The Voice of Kiora Hall School

Newsletter July 2026

Term 3.2

Important dates

Return to school- 3rd September

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - 25th September

Halloween party-23rd October

School holidays– 26th October - 2nd November

Design a T shirt for Diversity week 2026



During Diversity Week, learners took part in a variety of engaging activities that celebrated inclusion, respect, and individuality. One of the highlights was designing and creating their own T-shirts, allowing learners to express what diversity means to them through colourful and creative designs. The week provided valuable opportunities for discussion, learning, and appreciation of the different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that make our community unique.













Sports Day



Learners had a fantastic time taking part in Sports Day, enjoying a variety of games, activities, and races. Parents also joined in the fun, creating a wonderful atmosphere of encouragement and support throughout the event. It was great to see everyone getting involved, working together, and celebrating each other's achievements. The day was filled with laughter, enthusiasm, and plenty of memorable moments for learners, families, and staff alike.

















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Oak Class Explores Stockton Waterfront Urban Park

Learners from Oak Class recently visited the new Stockton Waterfront Urban Park, which officially opened at the weekend. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the new outdoor space and the visit provided a valuable opportunity for learners to continue developing their community inclusion skills, building confidence and independence while enjoying all that the new park has to offer.









Making Lemonade with Chestnut.





The learners had a wonderful time making fresh lemonade. They used a lemon juicer to extract all the juice from the lemons, developing their fine motor skills and learning about food preparation. Once the juice was collected, they added water and sugar and carefully mixed all the ingredients together. The learners were excited to see how the different ingredients combined to create a refreshing drink. The learners decided that the did not like the taste of the lemonade with one saying " its not fizzy."





Learning Together in P.E with Birch





Birch class have been focussing on taking part in activities with friends as part of our Community Inclusion focus. The children have thoroughly enjoyed turn taking in P.E this week and have focused on ball bouncing and shooting into a hoop. They have also been practising passing the ball to each other and have given one another encouragement when practising these skills. Our new learner Zachary has settled really well into Kiora Hall already and, as an active learner, P.E lessons as well as encouragement of staff and students has meant he is settling in extremely well at Kiora Hall.





Kiora Hall Parent Events

2026-2027



Friday 25th September

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Friday 20th November

Children in Need Fundraising Event



Tuesday 15th December

Parent workshop and progress afternoon



Thursday 25th March

Colour Run for Autism Acceptance

Thursday 27th May

Biscuit making/ tasting



Thursday 15th July

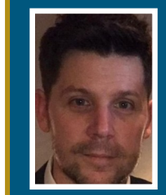
End of year progress meetings/ Meet the teacher

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Safeguarding







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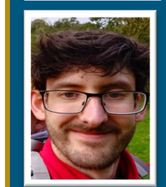
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World Cup 2026

Learners enthusiastically took part in a range of World Cup-themed activities. They followed the matches throughout the tournament, tracked team progress, and documented scores along the way. Learners explored this different countries through a range of activities and cheered on England every step of the way.











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Chatty Wednesday

Chatty Wednesday is a planned opportunity for our learners and staff to engage in informal, meaningful conversations within a supportive and inclusive environment. It encourages social interactions, communication development and relationships building through structured discussion activities. The initiative came through our student council suggestion, with our learners strengthening communication and is promoting peer interaction, whilst giving our learners regular opportunities to share their interests.

Social media ban

In a move to protect children online and address the scale of the challenge of social media, AI and monitoring the wellbeing of children, the government will also go further than a blanket ban on social media seen in Australia with world-leading blocks on harmful functions such as livestreaming and stranger communication with children for under-16s. These restrictions – which together with the ban go further than any other country – will apply to a wider range of online services, including on gaming sites. 9 in 10 parents said they would support a social media ban for children under 16. The first set of regulations could be in effect in Spring 2027.

Attendance after COVID

Mark Else, Deputy Designated Safeguarding and Welfare Lead, is currently researching parental perspectives on school attendance following the COVID-19 pandemic, with the aim of better understanding barriers and informing more effective support for families.
Understanding parental attitudes is essential in addressing persistent absence and strengthening safeguarding practice. This research explores how views on attendance, expectations, and well-being have shifted, including insights into Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).
You can complete the survey by following this link: Parental Perspectives of School Attendance Post-COVID

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Learning and Laughing at Tweddle Farm

Lime class visited Tweddle farm, they enjoyed visiting and feeding the animal's and the park. They had so much fun on the inflatable air bag everyone had the best time and there way so much laughter. We enjoyed lunch at the café followed by an delicious ice-cream before heading back to school.







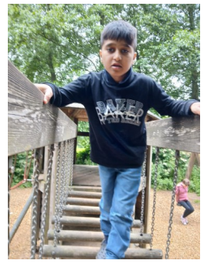
Rhianna's Journey to Blue Belt outside of school.

Rhianna attends Kiora Hall and has a great interest in karate, which she attends as an after-school club. With support from Sensei Adam and her hard work, commitment, and perseverance, she has achieved a blue belt and has earned many medals from competitions and events. Rhianna takes great pride in her achievements as does everyone at NEAS!

Well done, Rhianna!



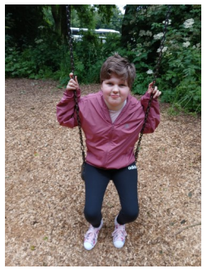
Making Memories at the Park with Sycamore





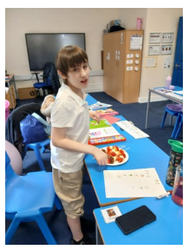
Sycamore Class enjoyed a wonderful visit to the park, where everyone had a lovely time taking part in community inclusion activities. Sycamore class explored the local environment, interacted with members of the community, and enjoyed spending time outdoors together. It was a positive and enjoyable experience that helped build confidence and social skills.







Building Independence and Confidence in Hazel Class



Hazel class have had a very busy return to school for our last half term of the school year. We have been working on our individual targets in community inclusion where we had lots of fun bowling and at the park. All learners have been working on their independent skills to create healthy meals in cookery. A highlight of our week is our music lessons, we have been listening to the sound of different Instruments to guess which instrument it is and starting to play to a rhythm.





