



Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a remarkably busy and successful two weeks here at Katherine Warrington School, filled with valuable academic trips, artistic showcases, and stimulating in-school events.

We are thrilled to report on several highly successful educational excursions that have enriched our students' learning:

- Year 10 Spanish Trip : Our Year 10 students had a wonderful time on their Spanish trip, immersing themselves in the language and culture. We've received excellent feedback on their engagement and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to Mrs. Kelly and the accompanying staff for organising such a rewarding experience.

- Year 11 Geography Field Studies : Our Year 11 Geographers successfully completed their essential field studies in Epping Forest as a crucial component of their GCSE course. Practical application of geographical skills is vital, and the students gained invaluable hands-on experience. Our gratitude goes to Mr. Inman and the supporting staff for facilitating this important fieldwork.

- KWSixth Form Theatre Trip : A group of our Sixth Form students attended a thought-provoking performance of 'Born with Teeth'. Exposing our older students to high-quality dramatic arts stimulates critical thinking and deepens their appreciation for literature and theatre. We extend our thanks to Mr. Church and Miss. Barnard for arranging this cultural outing.

We celebrated National Poetry Day this fortnight with a special focus on our Year 7 students. The event encouraged literacy, self-expression, and a love for the spoken word, demonstrating that poetry is alive and well at KWS. More information further in our newsletter.

Yesterday saw the participation of our top mathematicians in the challenging Senior Maths Challenge. A national competition for students in Years 12 and 13. This competition encourages deep, logical problem-solving, and the students approached it with great concentration and skill. We are now eagerly awaiting the results and look forward to celebrating any successes!

Finally, I want to give a massive shout out for two of our wonderful musicians. Our last two Celebration Assemblies were a true showcase of student talent. We were captivated by two

phenomenal solo performances: Reuben (y11) on the piano and Joie (y10) on the french horn. Their ability to entertain the whole school community with their musical talent was outstanding. Congratulations to both of them on their fantastic contributions!

As always, the commitment of our students and staff makes these opportunities possible, and I am incredibly proud of the work being done across the school. Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

David Martin
Headteacher

There is a role available for a Governor at Kimpton primary school. Please see the teach in Herts advert below for more information if you are interested.

https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,school-governor_98462.htm

House Points

This weeks house point winner are **FRANKLIN** Congratulations!





Katherine Warrington Association of Friends

Fireworks Night

FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER

AT KATHERINE WARRINGTON SCHOOL

www.tickettailor.com/events/katherinewarringtonschool/1833809

Doors Open at 6pm Fireworks at 7pm

MUSIC • BBQ • BAR • TUCK SHOP • MULLED WINE



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Year 10 Spanish Trip – A Week to Remember!



Our Year 10 students have had a fantastic week in Spain, fully immersing themselves in the language and culture. From the moment they arrived, they embraced every opportunity to practise their Spanish, explore new places, and experience life as locals. Students sampled a wide range of delicious Spanish cuisine and enjoyed evenings spent socialising together. They also took part in ...

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Safeguarding warning - alert regarding books by Andy Cope

The children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert regarding books authored by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pup series. Within the books, there is a link which encourages children to find out about additional information told during the story. The link is intended to take children to Mr Cope's web page, however the ...

[Read more](#)

Year 11s take to the Forest for Geography Fieldwork

Year 11s recently went to Epping Forest to complete the final part of their GCSE fieldwork. Students conducted themselves admirably, and all came away with the data required to analyse in class. We investigated how biotic and abiotic factors interacted within the ecosystem, comparing the younger (less managed) and older (more managed) parts of the woodland. We learnt about how ...



[Read more](#)

Year 12 Sports Leaders - Coaching Y5/6 Football Teams at Local Primary



Last week saw our Year 12 Sports Leaders begin a term of Football Coaching for the Girls and Boys teams at St Helen's Primary School in Wheathampstead. Four of our Year 12 students head down every Monday during Period 7 to coach the Y5 and 6 Girls and Boys Teams for an hour long session after school. This is a ...

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Adisa the Verbaliser

We've had a very exciting time in the library recently because we've had the pleasure of a visit from Adisa the Verbaliser, a fantastic performance poet who connects brilliantly with young and old alike. This was Adisa's second visit to see us, and once again, he didn't disappoint! As part of our National Poetry Day celebrations, he entertained and interacted ...

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KWSixth news



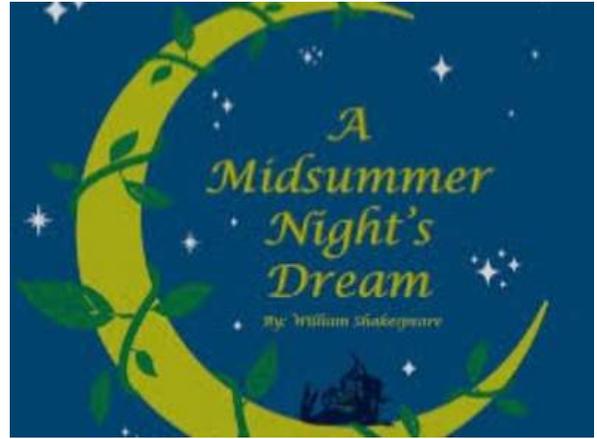
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A big thank you to Jerel U and Becky D in year 13, who came into the year 12 assembly last week to speak about two fantastic opportunities: Jerel spoke about LEAF pathways (a networking platform set up to promote apprenticeships in law, engineering and finance) and promoted the next event they are organising, the Apprenticeship Bootcamp on 11th October. ...

