

# Week of 5 September 2025

## Dates for Your Diary

26 September	CPD Day
30 September	“Who We Are” Learning Conference
1 October	Public Holiday
6-13 October	Mid Term Break
29 October	Public Holiday
3-7 November	Book Week
21 November	CPD Day
8 December	Election Holiday
12 December	Last Day of Term 1 (school ends at 12nn)

## Principal’s Message

Dear KJS families.

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

By now, you should have received the ECA sign-up information for Years 3-6. We appreciate your patience as we navigate the new system. From the feedback we've received so far, it seems to be working well. Please note that we will continue to launch more ECAs throughout the year as they become available. We're excited to offer a diverse range of activities for our students.

On Monday, we had the pleasure of hosting a performance poetry session for ESF students, led by UK poet Matt Grist. It was a fantastic workshop filled with engaging games and creative ideas to bring poems to life. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this enriching experience.

We were delighted to welcome our CEO, Belinda Greer, to KJS on Monday. She spent time with our new Year 1 students, enjoying stories and activities linked to the theme of families. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners engage so enthusiastically with Ms. Greer.

With the recent warm weather, we encourage parents to send children to school with hats if possible. Please also remember to apply sun lotion to your child before they come to school. Staying sun-safe is important as we enjoy outdoor activities.

As always, we appreciate your support and involvement in our school community.

Have a lovely weekend.

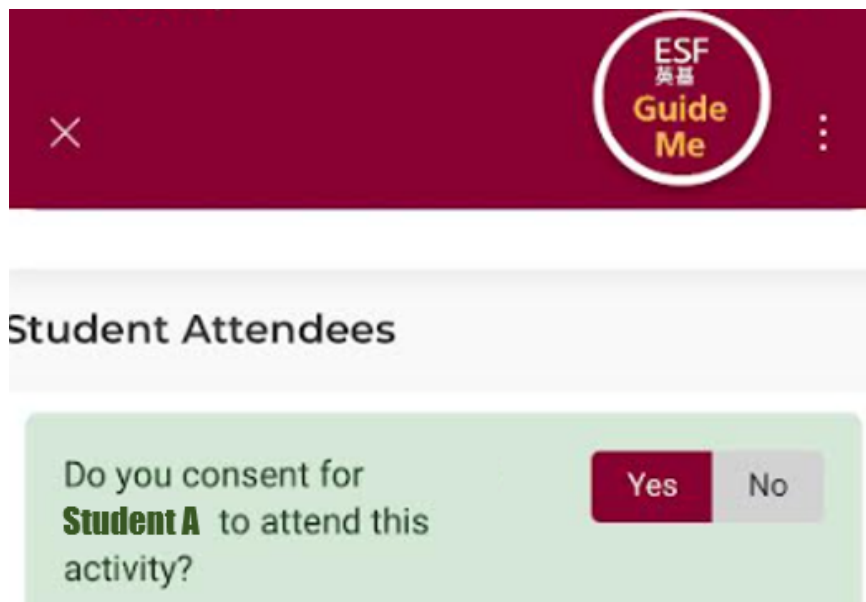
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Principal

### ECA Confirmation via the ESF Hub - Deadline TODAY

The registration for all KJS-led Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) in term 1 has already concluded.

Our goal is always to accommodate as many students as possible and place them in their first-choice activity. However, due to incredible demand and limited spaces, this was not possible for everyone.

An activity permission slip detailing your child's allocated ECA has been sent to you via the ESF Hub to confirm his/her enrollment. To secure your child's place, we require your consent by clicking "yes" and submitting the form to us by 11:59pm today.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the ESF Hub. At the top, there is a dark red header bar with a white 'X' icon on the left, a circular logo in the center containing the text 'ESF 英基 Guide Me', and a white three-dot menu icon on the right. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. A section titled 'Student Attendees' is visible. Below this title, there is a light green rounded rectangular box containing the text 'Do you consent for **Student A** to attend this activity?'. To the right of this text are two buttons: a dark red button labeled 'Yes' and a light gray button labeled 'No'.

If you are not sure, please search "**Activity Permission Slip**" in the news feed to locate the email. You may change your response before the stated deadline if needed and submit the form again. It will then tell you "**the permission slip has been updated**". An official confirmation will be sent out on Monday after we gather all the consent.

If we do not receive the permission slip by the stated deadline, we will assume your child is no longer interested in attending the ECA and will then offer the spot to another student on the waiting list.

If you have any questions, please contact [office@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:office@kjs.edu.hk).

## Library News: Posties, Magazines, Clubs & More!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been wonderful to see everyone settling back into the school routine. There's been a lot of excitement in and around the library. Please read on for all the latest updates.



