Cupcake 	Strawberry Jelly 	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard 	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake 	Banana Cookies 

WEEK 2
Spring/Summer 2026
20/04/26, 11/05/26, 01/06/26,
22/06/26, 13/07/26, 03/08/26,
24/08/26, 14/09/26, 05/10/26



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Cheddar & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart with Wedges 	Veggie Bangers and Mash 	Tomato & Lentil Layer Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Veggie Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese 	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips 
Vegetables Sticks	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
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WEEK 3
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27/04/26, 18/05/26, 08/06/26,
29/06/26, 20/07/26, 10/08/26,
31/08/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26



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Macaroni Cheese 	Vegetable Ratatouille with Rice 	Med Veg Wellington, Skin on Roasties with Gravy 	Root Vegetable and Bean Stew with Mash 	Vegetable Fingers with Chips 
Vegetable Sticks	Sweetcorn and Cabbage	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 	Beans or Cheese 
Sweet Potato Chocolate Brownie 	Raspberry Jelly 	Treacle, Pear & Ginger Cake with Custard 	Date and Sunflower Seed Muesli Bars 	Vanilla Cookies 