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# Kentish Town C of E Primary School Newsletter

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. It has been great to see children and families this week.

# **Staffing Update**

In the second half of the autumn term several agency staff let us know that they were moving on to other opportunities and in addition, several children received an Educational Health and Care plan. This meant we needed to recruit and so the following staff have joined us for the spring term:

Raani Adams, Sashka Jones, Toni Gill, Leo White (part - time), Jessica Blaney, Annabelle Germain, Natasha Vakil and Frankie Kendall.

We are delighted to have made these appointments from a very strong field of thirty applicants. I will be introducing the new staff to our children in assembly this week and I hope you will all offer them a warm Kentish Town CE welcome to our school community. The staffing board will be updated this week.

#### Sarah Haag

Sarah has let me know that she intends to retire and she will be leaving us at the end of the spring term in April. Sarah has worked in our school office for nineteen years. As the School Admin and Finance Officer (SAFO), she manages the school budget, ensures we get the correct funding from Camden and helps to welcome guests to our school along with Pam in the school office (and a million other things!) Sarah has contributed so much to our school during her time in the office and we will all miss her enormously. The post of SAFO has been advertised and we are looking to appoint before the end of the financial year in March so Sarah can hand over to the new person.

# Term Dates 2025-26

On the second page of this newsletter you will see the term dates for next academic year. These can also be found on our website: www.kentishtown.camden.sch.uk.

# The Friends of Kentish Town

Last term the Christmas Fair raised a whopping £4,200 to support your children's experience in our school. Many thanks to the many parents and carers who organized and supported the Fair. If you would like to help with future events then please contact your class rep or email The Friends here: **friendsofkts@gmail.com**.

# Attendance and Punctuality Surgery

Our School Improvement Support Officer, Alison Ellis will be in school on Monday 20th January to meet with families where there are issues relating to punctuality or attendance. Individual families will be invited to meet with Alison in order to establish ways forward where attendance or punctuality needs to improve. Please help us by ensuring that your children are in school every day unless they are very unwell and on time in the mornings. Many thanks for your help with this.

# Pre — loved Uniform

Pam has organized items of uniform which are on a rack outside the science lab. Please help yourselves to any of these clothes. They are in excellent condition and are offered free to families.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2025.

Best wishes,

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💮 James Humphries - Headteacher





KTS CE	School Term & Holiday Dates 2025/26
Autumn Term 2025	Total Days: 71
Term Starts:	INSET – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025
	Children Return – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
	INSET – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Half Term:	Half-Term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
	Children Return – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Term Ends:	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 @ 1.15pm
Christmas	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026
Holidays: Spring Term 2026	Total Days: 56
Ferm Starts:	INSET – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
	Children Return – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half Term:	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Children Return – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 1.15pm
Spring Holidays	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Easter Holidays	Good Friday – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026
	Easter Monday – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Summer Term 2026 Term Starts:	Total Days: 63 INSET – Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Half Term:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
	Children Return – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
Term Ends:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 @ 1.15pm
Bank Holidays	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – May Day Bank Holiday
	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Spring Bank Holiday
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026 – Summer Bank Holiday