



# KITTS GREEN ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER



Spring Term 2026

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Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

We are pleased to share some positive news. The Department for Education has approved the extension of our school age range from 6-14 to 6-16, starting in September 2026.

This is an important change for our school community, meaning pupils can now stay with us beyond Year 9. It will allow us to provide greater stability, continued support, and better preparation for their future.

We are currently planning our Key Stage 4 provision. Further details about the Year 10 curriculum, qualifications, options, exams, and careers support will be shared during the summer term.

From September 2026, our school will officially become a 6-16 school.

In addition, after Easter I will be stepping into the role of Interim Headteacher, and I look forward to supporting the school during this exciting time.

Best wishes,

**Kate Fischer**

**Deputy Headteacher**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### Students return to school - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

We look forward to welcoming all our students, including some new faces, back in April after a lovely break.



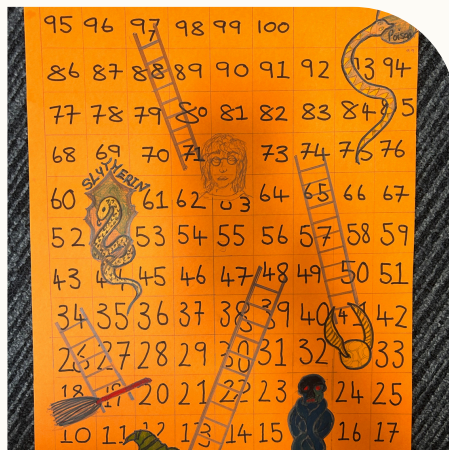
### School closed Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May & Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We have a teacher training day on Friday 1st May and the bank holiday on Monday 4th May.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day, we had a whole school competition to design and make a card or board game based around a book they have enjoyed. Here are some of the entries. In celebration assembly, we announced the winners which were Babylon and Tower class. These classes created games around Pirates of the Caribbean and Owl Babies.

A huge well done to everyone who took part!



## CLASS 2 - PYRAMIDS

As part of our JASS activities, pupils have been exploring the ideas of new growth and change through planting sessions. They enjoyed getting hands-on with soil and seeds, learning how plants grow and what they need to thrive. It was great to see their enthusiasm as they took responsibility for caring for their plants and watching them develop over time.

We also had a special visit from Levi, a training therapy dog. The boys were amazing with him—remaining calm, attentive, and respectful throughout. They followed instructions carefully and played an important role in supporting Levi with his training, making it a really positive experience for everyone involved.

We had a lovely baking session with Maxine, where the children mixed ingredients, followed recipes, and shaped their own biscuits. The Dining Hall was filled with excitement (and delicious smells!), and the pupils were very proud of what they created.

Pyramids have also enjoyed an art lesson with Ms Fischer, learning how to make clay pots for Mother's Day. They carefully shaped, designed, and beautifully decorated each one, showing great creativity and patience. The finished pieces made thoughtful, handmade gifts to celebrate the special people in their lives.



## CLASS 9 - PARTHENON

In English this term, we studied Shakespeare's tragic play Othello. Through the story, we explored powerful themes such as betrayal, manipulation, and enduring love. We analysed how characters like Iago use deceit to influence others, and how trust can be broken with devastating consequences.

The boys showed a really strong understanding of the play, engaging thoughtfully in discussions and offering insightful interpretations of the characters and themes. This unit helped us develop a deeper understanding of human emotions and the impact of choices, while also improving our skills in analysing classic literature.





## NATIONAL TRUST BLOSSOM CHAMPIONS

Following on from the 'Blossoming Spaces' competition that we entered with the National Trust last term, I am pleased to announce that out of over 400 entries, Harlie and Brax were both shortlisted for their fantastic designs and that Jack received one of just 6 'Highly Commended' awards as he scored 35 out of 40 marks, which was the second highest score allocated for this age category.



As a result of the incredible work of Babylon and how well they all engaged, we received a plum and a pear tree and a selection of plants from the National Trust which we have planted in the grassy area by the carpark. In addition to that, we will become Blossom Champions of a green space at Sheldon Hall Park which means that Babylon will be going to the park regularly to maintain and develop this lovely space! This is a 3-year project and the aim is that these boys will train and support peers so that everyone can get something out of this wonderful connection!

## WILLMOTT DIXON GREEN VILLAGES

Did you know that there are more than 200 different job roles in construction? We didn't! But thanks to our engaging 5-week project with Marie Wilkes from Willmott Dixon, we do now!

Boys from Year 8 and 9 worked in small groups to set up their own construction company and design a 'Green Village' to a set of strict criteria. Each member of the group had a specific job role which needed to be enacted carefully to ensure the criteria were met! Watching the boys design their villages and work together so confidently, while learning a wide range of skills, was brilliant and they should be proud of all they achieved!



## CLASS 6 - BABYLON

It has been an extremely positive term for Babylon and I am so proud of all the boys and the progress they are making! They have fully settled in to Year 8 and are embracing the challenges and showing off what they know!

From multiplying fractions and new learning about equations in maths to studying Shakespeare's Othello in English, this hasn't been an easy term academically but they have thrown themselves in and the work has been impressive.

We have focused a lot on 'moments of greatness' as well this term, and I want to share some of them here:

- ~ Romeo's amazing board game based on Pirates of the Caribbean which he made for World Book Day!
- ~ The amount of boys who nominated themselves for school council, gave confident pitches in front of their peers and graciously accepted the outcome
- ~ Our whole class love of Arthur - the father from the play 'Small Island' - studying a play like this was new and interesting, the boys shared their thoughts and opinions well, but one thing we all agreed on was how much we loved Arthur!

## PSHE

This term, the whole school community have looked at the units 'Dreams & Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. During Dreams & Goals, the boys have looked at big questions such as what they aspire to be and what they can do to get there. In Healthy Me, we've all looked at how to make healthy choices to take care of and responsibility for our mental and physical health.



## WEST MIDLANDS POLICE VISITS

We were pleased to welcome PC Stringer from West Midlands Police, who spent time working with both KS2 and KS3 pupils.

On Tuesday 24th, KS3 took part in an assembly led by PC Stringer, focusing on hate speech, hate crime, and anti-social behaviour. He helped pupils understand how actions or words, even when not intended to cause harm, can have a serious impact on others and themselves. The key message was to slow down and think before speaking or acting, and to always try to be the kindest and best version of ourselves.

Following the assembly, some pupils had the opportunity to go outside and take a closer look at PC Stringer's equipment and the police car, which was a real highlight!

KS2 pupils also enjoyed meeting PC Stringer the previous week, learning about his role in the community and how the police help to keep people safe. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great engagement throughout the session.



## CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRY OPEN DAY

Last week, boys from Class 9 - Parthenon, attended the Construction and Industry Open Day at the Longbridge campus of South & City College.

We took part in a bricklaying workshop, had a tour of the whole campus - with a special focus on their engineering and mechanics departments, took part in a Q&A session with a range of employers from the construction industry and then attended a careers fayre. The engagement and confidence that the boys showed was impressive and I'm really proud of them all

