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Heads up

Dear KWS Family,

As we approach the final week of the Spring Term, I find myself reflecting on what a spectacular few weeks it has been for our school community. The sheer breadth of talent and the "can-do" spirit of our students never ceases to amaze me.

Our Music Spring Concert was, quite simply, breathtaking. To see our hall filled with such high-calibre performances was a testament to the incredible talent we have here at KWS. What struck me most wasn't just the technical skill on display, but the bravery of our performers. Stepping onto a stage requires immense courage, and our students rose to the occasion beautifully. This success is also a direct result of the tireless efforts and dedication of our Music and Performing Arts team. Their behind-the-scenes work ensures our students have the platform and confidence to shine. It was a privilege to attend the District Gymnastics and Dance Display at STAHS recently. KWS was proud to be one of only seven schools participating, represented by our Senior Dance Company, Junior Dance Company, and our Trampolining squads. The talent on display was world-class, and KWS made a significant contribution to the energy and quality of the event. It is truly remarkable to think that in the school's first seven years, we have grown to become such a significant influence within the district. We aren't just participating; we are leading.

Furthering this success, both the Junior and Senior Dance Companies gave a fantastic showing at The Great Big Dance Off (Regional Heat). They represented the school with poise and professional flair. A huge "well done" to everyone involved, and a special thank you to Miss Patterson, whose vision and hard work have done wonders for promoting dance throughout the school.

Seeing so many students shine lately reminds me of how transformative our extra-curricular clubs can be. Joining a club at KWS is about so much more than just the activity itself; it is a gateway to

discovery. It allows students to find hidden passions and develop skills they never knew they had. Perhaps most importantly, it fosters a unique sense of community. In our clubs, friendships are forged across different year groups, breaking down barriers and creating a supportive network that spans the whole school. I encourage parents and every student to look at our club timetable for the Summer term, you never know where one session might lead you.

At KWS, we listen to our students. Members of Year 11 recently reached out to request a dedicated school space to support their weekend revision. We know that finding a productive, distraction-free routine at home can be a challenge. In response, I am pleased to announce that the school will be open on Saturday mornings for independent silent study in the lead up to the Exam season. This is a brilliant opportunity for students in Years 11, 12, and 13 to establish a solid revision rhythm in a familiar environment.

As we look toward the final week of term, I want to wish our entire community a restful and joyful break. For those in our community celebrating, I wish you a very Happy Eid Mubarak, and to all our families, I hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday when it arrives next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of Katherine Warrington School.

David Martin
Headteacher



Joint communication from the Director of Public Health and Executive Director of Children's Services

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Meningitis outbreak in Kent

Understandably, you may be worried about the news of an outbreak of meningitis in Kent. This is affecting young people in the area and sadly there have been two deaths.

There are no confirmed cases of Meningitis in Hertfordshire linked to this outbreak and although this is a serious disease it is uncommon.

Meningitis is usually caused by a bacterial or viral infection. Bacterial meningitis is rarer but more serious than viral meningitis. Infections that cause meningitis can be spread through, sneezing, coughing, and kissing. Close and prolonged contact is needed to pass the bacteria to others.

Meningitis is usually caught from people who carry these viruses or bacteria in their nose or throat; they may not be ill themselves.

Hertfordshire County Council would like to reassure you the situation is being monitored closely. We are working with NHS partners and following UK Health Security Agency advice and guidance.

Symptoms of meningitis develop suddenly and can include:

- a high temperature (fever)
- being sick
- a headache
- a rash that does not fade when a glass is rolled over it (but a rash will not always develop)
- a stiff neck
- a dislike of bright lights
- drowsiness or unresponsiveness
- seizures (fits)

These symptoms can appear in any order. You do not always get all the symptoms.

Call NHS 111 for advice if you are not sure if it is anything serious or you think you may have been exposed to someone with meningitis.

[Meningitis - NHS](#)

Trust your instincts and do not wait for all the symptoms to appear or until a rash develops. Someone with meningitis or sepsis can get a lot worse very quickly. Call 999 for an ambulance or go to your nearest A&E immediately if you think you or someone you look after could have meningitis or sepsis.

