President Kennedy School
Building Brighter Futures

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th July - Inset Day. Students not in school.
Tuesday 21st July - Summer holiday begins. Students back in school on Thursday 3rd September 2026.



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a very busy two weeks we've had here at school and this edition of the newsletter only shows a tiny bit of all the amazing work that has been going on inside and outside of school.

It has been wonderful to see so many primary school students coming into school to experience cooking lessons. It was also joyful to see the Sherbourne Fields pictures - once again, a huge thank you to Mr Finney for this brilliant project!

This week's Year 11 Prom at Coombe Abbey was also a wonderful event and a nice way to celebrate how well students have done with their exams.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome our new Bridge cohort up to the school on Wednesday as part of Transition Day. Their Kennedy journey is about to begin and I look forward to sharing all the things that we will get up to next year!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Lane, Headteacher

Ready, Steady Cook Year 3!



Whitmore Park Primary School's Year 3 pupils visited President Kennedy School this week to take part in a pizza-making session as part of their curriculum. With limited cooking facilities at their own school, President Kennedy School supported the activity by providing access to its specialist resources and accommodating their needs.

Year 3 head, Mrs Karmali commented:

"This has been an amazing experience. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon spent at President Kennedy School. They have been able to achieve much more here due to the facilities available.
They have learnt to work in teams, embraced kitchen skills such as cutting, rolling, grating (and cleaning!) to create their very own pizzas! The Year 9 President Kennedy students who helped our pupils have been amazing with supporting, organising and making sure everything was done in a timely fashion.

Mrs Minvielle has been outstanding from beginning to end; liaising with the staff, supporting, demonstrating and enabling this amazing experience for our children".

Year 3 student, Harper, said:

"*During my visit to PK, we made pizza's. I loved it because we had help and we made it ourselves!*"

Year 3 student, Ava, said:

"*It was a great day visiting and making pizza - it should taste amazing!*"

















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From Civil War To Unity!

Year 9 “English Civil War” History Project at Sherbourne Fields Special School

The last few weeks have seen both the end of a long exam season and the start of a heatwave and a World Cup! They have also witnessed the History Project at Sherbourne Fields Special School, a time for lots of dressing -up, reconstruction and fun.

This was the **20th** year of the **History Project**, which has created a *such* a close bond between the two schools and provided a major enriching experience for many young people. Not only does it offer the opportunity to make friendships and share fun experiences with a wider, diverse peer group, but it also presents a responsibility and a challenge. The 2026 participants are by no means the first to be inspired by their work with Sherbourne students.

The project provided a great revelation that learning about the past can be great fun for everyone. All students rose to the challenge of dressing themselves in Civil War outfits. Colour, sounds and images help the SF students identify this as a special topic. The Civil War was a massive turning point for this country, but a hugely destructive period with the country, towns, villages and even families becoming divided.

We tried to put across in a sensitive way; how the distinction between Royalist and Parliamentarian, Cavalier and Roundhead, marked the countries existence at the time. This helped to bring to life not just the challenges of the key players of the civil war, but the everyday lives of the ordinary people that all students could relate to.

The project also provided a great opportunity for our students to enhance their story-telling skills. They were divided into four groups, each with their own Civil War theme to explain. These covered the story of how and why the country disintegrated into war with itself; what life was like during the Civil War based on the famous painting “*When did you last see your father*;” the strange-but-true story of what happened to Cromwell’s head; and…why did they ban Christmas?!...yes, it is true that this country passed a law in 1652 banning the celebration of Christmas.

To the students delivering the project, the experience provided lasting memories.

One member of the team, Kingsley commented “*Right from the start it was a great experience. I loved helping to make the flags and then hiding them later for the Sherbourne students to find*”. Michelle added that it was “*just as important to interact with the students in their breaks and lunchtimes as it was in their actual lesson times.*” To Nadia, the whole experience was “*unforgettable! The kids there were just so fun to be*”

So... a huge vote of thanks to the 2026 SF team - Keerat, Josh, Nilay, Paris, Jenny, Seren, Imogen, Kingsley, Michelle, Nadia, Samson, Daxton, Grace, Logan, and Sultan.

Mr Finney, Joint Leader of History



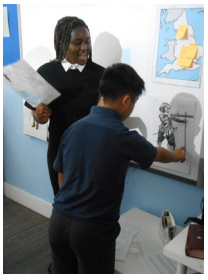












Year 7 Students Present an Award at the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday 23rd June 2026, the Year 7 Library Group were invited to present an award at the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards (CIBA) 2026 ceremony.

Since the beginning of the school year, the students have been reading all of the shortlisted books in the "*Hooked on Books*" category of the CIBA Awards and voting for their favourites.

Aksha and Billy from Year 7 presented the award for the best book in the "*Rapid Reads*" category, which was "***Ditching Saskia***" by John Moore. They each explained why they enjoyed reading the book and what it meant to them.
The students spent the afternoon watching some of the other winning authors receiving their awards and were able to meet them at the end.

The students from Year 7 that took part in the event were – Aksha, Billy, Samia, Marsha, Harithan, Ning Ning and Gabriella.

