

Governors' Annual Report to Parents, Summer 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child has enjoyed their experience at nursery school this year. The schools provide exceptionally high-quality education and experiences for young children as recognised by Ofsted.

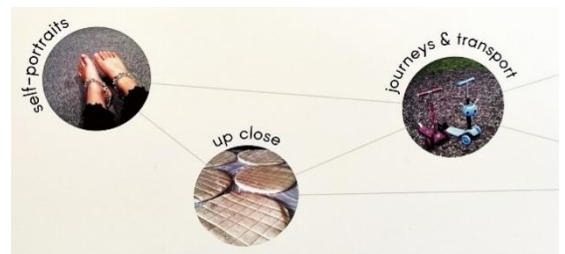
This is a school that sparks children's imagination and curiosity... children hurry happily into school in eager anticipation of what each new day will bring. They settle quickly into learning because clear and effective routines, combined with warm relationships with adults, mean that children are safe, understood and nurtured. Ofsted KNS 2026



We are in the second year of a 3-year Creativity Project in partnership with Compton Verney art gallery where many children enjoyed a visit this year. Our resident artist, Matt, has been working alongside children using a range of open-ended materials to encourage children's creative expression, imagination and communication with others.



Children also had the chance to use a camera over a period of several months to record and share what is meaningful and important to them in their worlds; for some children photography is a powerful way to express themselves. The project has resulted in a public exhibition in Leamington Town Hall called 'My Brilliant Photograph'. It's on until 17 July if you'd like to see it.



This summer after 18 years at Kenilworth Nursery School and 13 years at Whitnash, Rachel Gillett (above), Executive Headteacher, will be leaving to continue her career in early years education leading 2 Maintained Nursery Schools in Cornwall. Rachel has been inspirational in her work developing the nursery schools and the personalised support she has given to families is much appreciated.

The staff teams are well prepared to continue their excellent teaching practice into the future and will be building on an incredible foundation. In September we welcome Rachel Barber (right) as the new Executive Headteacher; she has worked in education for nearly 20 years and is passionate about high quality early years education for all children including those with special educational needs.



Whitnash Nursery School has recently been designated by the DfE as a Stronger Practice Hub with a remit to train and disseminate advice and research across the early years workforce wherever a child accesses their early education, including private settings. This will involve both schools sharing their expertise by organising training events and support networks for early years professionals.

Maintained Nursery Schools, like Whitnash and Kenilworth, are different from daycare providers because they have the same structure as primary schools, including fully qualified teachers, a Headteacher and SENDCo, and are run like primary schools. They also have a more rigorous Ofsted inspection process like schools.



"My child is leaving nursery everyday happy and has always learnt something new"

"My child has had such a wonderful, happy year with you all and we couldn't have asked for a better start to his school journey"



Interested in being a governor?

The role of the Governing Board is to monitor the school, set strategic objectives and check that the school is fulfilling its statutory duties such as health and safety and safeguarding. Keeping your children safe is the top priority for the schools.

The Governing Board includes people with a range of skills and professions to support the school. In return we get a valuable insight into how learning is planned, delivered and assessed. Parent governors have an important role to play in putting the parents' perspective. We currently have a vacancy for two governors, so if you feel this would be of interest to you, please contact me via the school office.

Longer Sessions Available for Two-year Olds in 2026 - 2027

Since September 2025 Kenilworth has been providing longer sessions for 2-year-olds in Nurture Nursery up to 30 hours per week and this has worked out incredibly well. From September 2026 Whitnash will also be increasing Nurture Nursery sessions up to 30 hours a week.

Places for 12-24 Month Olds at Kenilworth

Kenilworth offers provision for 12–24-month-olds, called 'Blueprints'; we have found that children from Blueprints make their transition to Nurture Nursery very smoothly.

Sessions in the School Holidays in 2026 - 2027



At **Kenilworth**, to meet the needs of working parents who need a place for their child in the school holidays, we have holiday provision, **Rainbow Club**, which is run by our qualified nursery staff and focuses on creative and fun experiences. We provide this service when enough families express a need, so if you are interested, please contact Emily in the school office to discuss details of dates and times.

Nursery School Spaces Available for September 2026

We still have some spaces at both schools for September 2026, so if you know any friends or family who are looking for an outstanding education for their **two- or three-year-old**, please pass on the word.

If you've been pleased with your child's experience at nursery school, we'd really appreciate it if you could leave us a quick Google review. It only takes a minute and helps other families find us. <https://tinyurl.com/meyn2dxt>

Thank you so much!

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