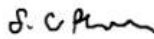
Vaccinations against meningitis

Vaccinations offer some protection against certain causes of meningitis. These include the:

- MenB vaccine – offered to babies aged 8 weeks, followed by a second dose at 12 weeks and a booster at 1 year
- MenACWY vaccine – offered to teenagers, sixth formers and "fresher" students going to university for the first time
- 6-in-1 vaccine – offered to children at 8 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, and 18 months
- pneumococcal vaccine – 2 doses offered to babies at 16 weeks and 1 year, and a single dose offered to adults aged 65 or over
- MMRV vaccine – offered to children at 12 months and 18 months

If you have missed any of these it is never too late to catch up, just speak to your GP surgery.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Perman
Director of Public Health



Jo Fisher
Executive Director, Children's Services

A reminder that parking outside of Lea Springs Care home is prohibited, even for picking up and dropping off students.

House Points

This weeks house point winner are **Keller. Congratulations!**



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District Gym and Dance Display



KWS Gymnastics and Trampolining Squad, along with the KWS Dance Company, attended the District Gym and Dance Display hosted by St Albans High School on Monday this week. It was a fantastic evening that brought together students from across the district to perform and showcase the work they have been developing throughout the year. We were delighted to see both ...

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Careers fair at Sir John Lawes

KWSixth year 12 students enjoyed a really beneficial afternoon attending the careers fair at Sir John Lawes school. They had the opportunity to engage with a range of employers from Microsoft to Hertfordshire Police. This is a key stepping stone in their research towards their future after KWSixth. A big thank you to Sir John Lawes for organising the event.



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Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award



A huge well done to our year 12 students who have successfully completed the IDEA course as part of their enrichment programme. IDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award) is an international award winning programme which helps demonstrate and enhance digital and employability skills. Eight students successfully completed the course. Here is Aaron proudly showcasing his certificate.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

After the recent success of hosting our own Midsummer Night's Dream, it was the turn of KWS favourite, Anthony Glenn. Anthony delivered his one man show version of the play which we are currently studying, with the enthusiastic assistance of some very willing Year 7s. Thank you to parents for contributing to making this possible.

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Library - Book Awards Club



One of the regular offerings by the library is the Book Awards Club which runs each Wednesday lunchtime. Members of the group shadow the Trinity School Book Award (TSBA) and The Carnegies; reading the nominated books, sharing our thoughts on what we've read, taking part in activities connected to the books, and writing reviews and creative responses based on the books. Most ...

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Two exciting events for our Trampoline Squad

This past week saw two exciting events for our KWS Trampoline Squad. First our National Trampoline Finals in Derby for our qualifiers. Every single one of them did their absolute best, setting themselves personal goals to achieve and they smashed them all. Our Year 7 boys team, Dylan G, Theo V and Archie D, pulled out a magnificent team effort ...

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KWS Dance Company- The Great Big Dance Off 2026



This week, the KWS Dance Company competed in the annual Great Big Dance Off 2026, performing to a large and enthusiastic audience and showcasing an exceptional standard of talent and dedication. The Junior team delivered a powerful contemporary-commercial fusion piece titled The Dead Dance, earning an impressive 3rd place. They narrowly missed out on a place in the finals by ...

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In April Mr Harris, headteacher at St Helen's, will be running the London Marathon to raise money for Emily's Fund. This trust was set up by friends of his who tragically lost their wonderful daughter Emily aged just 8 years old in 2022 to an incurable brain tumour. Emily was at Redbourn Primary School at the time, and her mother is a teacher at Roundwood Primary. He was left shocked and numb by the news. How can it be that a family can be told their daughter has a 0% chance of survival and that there is no cure for the type of tumour Emily had?

In the months after Emily's death, the Smith family set up 'Emily's Fund' - a supporter group within The Brain Tumour Charity. The money raised in Emily's name goes directly into research to help find a cure for the devastating disease that took Emily's life. It is saddening to learn that only 3% of the government spend on cancer research goes to brain cancer. It is up to charities to fund the desperately needed research. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under 40 than any other type of cancer. As a father of two daughters himself, he struggled to imagine the pain that the Smith family must go through every day without Emily. A cure MUST be found. Your donation today, will give hope for families in the future facing a brain tumour diagnosis.

The dedication shown by Sarah and Andy, along with their son Harry, to raise money and awareness for this cause is inspirational in the face of intolerable pain that no parent should have to face. Please see the attached link to find out more about their plight, and it would be much appreciated if you could donate whatever you can to support this cause.

