



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- * **3-Way Conference (Evening Session)**
29 January
- * **3-Way Conference (Whole Day)**
30 January
- * **Half-Day School (school ends at 12nn)**
13 February
- * **CNY Holiday**
14–22 February
- * **Y5 Camp**
2–6 March
- * **Last Day of Term 2 (school ends at 2:45pm)**
27 March

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS families.

Welcome back to school and into 2026! We hope you had a wonderful winter break and are excited for the new year ahead.

I have some fantastic news to share! The resurfacing of our playground has been completed, and it looks wonderful. I'm pleased to announce that the playground will be fully open next week, ready for our students to enjoy.

Please note that information regarding our reports will be sent out on Monday, with the reports going live next Friday, January 16th. We will be holding face-to-face conferences at the end of the month. Look out for more details coming your way early next week on how and when to book.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully slightly warmer) weekend.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

School Photo- Deadline Extended to 16 January

The previews of the class and whole-school photo are now ready. If parents wish to place an order, please visit <https://www.techni-photo.com/order/> and log in using the unique code provided on the photo proof.

The order deadline has been extended to Friday, 16 January 2026. All orders are expected to be ready by late February.

Reminder

- * **PTA Membership Fee 2025–26 (Mandatory)**

For parents who have not paid this mandatory fee, please log in to the ESF Hub and submit your payment. You can find the details on page 3.

- * **Y1 & Y2 Parents' Phonics Workshop on 12 January** (Parents & Caregivers Only; Please Do Not Bring Children Along)

For details, please refer to the news feed "Invitation to Phonics Workshop at KJS"

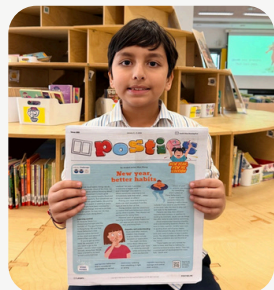
LIBRARY NEWS

Spotlight on Success: Celebrating KJS Stars in SCMP Posties!

We are thrilled to shine a light on our talented young writers at KJS who continue to inspire us with their creativity and passion in the pages of SCMP Posties. From personal reflections to gripping book recommendations, their voices remind us of the power of storytelling and perseverance. Look at the stories that have been published over the Christmas holidays.

Issue #685 – December 15, 2025

Naksh Shah (5DM)



Naksh was both surprised and excited when he learned his article had been published, news that reached him through the cheerful buzz of friends. With three articles now under his belt, two of which were collaborative efforts, Naksh truly shines when writing about his favourite sport: badminton. His passion for the game is clear, and he proudly shares that he plays for

seven to eight hours each week with friends, family, and coaches. Before submitting his piece, Naksh worked with his mom to polish his grammar—a wonderful example of teamwork at home. His advice to fellow young writers is heartfelt: “Just write for fun and keep trying. Ask an adult—they’re the best ones to give you feedback!”

Hannah Wu (6KC)



In this issue, Hannah shared a thoughtful book recommendation for *May the Best Player Win* by Kyla Zhao—a title also featured in this year’s Battle of the Books list. Her insightful review highlights themes of friendship, perseverance, and challenging stereotypes. We look forward to catching up with Hannah soon to learn more about her writing journey and her love for stories that inspire.

Issue #688 – January 5 2026

We are especially proud to feature two KJS alumni, now continuing their journey at KGV, who reflect on their final year at KJS with warmth and wisdom.

Yau-Ning Chan (KJS Alumni)



Yau Yau was “Feature of the Week” in Posties. In her tale, *Heights*, Yau Yau takes us on a gripping adventure up a high ropes course, capturing the tension, teamwork, and triumph of facing fears. Her vivid storytelling reminds us that courage often comes with the support of a friend.

Cameron Reung (KJS Alumni)

Cameron’s reflective piece, *Always Be Kind*, is a moving reminder of the impact small acts of compassion can have on others. His words resonate deeply, encouraging us all to foster kindness in our daily interactions.



These remarkable students—and alumni—show us that writing is not just about words on a page, but about sharing experiences, building connections, and finding our own unique voice. We couldn’t be prouder of their contributions and look forward to reading more of their stories in the issues to come.

To read more KJS Success stories from SCMP Posties, [click here](#).

To submit articles to Posties for consideration by the editors, [click here](#).

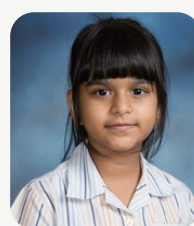
Issue #686 – December 22, 2025



Vihaan Sharma (2LB)

Vihaan’s festive spirit shone brightly in his article about Christmas, capturing the joy of family traditions, decorations, and the magic of the season. At just six years old, Vihaan reminds us that storytelling begins with sharing what we love most.