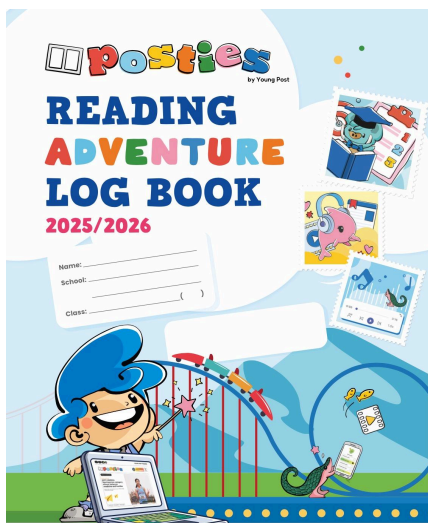
### SCMP Posties Newspaper Programme

This week, we began distributing printed copies of the *Posties* newspaper to subscribed students. Please note the following important information:

### For Current Subscribers:

- **Digital Access:** Login details for both *Posties* and the *Young Post/SCMP* platforms were sent via email on Monday, September 1st. Please check your inbox and spam folder. If you did not receive them, please contact [schoolsub@scmp.com](mailto:schoolsub@scmp.com).
- **Printed Copies:** The printed edition was delivered to classrooms on Monday for teachers to distribute. If your child did not receive their copy, please let us know at [library@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:library@kjs.edu.hk).

### Reading Adventure Log Book:



Your child will bring home a ***Posties* Reading Adventure Log Book** today. This logbook is a fantastic tool for students to record ideas, discoveries, and new vocabulary as they engage with the newspaper, helping to track their progress and deepen their understanding.

### New Subscription Opportunity (Round 2):

For families who missed the initial sign-up, we are opening a second subscription round! Printed copies will be delivered after the October break. To subscribe, please complete the Google Form using the link below:

[Subscribe to Posties Round 2](#)

### Celebrating Our Young Authors!

This week, we are thrilled to celebrate two students from 5JC who were featured in the September 1st issue of *SCMP Posties*! We caught up with them to share their success.



(Photo: Katrina Fok - left, Yukta Sanchania - right)

**Yukta Sanchania** was overjoyed to be named "Feature of the Week" for her story, *The Magical Piano*. Her tale follows a girl who falls into a magical portal and must find a mystical piano to escape. Does she make it home? You can find out by reading her story on the KJS Virtual Library! Yukta shared that her inspiration came from seeing a wooden piano in a store. Her advice to other writers? *"Don't give up on Posties!"*

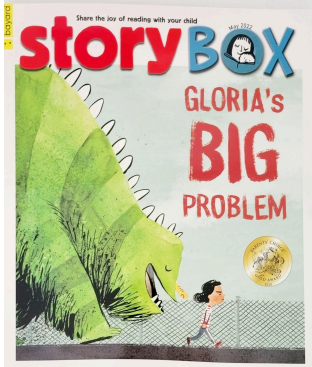
**Katrina Pearl Fok** gave us a wonderful glimpse into her dynamic life outside the classroom. In her article, we learned about her love for *Squid Game*, her hobby of making and selling slime, and her gymnastics achievements, for which she has won two gold and one silver medal. She also aspires to be a nurse one day. Her key to success? *"I wrote this in January. Be patient and keep trying."*

- To read more KJS Success stories from *SCMP Posties*, [click here](#).
- To submit articles to Posties for consideration by the editors, [click here](#).

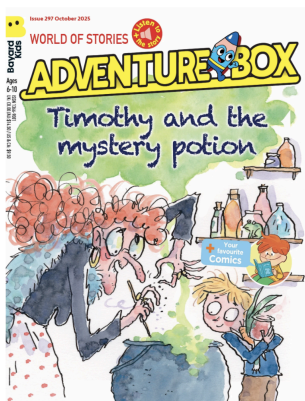
**Bayard Press Magazines**

On Tuesday, students received a complimentary copy of a Bayard Press Magazine. These magazines offer a different reading format with shorter, highly illustrated texts. Below is a guide to the magazines distributed:

- **Storybox (Age 3-8):** A beautiful book-length story to read aloud, written and illustrated by top international authors and artists.



- **Adventure Box (Age 6-10):** Perfect for new independent readers, this magazine helps build confidence with engaging stories and comics.



- **Adventure Box Max (Age 9-14):** Packed with stories, games, experiments, and comics, this magazine is designed to keep older children engaged in reading in the age of social media.





## Clubs in the Library

- **Afterschool Writing Club (Enrolled students in Years 3-6):** Our popular club commences next week. Enrolled students, please ensure transportation arrangements are sorted.
- **Library Monitor Sign-Up (Years 4-6):** Students are invited to volunteer 1-2 times per week. Sign-up information will be sent to students directly.
- **HK Battle of the Books (Years 5-6):** This major interschool competition tests knowledge of 20 pre-selected books. We encourage students to start reading the [book list](#). Official sign-ups and interviews will be held in December. Selected team members must commit to weekly meetings from January to May.