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A Midsummer Night's Dream auditions

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th October, over 110 students took to the stage to audition for this year's KWS school production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - a bold and imaginative re-telling of Shakespeare's classic comedy with a modern musical twist. The Performing Arts department was blown away by the enthusiasm, talent, and creativity shown across all year groups. Students auditioned for a variety of ...



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Student Council 2025/2026

**KWS
Student
Council -
2025/26**

It was wonderful to introduce our brand-new KWS Student Council during last Friday's celebration assembly. Each member has been selected through a rigorous process - including a letter of application, a speech or statement to their form group, and a form tutor nomination. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and enthusiasm, and we look forward to working closely with them ...

[Read more](#)

Young Professionals Careers Event For Parents/Carers

Dear Parents / Guardians Young Professionals are excited to invite you to an exclusive online parent/guardian event designed to provide valuable insights into how you can support your child in making informed career choices when they leave school/university. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn how to help your son or daughter gain a foothold in the world ...

[Read more](#)

Absence Reporting Reminder

Absence Reporting Reminder If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, urgent appointments or other reasons our preferred method for reporting absence is using the Arbor Parent Portal App (instructions shown below). Absences can also be reported calling the 24hr school absence line on 01582 314800 or email absence@kwschool.co.uk All absence reports should be received by 8.30am ...

[Read more](#)

OUR AIM IS AN OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF 96%

BUT, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOU?

1. 90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week totalling to 4 whole weeks and 114 lessons missed at school.
2. 85% attendance = 6 weeks and 174 lessons missed of school a year.
3. 80% attendance = 8 weeks and 228 lessons missed of school a year.
4. Research suggests that a drop to 90% can lead to a whole GCSE grade drop in achievement.

IT IS YOUR FUTURE, COME TO SCHOOL AND FULFIL YOUR POTENTIAL

KWS Sports News



Football The Year 9 girls' football team have made a strong start to their national cup campaign. They beat Queen's School 2-1 and then played Lealands, winning by a 4-2 scoreline. The girls will now play Samuel Whitbread in round 3, which we look forward to. Well done to the U13 girls' football team who won 3-0 against Aldenham in ...

[Read more](#)

Ofsted / CQC inspectors have announced recently, Monday 6th October 2025, that they are returning to Hertfordshire for a monitoring inspection.

You can click the below links for more information and to fill out a survey regarding family views.

<https://hertparentcarers.org.uk/ofsted-cqc-monitoring-inspection-october-2025/>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Monitoring2025>

KWS Vacancies

Minibus Driver - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/145890/EDV-2025-KWS-27343>

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (Kwaf)

If you would like to get involved and support your school's parents' association, please email kwaf@kwschool.co.uk or look out for updates on **Facebook@kwafkws**.

If you haven't already done so, please sign up and follow us!

If you have any requests regarding the Kwaf second-hand uniform, please email uniform.kwaf@kwschool.co.uk and not the main Kwaf email.

SJL COMEDY NIGHT - BOOK TICKETS NOW

After the success of last year's hilarious SJL Comedy Night, it's back for 2025 and boy, have we got a cracking line-up for you!

Get Friday 14 November in the diary and join us from 7-11pm for £25 a head, and enjoy hilarious performances from THREE excellent comedy acts, plus a great comedy host as well.

On the night you can be sure of lots of laughs, a well-stocked bar, and an all-round great evening of entertainment!

Book now:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofsjl/1885904/share/5d546498666a6df68edb7d5d6d38e003>

CASTLE Comedy

HARPENDEN - SIR JOHN LAWES SCHOOL
14TH NOV

TAMAR BROADBENT

OLAF FALAFEL

STEPHEN BAILEY

PAUL REVILL

KWAF Lottery

Katherine Warrington Association of Friends (KWAF)
The PTA of Katherine Warrington School

**RAISE FUNDS
FOR OUR SCHOOL
JOIN OUR LOTTERY**

**It's the easiest way for YOU
to HELP US raise money**

- Tickets for the school lottery are £1 per entry - less than a coffee!
- When you buy tickets to play our lottery and support our school you have a chance to win the top Jackpot prize of £25,000!
- You'll automatically be entered into a guaranteed weekly cash prize for one supporter at Katherine Warrington School.

WINNER
£25,000

JOIN HERE

www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/katherine-warrington-school

KWAF Bounce-a-Thon

Get ready to bounce into half term — because THE BIG JUMP is coming to KWS! 🤸

In partnership with KWAF, the KWS Trampoline Squad, is hosting an all-day Bounce-a-Thon for ALL KWS pupils, to raise funds for essential trampoline equipment.

