

KEJORA Newsletter January 2026



Reflecting on a year of growth and milestones, Kejora moves forward!

Here we are again trusted Kejora supporters. Those who have been following us closely know that 2025 has been a year of rapid growth and transformation for Kejora. We are really seeing both the fruits of our labour, and feeling the security of our roots.

In this newsletter you can expect to hear all about our new long standing partnership, and how this impact fund has already done so much for our beloved foundation.

Kejora's preschool has also been awarded with top accreditation and regional recognition from local authorities. As usual we will be updating you with all the exciting adventures our preschoolers have been on, as well as our most recent developments towards Kejora Primary Education.

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The People Behind Kejora's Growth



We would like to take a moment to shine a light on the people behind Kejora's growth. Throughout the year, the team has worked with dedication to support the foundation and its students. Educators, staff, volunteers, and partners have contributed their time to creating a safe, supportive learning environment. Their collective effort continues to shape Kejora's journey.

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A New Chapter: Olijslager Impact Fund Partnership

Drumroll please... Kejora Karimunjawa is proud to announce a new five-year partnership with the Olijslager Impact Fund as our Strategic and Financial Partner. The Impact Fund, part of the Dutch company Olijslager Group, focuses on education, environment, equal opportunities, and community development. These values closely match Kejora's vision. The company's director, Robert van Büseck, visited Kejora Karimunjawa in September 2025 and was deeply inspired by our mission and impact on the community. He understood that as Kejora now serves hundreds of families committed to quality bilingual, nature-based education in Karimunjawa, the need for long-term support is essential.

Parents of students educated in Kejora's preschool expect this approach to continue, requiring Kejora not only to accommodate growing preschool enrolment but also to support students as they progress into higher levels within the school.

Infrastructure development is an important focus for how the Olijslager Impact Fund donation will be used, as well as primary school development from hiring quality educators and providing learning materials to creating green learning spaces and extracurricular programs.



Buying Basecamp Land & garden/infrastructure development

Thanks to the Olijslager Impact Fund, on the 17th of November 2025, Kejora Karimunjawa purchased its first piece of land, the land that was being rented for Basecamp Kejora. This is a huge milestone for Kejora and means that we can invest in improving the safety, usability and green learning spaces across the land. We have already started placing structural foundations, laid a drainage system, improved the parking area and planted a number of large fruit trees.

Our plans for the next month include installing stronger protective barriers around the sports field, replacing the fencing around the property, as well as building raised beds for growing veggies, establishing a compost system, laying grass, and developing a flower garden.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to the AFAS Foundation for their generous support, which enabled us to build two new classrooms, the sports field, and new playgrounds. This contribution has significantly strengthened Kejora's learning environment, providing safe, inclusive, and stimulating spaces where children can learn, play, and grow together. The impact of this support will be felt daily by both students and educators, enhancing the overall quality of education and well-being within the Kejora community.

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SPS Accreditation and Flagship Preschool in Jepara

Back in the preschool, SPS Kejora has made some momentous milestones. Back in August this year, the team diligently went through the accreditation process, completing an extensive list of data showcasing the schools standards and accountability, such as curriculum planning, child development records, staff qualifications, safeguarding procedures, and learning environments. We can proudly announce that SPS Kejora Karimunjawa received an A rating. Only 82 schools from 2200 accredited have received an A rating, meaning we are in the top 3.7% of preschools in Central Java, a rare achievement for a school in its first accreditation cycle.

In addition to this huge achievement, in October 'Bupati' (head of the Jepara regency) visited Karimunjawa. Not only was their event hosted at Basecamp Kejora, where some children performed and trees were planted together, but it was announced that SPS Kejora Karimunjawa has been selected as the flagship preschool in the regency. A huge honor that we are truly proud of.

If they say good things come in threes, this is definitely the case for our preschool. In addition to the school's accreditation and 'flagship' status, the SPS curriculum is also the first preschool curriculum to be legalised in the region, setting a new benchmark for early childhood education in the area. Together, these milestones reflect the exceptional quality of education at SPS Kejora and the meaningful, supportive relationships the school has cultivated with local officials to strengthen education in the region.



Kejora's Primary School (SD Alam Kejora)

Preparations for Kejora's Primary School (SD Alam Kejora) are progressing steadily, with the team actively engaging with key educational stakeholders to ensure a strong foundation for the school's development. The SD proposal has now been completed, marking an important step forward and allowing Kejora to begin the legalisation process. In parallel, plans are underway to form a partnership with NEC, a recognised language institution, to strengthen bilingual learning. SD Alam Kejora also intends to join a national association of nature-based primary schools, ensuring alignment with best practices and a strong network of support as the school moves toward opening.



End of Semester SPS

Now to focus on what our curious explorers have been up to beyond the classroom walls. One of their field trips was exploring a local mangrove forest, discovering the juvenile life around the intricate root systems, and finding starfish and crabs at the nearby beach. The oldest class hiked up a local stream to a hidden plunge pool, developing their self-confidence, bravery and learning about local flora. Last month the whole school visited the island's 'turtle sanctuary', each releasing a baby sea turtle. To end the term each class performed for their parents, with a range of local dance, modern pop songs and even singing a locally crafted 'Karimun Jawa Song'. We look forward to the next adventures that await after the school holidays.

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Parents Survey

This year, while parents waited for their semester teacher/parent meeting, they filled in a survey prepared by our marketing and communications team. The parent feedback shows that children are thriving at Kejora, with high levels of happiness, confidence, and independence, and strong appreciation for the school's bilingual, nature-based learning. With 94% of parents recommending Kejora, families also shared constructive input to help guide future improvements and program development.



As we close out 2025, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our trusted supporters who continue to walk alongside Kejora as it grows. From strengthened roots in the land we now own, to recognised excellence in education and joyful learning experiences for our children, the year 2025 has been one of meaningful progress made possible through shared belief and collaboration.

For those who wish to continue supporting Kejora's journey, we are excited to share that new donation options are now available, including one-time, monthly, and project-based giving, making it easier to contribute in a way that feels right for you. Attached you will find our donation brochure. Thank you for being part of our story: we look forward to growing, learning, and nurturing the next chapter together in 2026. You are also warmly invited to explore our newly published [Strategic Plan](#), outlining Kejora's long-term vision and priorities.

As always, we are so grateful to everyone involved in and supportive of Kejora Karimunjawa, from our newsletter readers, to our monthly donors, and to those who spread the news of the good work we do, both those on and off the island. If you would like to support us, or no anyone else who can, please do get in touch.

Thank you for reading!

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