## Administrative Notes: Keeping Our Library Running Smoothly



- **Save the Date - Book Week!**: Mark your calendars! Our much-anticipated Book Week will run from November 3rd to 7th. More exciting details will follow soon.
- **Overdue Books & Borrowing**: To ensure all students have access to our collection, please note that all students are expected to bring their library bag and return books on time. Students can renew books online via Orbit or bring them back to renew with our library team. Additionally, please note:
  - Weekly reminder notices are issued for overdue books (including home readers). After 14 days, we assume books are lost.
  - Borrowing privileges are suspended until all overdue items are returned.
  - Students must have their library book bag to borrow. This will be strictly enforced.
  - Students with books damaged may be asked to pay for the replacement of the book.
- **Lost Books**: If a book cannot be located, please contact our library team as soon as possible at [library@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:library@kjs.edu.hk). We can then arrange for the Finance Team to issue an invoice for its replacement.
- **Delay for invoices**: Due to transition to new ESF hub system, we may need more time to process your payments. Please be patient and if you would like to follow up on any issues, please contact Ms. Lau directly at [macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk).

## **Staff Book Recommendation of the Week**





This week's recommendation comes from **Mrs. Holmes of 2GH**.

**Book:** *Knuffle Bunny Free* by Mo Willems

**Mrs. Holmes says:** *"This is one of my favourite books of all time, in fact, my favourite author as well. I particularly love Knuffle Bunny books as they remind me of my children growing up, and they have JellyCat bunnies that we would have to take anywhere with us, and get lost in Hong Kong!. Knuffle Bunny Free is a little bit sad for me as my kids are growing up too, but they still love their bunnies!"*

Kind regards,

The KJS Library Team

*Please note: Kowloon Junior School, English Schools Foundation and its affiliates shall take no responsibility for any activities, events, and services that are organised by other organisations or individuals and are mentioned above.*

## Signing Consents on ESF Hub

Please be reminded to sign ALL start-of-year consents (Use of Education Tech Tools & Apps, Use of Photos and Direct Marketing). Failure to sign the consent forms in time may affect your child's access to his/her school device which could impact their learning.

If you have any questions, please contact [LMSsupport@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:LMSsupport@kjs.edu.hk) or we have a support team onsite to walk you through the process or answer any questions you may have.

ESF Hub: ESF Kowloon Junior School

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Enrolled Since: 01/08/2025

Roll Class: No Roll Class —

House:

Kowloon Student Four

✓ **Consents**  
Please note all consents are preformatted as "Yes". Should you not wish to provide consent to any of the below please toggle the consent to "No"

- > Direct Marketing ☒ (Consent as Yes)
- > Educational Tech Tools & Apps ☒ (Consent as Yes)
- > Use of Photos ☒ (Consent as Yes)
- > School Consent Forms ☒ (Consent as Yes)

**Send Consent**

> Abilities

> Transport Change Request

> Attendance

> Academic Reports

Home My Schools Notifications Settings

## News from the PTA



Dear Parents,

### **Staff Appreciation Day Wednesday 10 Sept.**

We are starting the new year with an important first event, our show of appreciation to the staff!

This year we will be hosting them to breakfast snack items, gourmet coffee and a small surprise! Here are some smiles from past years:



We would also like to ask parents to take a little time to ask their children to draw or write a small card of thanks to any member of staff who helps them throughout their day at KJS. It could be someone from the office, the cleaning staff, the nurse, the library, the security guard, the class teams. No gifts please(!), just a few words of appreciation would be great. There will be cards and pencils in the PTA Office also if they would like to come in and create a small note, they would be welcome. The cards and notes can be passed to the staff members on Wednesday 10 Sept. to mark the day.

### **Chartwells - School Lunch provider meeting Wednesday 3 Sep 2025**

Various stakeholders from KJS met with a large team from Chartwells last Wednesday to cover many areas of the service. PTA Committee members were there and fed back views of the food, sample meals were tasted and reviewed and plans for ongoing improvements were discussed.



We will continue to work with Chartwells to improve the service and menus to suit our children's needs, but we also ask parents to pay attention to the ordering window so that they don't miss out on the meal service for their children. We aim for a stable and smooth operation to provide delicious and nutritious meals for our children.

The PTA Administrator, Rekha, oversees the lunch service at KJS on a daily basis. If you have any concerns or comments, please contact her at [pta@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@kjs.edu.hk)

### **AGM 2025**

We will keep parents informed of the date of this important meeting, please look out for it.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the nice weather!

The KJS PTA Team.

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## ESF Explore



English, helping students boost their language skills while exploring new interests and building confidence for a global future. Join us this term and watch your child grow physically, mentally, and creatively!

Explore our Term Time Catalogue [HERE](#)

Check out the programmes offered at KGV and KJS [HERE](#)

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\*Classroom Success Bundle discount : Additional 5% off when enrolling in two or more non-sports programmes in one transaction

*\*Please note: This offer applies only when the programmes are purchased together in one transaction for the same student. (Discount applied automatically at checkout)*