Issue #687 – December 29, 2025



Ayra Soni (5LB)

Ayra delighted readers with her recommendation of *Room 13* by Robert Swindells, a spooky tale

perfect for adventurous readers. She expertly drew us into the mystery, proving that a good book can keep us turning pages late into the night.



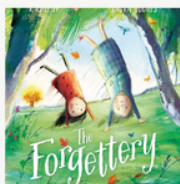
Sheryl Leung (4BM)

Sheryl was overjoyed to see her article published—a vivid account of her trip to Sanya. Since starting her writing journey in Year 4, she has penned two to three articles, often drawing inspiration from

memorable experiences like her Christmas countdown. Sheryl’s advice to aspiring writers is simple yet powerful: “Never give up.”

Rachel Ip Author Visits

KJS Library is excited to welcome our second author of the year, award winning author, Rachel Ip. Rachel's books are inspired by real world events or experiences. Author visit days will be spread across Term 2 with books connected to their unit of inquiry.



Please see following for author visit days:

Year 1 - January 19 - The Wild Outside
 Year 2 - February 25 - The Wild Outside, April 13 - Wild Crossings (Tentative)
 Year 3 - January 19 - The Wild Outside
 Year 4 - April 13 - Wild Crossings (Tentative)
 Year 5 - January 12 - Wild Crossings
 Year 6 - January 19 - The Last Garden

If your child would like to buy a signed copy of Rachel's book, please order it using the following [Google Form](#).

Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from Ms. Ma, Chinese Teacher

Book: Go Away, Big Green Monster! 走開，綠色大怪物 by Ed Emberley

Ms. Ma says: You've got to read this book! "Go Away, Big Green Monster!" is pure genius for everybody. It's not just a story, it's a game. As you turn the pages, the big, goofy, green monster magically appears—and then, your little one gets to be the boss and yell "GO AWAY!" as they make it disappear.

The words are so simple and powerful, perfect for tiny readers to chant along. It's a creative, brilliant way to turn something potentially scary into a playful, empowering adventure. A total win for kids (and a fun read for grown-ups, too)



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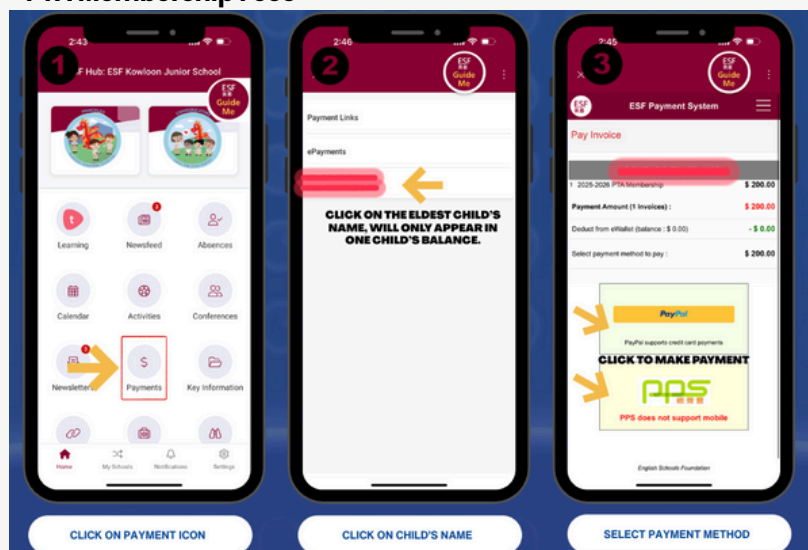
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Dear Parents,
 Happy 2026! We know it's going to be a good year ahead!
 The PTA Committee is working on many events coming up, watch this space...Join our team and reach out!

February - Movie night at KJS
 March - Parent social BINGO night
 NEW DATE ! Saturday 25 April -
 The KJS Carnival (School Fair)

PTA Membership Fees



All families of any ESF school are members of the PTA and the annual subscription fees are MANDATORY.

Thank you to all those who have paid this already, but there are still many outstanding. Please follow the simple steps below to complete this action (it will take just a few minutes).

Log into the ESF Hub and click on the "PAYMENT" icon and click on your child's name for the payment link. If you have multiple children in the same school, the invoice will be located under the eldest child's name. If you need any assistance, please contact finance@kjs.edu.hk

Tai Po Fire Victims Donations



YWAM Tuen Mun HONG KONG

THANK YOU!

The PTA Team and parent volunteers, packed and delivered the donations that were received from KJS families.

Here are some photos of packing and sending out the Tai Po donated items from the organization after our sort and delivery.

They have sent so far to over 250 families affected, each receiving packed bags and items that have been donated by all of you, including toys, clothes, toiletries, and food items!

Thank you so much again!