★ How It Works

1. Donate to our Crowdfunder here 🖱️ [Click to donate](#). When you donate on Crowdfunder please add 'Sponsored jump' in comments, so you can be entered into the prize draws.

2. [Book your slot using our Google form](#) – every participant will get 2 minutes of pure bouncing fun! This is the same time that our Olympic medalist Bryony Page has for her amazing routine!

3. Jump for joy! The event will run all day, led by our amazing trampoline trainer Lara and supported by KWS staff.

Katherine Warington Association of Friends (KwAF)

The PTA of Katherine Warington School presents...



THE BIG JUMP

DONATE NOW TO JUMP

Friday 24th October 2025

Donate via CROWDFUNDER then complete the google form to select your preferred slot to jump.



On Monday 20th October the Trampoline Squad will also be hosting a tuck shop at lunchtime and at 3.30pm



Upcoming Events

Monday 6th to Friday 17th October - Year 9 Option Change Window 1/3

Tuesday 14th October - The Woman in Black Theatre Trip

Wednesday 15th October - Flu Vaccinations Year 10 and 11

Thursday 16th October - Year 7 Reports Home
Thursday 16th October - Year 11 Parents Evening
Monday 20th to Friday 24th October - Bike-ability Year 7 (Selected students)
Thursday 23rd October - Year 11 Bank of England Trip
Thursday 23rd October - DofE Bronze Training Twilight 1/3
Monday 27th to Friday 31st October - OCTOBER HALF TERM
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th November - Year 11 Mock Exams
Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th November - Year 7 Manor Trip
Friday 7th November- Year 11 Beyond Year 11 Drop Down Day
Friday 7th November - Year 12 PSHE Day
Thursday 13th November - Year 12 and 13 Reports Issued
Thursday 20th November - Year 9 Reports Issued
Thursday 20th November - Year 8 Shakespeare Performance Day
Wednesday 26th November - Rotary Technology Competition
Wednesday 26th November - Year 13 Parents Evening
Thursday 27th November - Year 9 Vaccinations
Thursday 27th November - Bronze DofE Twilight Training 2/3
Thursday 27th November - Year 12 Othello - Royal Theatre Haymarket
Friday 28th November - Occasional Day

Notices

GCSE Booklets
Careers Unifrog - Destinations Platform

Trips

We are excited to announce that the KWS trips department has launched a new software system called Evolve to manage all school trips. This new platform will streamline the entire trip process, making it easier for you to stay informed, handle paperwork, and manage payments. Evolve also comes with a mobile app, which you can download by searching for "MyEvolve" on your phone's app store.

To get started, please use the link below to register your account. Be sure to use the same email address that you use for Arbor. This will automatically link your account to your students.

<https://evolve.edufocus.co.uk/myevolve/setup.asp?id=KWSTrips>

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Diwali event



Wheathampstead Wanderers

A recruitment poster for Wheathampstead Wanderers F.C. The background is dark blue with white and red curved shapes. At the top right is the club's crest, which is a shield with a white background, a red border, and a red and white striped base. The crest contains the text 'WHEATHAMPSTEAD WANDERERS F.C.', the year '19', and the year '90'. Below the crest, the text reads 'WE'RE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING SQUADS:'. There are two bullet points: '• GIRLS: U11, U12 & U14' and '• MIXED: U13 & U14'. At the bottom left, it says 'GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE. WHEATHAMPSTEADWANDERERSFC.CO.UK/TEAMS'. At the bottom right, in a large red circle, it says 'COME & JOIN WHEATHAMPSTEAD WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB'.

SFSC - Stronger relationships courses

Online
Course

Stronger Relationships



For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For parents of neurodivergent children only. Group starting 5 November at 1:00pm**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



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6 group
discussions



Certificate on
completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk



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Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Father/Male Caregivers only. Group starting 30 October at 1:00pm**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
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Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Mothers/Female Caregivers only.**
Group starting **21 October at 10:00am**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
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For Parents of teenagers only starting 15/10/25 @11.30am

Want to get some new ideas to help
you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?



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What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



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For Urdu speakers only starting 7/10/25 @ 1 pm

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For parents and other adult carers living together or apart **For Arabic speakers only. Group starting 26th September @ 11 am**

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Classes held at **BATFORD METHODIST CHURCH**
Contact gwen@ghdance.com for more information.
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KIMPTON PLAYERS

OCTOBER 11TH

KIMPTON PLAYERS
PRESENT

KAI AND THE ZOOTCATS

Charity Music Night

CHARITY NUMBER 262534

FEATURING DJ FOX
16+
7.30PM-LATE

KIMPTON MEMORIAL HALL
LICENCED BAR
FOOD AVAILABLE FROM
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Tickets £12 plus booking fee,
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Funk, Soul, Rock and Blues.

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Halloween at church farm

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Decor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail
- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack: 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

- Pumpkin Picking & Carving
- Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)
- Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Eerie Egg Collecting
- Ghoulish Goat Walking

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