

THATCHAM NEWS



Shooting for the hoop



Fast-paced fun



Enjoying the games

Fun and games at Kennet

Children with disabilities enjoy day of activities

KENNET School hosted its 48th Kennet Games, bringing together children with disabilities for a day of sport and activities.

On Saturday, May 2, Kennet Games once again showed the importance of inclusive sport.

A range of activities were on offer, including table cricket, basketball shoot, javelin, skittles, rollaball, quadra throw, velcro target, table skittles, precision bean bag, shuffleboard, boccea and a series of races.

The school welcomed pupils from Charters School, Lambs Lane School, Speenhamland School and PALS.

Their enthusiasm set the tone for the day, with support and encouragement at every turn.

Events like this rely on a huge team

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effort, and the games were made possible thanks to the dedication of staff, volunteers and supporters who helped everything run so smoothly.

Praise went out to Kennet School PTAC for providing refreshments and to Swings & Smiles for setting up a sensory station.

Acting headteacher Max Gayler said: "This event is an important part of what we do as a school."

"It's about creating opportunities for every young person to take part, feel included and enjoy being active."

"The atmosphere on the day said everything; supportive, encouraging and full of pure joy."



The Kennet Games proved a big hit again



Smiles all round at the 48th Kennet Games



Hunt around town for heritage prize

CHILDREN can explore the past in exciting new ways on Thursday, May 28, as part of Children's Heritage Day in Thatcham.

Young ones can take part in a scavenger hunt, collecting clues around Thatcham to

crack the code and release the missing 'time pebble' to win a prize.

There's also the option to build your favourite part of Thatcham with Lego at the library, or play some garden games and get creative with

some heritage themed arts and crafts in the Jubilee Gardens.

Visit the council offices for some exciting and fun history talks, especially written for children.

Choir comes to town

AN internationally-renowned children's choir is performing in Thatcham on Tuesday, May 26.

The 20-strong Watoto Children's Choir are performing the free concert as part of their UK-wide 2026 tour *Better Days*, with music from their new album. The performance, telling stories of 'restoration and hope', will take place at 6pm at Thatcham Evangelical Church.

Tickets can be found at <https://tiny-url.com/mpww6329>

Sagecroft Road closure

SAGECROFT Road in Thatcham will be shut during the daytime for roadworks on Tuesday, May 26.

The closure is between the junction of Northfield Road and Lamb Close, including White-lands Park Primary School.

The road will be shut from 8am to 5pm for highway repair and maintenance work by Volker Highways on behalf of West Berkshire Council.

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Person trapped in traffic collision

FIRE and rescue crews were called to a road traffic collision at 6.15pm on Saturday, May 9, on Bowling Green Road in Thatcham.

Two Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service crews from Newbury Fire Station were sent to the scene.

Upon arrival, they found a collision involving two cars, with one person trapped.

Crews rescued the person from the vehicle, before placing them in the care of South Central Ambulance Service and handing the scene over to Thames Valley Police.

Crews were on scene for approximately 33 minutes.

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