



HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

Summer 2025

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Ms T Meredith, Headteacher

As I mentioned in my last Newsletter, Marjory Kinnon is now officially a school for autism, and this has brought some changes for both staff and pupils. As we settle into this new phase, we want to make sure we're working closely with families to support our children and young people as best we can.

We will be inviting parents to come in for tea and biscuits, in the autumn term, and to meet the Senior Leadership Team. We will be discussing the school's Behaviour Policy and presenting on behaviour and the changing cohort. We look forward to seeing you there on either Wednesday 3rd September at 4pm (which is an INSET Day) or Wednesday 10th September at 2.15pm. A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 22 July

Last Day of Summer Term
Pupils finish at 1pm

Monday 1 to Wednesday 3 September

INSET Days - *School closed to pupils*

Thursday 4 September

Meet the Class Teams Day
Parents can make an appointment to meet their child's Teacher and Teaching Assistants

Friday 5 September

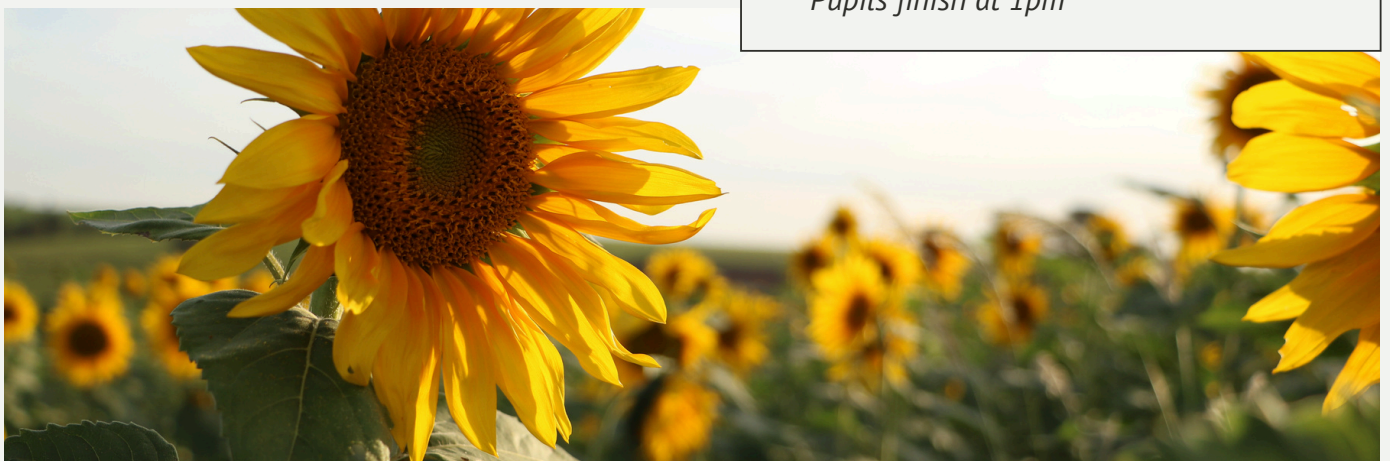
First Day of Autumn Term
Pupils return to school

Monday 27 to Friday 31 October

Half Term break - *school closed*

Friday 19 December

Last Day of Autumn Term
Pupils finish at 1pm



MKS EVENTS

ALADDIN

15 and 16 JULY 2025 1:30PM

We're excited to invite parents and carers to our Secondary Production of Aladdin, taking place on **Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July from 1.30 to 2.45pm**—come and enjoy the magic of our school play!



COMMUNICATIONS CAFE

Join us for a cuppa on Friday mornings

Thank you to everyone who has come along and supported the Communication Café. It is proving to be a huge hit with pupils, parents and staff. It is wonderful to see the social communication and life skills the children are learning. And we thoroughly recommend the coffee.

The Café is open to parents from 8.30-9am every Friday in the Secondary Food Technology Room and we are able to take payment with a card reader.

The focus of the café and main learning objective is communication – in particular functional communication for independence and confidence. Pupils from across the school (all ages and pathways) attend as 'customers' during the day. Pupils are given counters which they can exchange for a drink and a snack. All customers are encouraged to use a range of communication systems to support requesting and social communication.

If you have not yet visited the Café, please do come along in the Autumn term.

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TESCO'S STRONGER STARTS

MKS Fundraising

Marjory Kinnon has been nominated to participate in Tesco's Stronger Starts.

Supermarket customers are given a blue token at checkout to vote for a children's initiative. Our school's project is Outdoor Play & Learning.

From July to the end of September we are asking MKS parents to spread the word to family and friends to vote for us please at stores in Hounslow, Hayes, Chiswick, Isleworth, Twickenham, Heston and Southall.

MINI LONDON MARATHON

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon at the end of April.

