



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Diocese of Clifton

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K'NEX Challenge 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

RENISHAW K'NEX CHALLENGE – Wednesday 21st January 2026

Following successful previous STEM WORKS workshops, Year 5 and 6 have been able to secure an afternoon of construction, fun and challenge. This workshop, which has been heavily subsidised by Renishaw, will take place on the school site and the children will work in pairs/threes to learn about structures and mechanisms and use their knowledge to solve a construction challenge.

Students are provided with an introduction to the exciting world of engineering by using K'Nex to produce a solution for a given problem. A winning team will be chosen from each school based on their ability to work together, solve problems, produce a working model and communicate their ideas to each other and the judge. The team with the best solution will be invited to the Gloucestershire K'Nex final.

The session will run for half a day with pupils working in pairs on the design and construction of their solution. K'Nex is a very adaptable construction kit that allows the pupils to experiment with structures, gears and other mechanisms while modelling their design.

The workshop is planned to take place on **Wednesday 21st January** and the cost per child will be **£8**. We know how much the children will enjoy and benefit from this workshop and feel it is just too good an opportunity to miss! We hope that you agree. In order to confirm this exciting opportunity for your child, **we need both consent and payment (both via ParentPay)** made ASAP but no later than **Friday 19th December 2025**. If you are in a position to pay a little extra we would be very grateful; please do so via the Pay It Forward – Voluntary payment item on Parentpay.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Knight and Mrs Carr

(Year 6 Teacher and Year 5 Teacher)

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