



Welcome from Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS)

Kendrick School, Reading, RG1 5BN

Chair: Praveena Chillarigae

Dear Parents and Carers,

Step into the vibrant community at Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS - a registered charity# 1104281), where we strengthen our school spirit by connecting parents, carers, staff, and students. As a dynamic group, we aim to enrich our children's educational journey and create lasting memories.

What Does KPS Do?

KPS isn't just about fundraising; it's about building connections and enriching our children's educational journey. Through a variety of engaging events and initiatives, we offer:

- **Networking and Socializing:** From disco nights to cultural evenings, there's always something going on!
- **Fundraising for Essentials:** Whether it's new chrome books, new musical instruments or enhancing our school's infrastructure, your involvement makes a tangible difference.
- **Parent Involvement:** We provide numerous ways for you to get involved, from attending events to joining the KPS Committee.

Key Activities & Events

For the Whole Family:

- **Cultural and Social Evenings:** Experience our vibrant cultural evenings, including past events like Diwali and our annual summer event, which has featured fayres and food festivals.
- **Join us for the Annual KPS Kendrick Summer Fair 2024! Let's come together for a fun-filled day and make this event a success. Buy your tickets here <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DNTL>**
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Typically held in Term 1, this is a key event for discussing past achievements and future plans.
- **Drop-in Sessions with Ms. Kattirtzi:** Scheduled throughout the year for each year group, providing students and parents a chance to have an informal chat to discuss any concerns or ideas.

For Parents:

- **New Year 7 Parents Information Evening:** We will be part of this event run by the school, offering you more information on joining KPS and running the Pre-Loved Uniform shop.
- **KPS Meetings and Refreshments:** Join us at various school performances where KPS provides refreshments, enhancing the community feel at events like the House Drama, Lower School Chamber Concert, and Spring Concert.



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For Students:

- **Year 7 Welcome Evening & Movie Night:** Kick off the school year with special events designed to welcome our newest members and fun times with their new friends.
- **Disco Nights for Years 7 and 8:** Let the children unwind and socialize at these fun-filled evenings.

Special Initiatives:

- **Pre-Loved Uniform Shop:** A sustainable choice that helps families economise while supporting KPS fundraising efforts.
- **Wish List Project:** Last year, we tackle projects that are most desired by the school community, enhancing facilities and resources of individual departments.
- **Spring Raffle:** This year, we raised funds to enhance our outdoor school facilities and enrich the Athletics curriculum offered during the summer events.

Why Join KPS?

- **Community Building:** KPS is about more than just funding; it's a supportive network that fosters connections and helps everyone feel like part of the school family.
- We aim to create a welcoming environment that fosters a strong sense of belonging, helping you feel more connected to your daughter's School and enriching your relationship with your child.
- **#IamRemarkable Workshop:** We offer a free self-improvement workshop led by a Google-certified facilitator (Gold tier – run by one of our committee member), aimed at boosting confidence and self-promotion skills.

Class Representative System

- To encourage communication between families and help them and the students get to know each other, the Kendrick Parents' Society (KPS) runs a **Class Parent Rep System** for each form in the School.
- The main role of the Class Parent Rep is to maintain a list of student/parent and carer contacts. Through this way of communication, parents and carers can get to know what is going on in School and in particular, their daughter's form and year and help in planning the KPS initiatives and fund-raising events. Once the system is in place, it will prove invaluable when homework is forgotten, when sharing lifts, etc. If you are interested in this scheme or possibly being the Class Parent Rep, please complete the [online form](#) along with the membership fee. Once we receive this from you, we will send you an invitation to join the class distribution list.



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Join Us Today!

Fill out the [online membership form](#) to engage in our activities and help shape our school's vibrant culture. Discover simple ways to contribute through Give as you live(GAYL), the giving machine, easy2name and Easy Fundraising.

Stay Connected

Join our closed [Facebook group](#) to stay updated on KPS activities and announcements. We're excited for you to be part of our community.

Together, we can make a significant impact and create a nurturing environment for our children and the school community. Looking forward to an exciting year ahead with you at KPS!

KPS Policies and Roles

Please visit the KPS section on the school website to review our policies, including our Privacy Notice. There, you can also explore and understand the various roles within KPS. We currently have few roles open and are seeking dedicated individuals to join our team. Please contact KPSChair@kendrick.reading.sch.uk if you wish to discuss this.

Position Title	Name
Chair	Praveena Chillarigae
Deputy Chair	Ramesha Vaderahalli Balaraju
Co-Secretaries	Neha Doorwar Dhaval Patel
Co-Treasurers	Dhanashree Chitnis Sachin Nerkar Jayanthi Bommana
Membership Secretary	Mohan Kumar Subramani
Parent Class Rep Coordinator	Pauline Phillips
Preloved/ Second Hand Uniform Coordinator	Teresa Haynes, Jayne Green
Parent Representative for Kendrick Trust	Sam Kumra

If you have any questions, ideas for fundraising initiatives, or would like to contribute or if your employer has a match funding program, we would love to hear from you.

Once again, our warmest congratulations on becoming a member of the Kendrick community. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you into the KPS Committee very soon!

Kind Regards,

Praveena Chillarigae

Chair of Kendrick's Parents' Society