MKS pupils, staff and parents took up the challenge and we have received a trophy!



ART EXHIBITION

Creativity on Display

Thank you to everyone who visited our Art Exhibition in June after the Stay & Play event – it was a fantastic celebration of our students' creativity and talent!





MKS SILVER AND GOLD

London Children's Flower Society

The London Children's Flower Society judge visited this week and just like last year, all our horticulture groups were awarded silver or gold certificates.

The judge said that all the schools she had seen had been experiencing difficulties growing their seeds properly, due to the severe weather. So our students have done really well to put on such a good display (of pots on the first floor balcony).

Meet Our New Governors

We are thrilled to welcome three new Governors who joined our Governing Body!



MR JOZSEF KALMAN

Staff Governor



MS SAKINA RAMZAN

Parent Governor



MR CHAITAN SHAH

Co-opted Governor

Special Days

STAY AND PLAY

On Thursday 12 June, we held our second Stay & Play—giving parents a fun look at Outdoor Play & Learning in action, as part of our Play in Action week and the International Day of Play!

And it wasn't just for students—staff joined in the fun too, with after-school play activities of their own!



ENTERPRISE FAIR

In May, our Secondary students turned the Playground into a lively business fair, showing off and selling the products and services they'd created.

It was a great chance to try out things like marketing, sales, and customer service—while also building confidence, working as a team, and handling money.



Important Notices

Reporting Pupil Absence

All pupil absences should be reported through Arbor using the Parent Portal or Arbor app.

You can only log same-day absences, and we ask that you do this before 8:55am.

If your child is off for more than one day, please make sure to log the absence each day they're away.

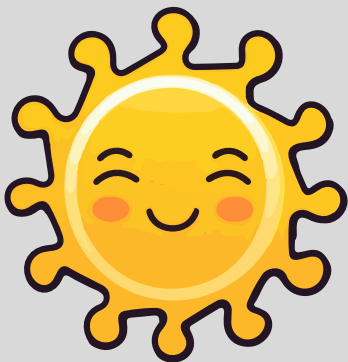
To log an absence on Arbor:

- Tap Quick Actions and select Attendance
- Click the green Log Absence button
- Enter the start and end times, and give a clear reason
- Click Log Absence to submit

If you're unable to access Arbor, you can still call or email the school office. Please contact the office if you have any questions about using Arbor to report an absence



MKS HAF Summer Clubs



We know many parents are keen for their child to attend the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Summer Clubs at Marjory Kinnon, and we understand the disappointment that comes with limited places. Unfortunately, the number of spaces we're able to offer is directly tied to the funding we receive.

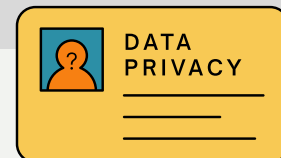
While we would love to accommodate more children, we are only able to run the provision within the limits of that funding.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and we remain committed to providing enriching activities for as many pupils as possible.

GDPR INFORMATION – PRIVACY NOTICES FOR PARENTS

We recently updated the school's [Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers](#) on our website.

The Privacy Notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ON THE USE OF CCTV IN SCHOOL

At Marjory Kinnon School we take our responsibility towards the safety of staff, visitors and pupils very seriously and to that end, we use Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) both internally and externally on the school premises for the following purposes:

- To protect pupils, staff and visitors against harm to their person and/or property.
- To increase a sense of personal safety and reduce the fear of crime.
- To protect the school buildings and assets.
- To support the police in preventing and detecting crime.
- To assist in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders.
- To assist in establishing cause of accidents and other adverse incidents and prevent reoccurrence.
- To assist in managing the school.
- Promoting the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors as well as for monitoring student behaviour and preventing bullying.
- Reducing the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour (including theft and vandalism).

The CCTV system includes a number of internal and external cameras, with no sound recording capability. It is owned and operated by the school, and its use is managed by the Senior Leadership Team.

Warning
CCTV
in operation

Helpful Information

HOW DO WE HELP?

We help schools and parents keep children safe and positively engaged in technology both inside and outside of the school gates.

Prevent and Protect

Block hacks and scams



Category Filtering

Block Pornography, Gambling, Dating, Piracy



Healthy Tech Habits

The right stuff...at the right time



Reports & Insights

Real time overview of protection performance



All done...in 90 seconds.

FREE APP FOR PARENTS

Online Safety for your children

We've partnered with SchoolsMobile to help protect students when using the internet. It is quick to set up and gives you peace of mind.

All MKS parents have access to a free license.

[Activate your free license here](#)

SHORT BREAKS

Summer Offering Now Available

Short breaks provide opportunities for disabled children to spend time away from their primary carers.

See what's on offer over the summer holiday in the Short Breaks Newsletter.

[The Summer 2025 Newsletter](#)



Short Breaks for Disabled Children

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