Library Staff











Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2026



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Inspiring Visit to University of Cambridge

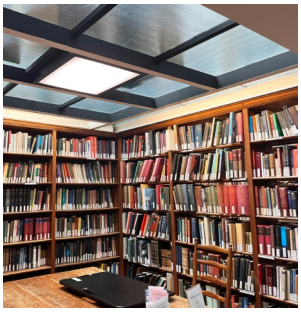
NEWNHAM COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

On Tuesday 30th June 2026, our Post-16 Literature students enjoyed an inspiring visit to the University of Cambridge as part of their preparation for the NEA component of their course.

During the visit, students explored the libraries, participated in an engaging Critical Practice seminar, and toured Newnham College. It was a valuable and memorable experience that provided an excellent insight into academic study at university level. Throughout the day, our students were outstanding ambassadors for the school, demonstrating PRIDE in all that they did.

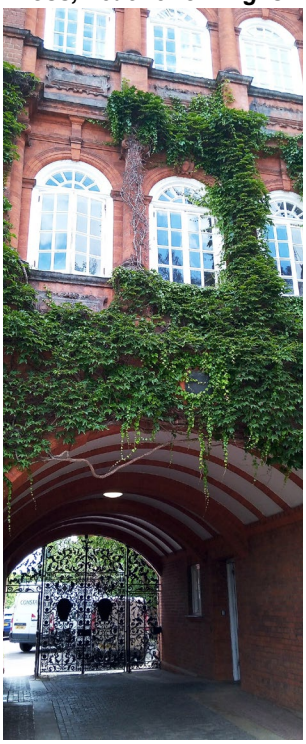
Mrs Moss, Teacher of English











England Schools Championships

Congratulations to Jeevan in Year 11 who has been selected by the West Midlands to run in the English Schools Championships in July.

Jeevan has achieved the qualifying time for the 200m and will compete in this event, we wish him the best of luck.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Students achieve Emergency First Aid Qualification





A group of 21 Year 10 and Year 12 students have successfully achieved an Emergency First Aid Qualification, a nationally recognised Level 3 award that remains valid for three years.

During the course, students developed a wide range of lifesaving skills, including how to respond to burns and scalds, choking incidents, unconscious casualties and cardiac arrest. They also learned CPR techniques and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), equipping them with the confidence and knowledge to act quickly in an emergency.

The training combined practical simulations, role-play scenarios and a written assessment, which required a pass mark of 80%. Through these activities, students demonstrated their ability to provide effective first aid support to fellow President Kennedy students and members of the wider community.
Course instructor, Mandy was full of praise for the group, highlighting the maturity, enthusiasm and commitment they showed throughout the training.

This is a fantastic achievement for all involved. Not only have these students gained a valuable qualification, but they have also developed skills that could one day help save a life. We are incredibly proud of their success and grateful for the positive contribution they will make in helping to keep our school and wider community safe.

Congratulations to all 21 students on this outstanding accomplishment.

Mr Dalton, Leader of Educational Pathways for Health

The Library
At President Kennedy School

FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are…



Artezans: The Forgotten Magic by L. D. Lapinski

For the last 400 years, magic has been fading...

Edward Crane has always feared he won't have any magic at all. Sure, he's part of a powerful magic Artezan family, but he's adopted. His twin sister, Elodie, isn't so worried, but then everything always seems to work out perfectly for her.

So, when Ed discovers he does have an Artezan power after all, he's relieved. And it's more than he ever could have imagined - in fact, it's a dream come true.

But the problem with dreams is that sometimes they twist themselves into nightmares. And with Ed's new abilities growing by the day, there's a chance that this nightmare will become all too real...



Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

When a Western dog befriends an Afghan boy and his mother, the three start a perilous journey to escape their war-torn country to relatives in England.

This is the story of Aman, as told in his own words - a boy from Afghanistan fleeing the horror of the Afghan war. When a western dog shows up outside the caves where Aman lives with his mother, Aman is initially repulsed - it is not customary for people to keep dogs as pets in his part of the world. But when Aman and his mother finally decide to make a bid for freedom, the dog Aman has called Shadow will not leave their side. Soon it becomes clear: the destinies of boy and dog are linked, and always will be...

Library Staff

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

PKS SUMMER FAIR 2026

MORE FOOD VANS THIS YEAR!

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026 | 9:00AM – 3:00PM

A full day of fun, adventure, and unforgettable memories!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THEME PARK FUN – RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

- BIG RIDES
- CLIMBING WALL
- ROLLER DISCO
- STUDENT-LED STALLS
- MUSIC
- MORE FOOD VANS THAN EVER







...AND MUCH MORE!

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN!

BIG THRILLS. BIG FUN. BIG MEMORIES.



- BRAND NEW RIDES BOOKED!
- EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES!
- A FULL DAY OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH FRIENDS!

SOME RIDES REQUIRE A WRISTBAND!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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- AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10
- PURCHASE VIA PARENTPAY
- PAY IN INSTALMENTS AVAILABLE

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Book by Cheri Steinkellner & Bill Steinkellner

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Lyla White, Executive Director Tom Pechar, Managing Director
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BINGO NIGHT

Paris Netball Fundraiser

To raise money for our international netball trip in October 2026 for our Year 7, 8, 9, and 10 students

ON THE NIGHT:

EXCITING RAFFLE DRAW!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Thursday 9th July
Arrival at 5 pm, Bingo to start at 5:30 pm
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Adults £5
Child £3