Emily's Fund site- <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/our-supporter-groups/supporter-groups/groups/emilys-fund/>

Fundraising page- <https://www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-harris-1773736774722>

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Trustee News

KWS Vacancies

Cleaners Required

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Monday to Friday Contract is 41 weeks

Rate of pay to be discussed.

For more information please contact d.inns@kwschool.co.uk

Katherine Warrington 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](https://www.facebook.com/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.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 21st March - DofE Bronze training day

Friday 27th March - Last day of term (early finish 12:05)

Saturday 28th March to Wednesday 1st April - New York Trip

Sunday 29th to Monday 6th April - China Trip

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - Easter Holiday

Monday 13th to Friday 24th April - Year 10 Mock exams

Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July - Formal Exams Year 11 and 13

Thursday 23rd April - World book night

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May - Junior maths challenge

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May - Silver DofE practice expedition

Tuesday 12th May - 6th form external offer holders evening

Thursday 21st May - Year 10 Reports home

Thursday 21st May - Year 12 EPQ presentation evening

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May - HALF TERM

Notices

Upcoming Trips

We have no upcoming trips at the moment but please keep an eye on evolve.

Careers

Are you ready to take your first step into the world of banking and finance this Easter Break? Whether you're considering apprenticeships, work experience, internships or graduate schemes—this session is your launchpad.

Lloyds Banking Group is a world-renowned commercial, personal, and investment banking management firm and the UK's biggest Bank. LBG has over 30 million customers and around 60,000 employees globally and is a FTSE 100 company. Under the Lloyds Banking Group business, they also own Halifax and Bank of Scotland, as well as other financial institutions such as Scottish Widows.

What to expect:

- We'll show you an introduction to LBG
- How to evolve your presentation skills
- Take part in business-related challenges
- Commercial awareness and building essential skills workshops
- Learn about banking, finance, and digital technology
- Learn about a SWOT analysis and putting it into practice

Your future starts now. Let's unlock it—together.

Event Details:

Date: Monday, 30th March or Tuesday, 7th April - *please choose one session only*

Time: 10am - 2pm

For: Students at school and University

Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Application Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG_VWEX_MAR

Best regards,

Non KWS Events/Publicity

Foodbank opening hours

Easter Opening Hours

MONDAY
30

MARCH
OPEN
VERSO 10AM - 12PM

REDBOURN 2PM-
3:30PM

FRIDAY
3

APRIL
CLOSED

TUESDAY
31

MARCH
OPEN -
CHRIST CHURCH
NEW GREENS
1PM-3PM

SATURDAY
4

APRIL
OPEN -
JUBILEE
CENTRE
10AM-12PM

WEDNESDAY
1

APRIL
OPEN -
COTTONMILL
1PM-3PM

SUNDAY
5

APRIL
CLOSED

THURSDAY
2

APRIL
OPEN-
WHEATHAMPSTEAD
11:30AM-1:30PM

MONDAY
6

APRIL
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Watford Harriers Athletics Club
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WATFORD JUNIOR CHALLENGE Sat 21st March 2026



The Junior Challenge is an exciting, fun run road race held annually in Cassiobury Park!

10:00 - 13:00 Cassiobury Park, Gade Ave, Watford WD18 7LG, UK

This is open to all children in Primary School and Secondary School Years 7-9, regardless of ability. It is a great opportunity for athletes to represent their schools in a competitive event. We have two races in the following age categories: **Under 8s (from age 5 upwards) & Under 10s-Under 14s.**

Races will start and finish on the path between the **Stratford Way entrance to Cassiobury Park and the bandstand.**

See Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/@51.6604607,-0.4136463,16z?entry=ttu>



DUE TO EXPECTED NUMBERS, THERE WILL BE TWO SEPARATE RACES:

The first, for **UNDER 8s** of approx. 1.2 km, will start at **11.45 am.**

The second, for **UNDER 10s, UNDER 12s and UNDER 14s** of approx. 2.5 km, will start at **12:15 pm**

Please arrive by 11.30 am for a warm up!
A runner's medal will be given to all finishers.

The first three boys and girls in each category will be presented a prize as soon as possible after the races

Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

Register at: <https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/watford-junior-challenge-9306>

If you have any queries, please contact our Watford Harriers Club Race Organiser at whogm@watfordharriers.org.uk

SENIORS FAIR

Wednesday 1st April
10.30am - 1.00pm

Showcasing local services and activities

Over 40 organisations attending including charities,
voluntary & commercial organisations and social activities.

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