



Our Vision

Vision

Working with the new Headteacher, the Governing Body has reviewed and revised our Vision, Mission, and Values. This involved a workshop with staff and governors led by the Headteacher. The inputs were developed by a working group of the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, and a Parent Governor, chaired by the Chair of Governors. The outputs were refined in discussion with the full Governing Board, which has adopted these important organising principles:

Our Vision is ambitious but simple:

A truly exceptional education for our next generation.

Mission

Our stated Mission is:

- **To provide magical experiences, friendships, and memories**
- **To develop the talents, skills and knowledge needed to excel in all that we do and thrive in a rapidly changing world**
- **To be a supportive and inclusive community, where we care for ourselves, each other, and our environment.**

Values

Underpinning our Vision and Mission are three core values. We aim to be:

- **Inspirational**
- **Ambitious**
- **Kind**

Constantly striving to improve, at Kingham Primary School we are: **Always learning to be our best.**

Morning Drop Offs

If you wish to speak to one of our teachers, please make an appointment via the office or 'catch' them quickly after school. In the morning quick messages are fine, but please understand that teachers need to get children into their classrooms, so try to avoid meeting them at this time.

Infant Classes:

Just a quick ask from us, that wherever possible, please could adults wave goodbye to their children to relieve the pressure on the infant door and allow teachers to focus on those children who need just a little extra support to come in.

We ask that Nursery children line up down the side of the building near the door and we will also ensure that Teaching Assistants in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will stay on the playground to take any messages you need to pass on. Thank you so much for your support in ensuring we start the day in a positive way!

Quiz Night – Fri 1 October

The KPSA Quiz night takes place on Friday evening, 1 October at the Kingham Village Hall. Get together a team of up to 6 people and head to the village hall for our quiz and brilliant food (thanks to the Kingham Plough!) Miss Jenkinson is the quizmaster and there's a cash prize of £60 for the winning team. Tickets are just £12 each and can be bought [here](#).



Daylesford Harvest Festival – Sat 18 September

The Daylesford Harvest Festival is a wonderful day out and a great opportunity to raise some funds for our school. Our KPSA are hosting the Harvest competition tent! All the entry monies are being donated to school and the entries will be judged by Lady Bamford and Tom Aikens. We also have a Daylesford hamper to raffle and are running a children's trail and activities.



The harvest competition categories are below. To enter, please send your name, contact details and the category you wish to enter to Millie Coutts-Clapham: millie.couttsclapham@daylesford.com. Judging will take place at 3pm.

- Best harvest wheatsheaf
- Best shoebox habitat for wildlife
- Best honey cake
- Best harvest chutney
- Best wildlife photograph
- Best homegrown vegetable

Kingham Learning Skills

In our last Bulletin, we referenced the introduction of our Kingham Learning Skills. Kingham Learning Skills are ways of thinking and learning that are associated with advanced cognitive performance. Learning to think in advanced ways is critical to future success in an uncertain world.

Teaching our children *Learning Skills* enables them to make sense of information, create new thoughts and know how to approach complex ideas.

Through teaching the Kingham Learning Skills, we aim to regularly expose our students to opportunities that develop and practise advanced thinking and learning behaviours, because it is these that are key to academic success. Introducing these skills does not require an overhaul to the curriculum – many of these skills were being applied previously. Instead, we are developing a common and systematic approach by [introducing 9 Learning Skills](#) (including connection finding, critical thinking, problem solving, flexible thinking, creativity etc) that are taught and applied at appropriate ages within the Kingham Curriculum.

Year 6 applications for Secondary School

The application process for secondary school places is now open and all applications must be submitted by 31 October 2021. If you live in Oxfordshire you must apply online using the Oxfordshire portal; if you live in Gloucestershire or a different county, you need to use their portal. It does not matter which county the schools are based in, you must apply using the online application form for whichever county *you* reside in.

Parents seeking places for their child at an independent (fee-paying) school must apply directly to the relevant school(s).

When you apply using the County application portal, you can list up to four different schools in order of preference. We would advise you to use all four and to ensure that, even if it is not a first preference, that you enter your catchment (local) school as one of your preferences. This does not make it less likely that your child will be offered the school you most want (your first preference) but it does make it less likely that a place will be offered at a school you do not want.

We recommend that you read the school prospectuses and try to visit the schools you are interested in to be sure that the school feels right for your child.

If you need any help or advice with the process (we cannot advise on schools), please do speak to Mr Prockter.

Gardening club

Our Gardening Club starts up again soon. We are desperate for a parent helper to help supervise on Thursdays after school. You do not need to be an expert gardener for this! Please let the Office know if you are available.

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Responsibility is:
 being fair,
 doing my share of the work,
 taking care of myself, others and the planet.

Kingham Head Girl and Head Boy

We have just launched the process for selecting the first ever Kingham Head Girl and Head Boy. The Head Girl and Boy will act as student ambassadors, representing the school in assemblies and at other key events. We are looking for students who are role models, passionate about the school, confident and articulate speakers, well-organised, hard-working and who want to make a difference. This position is open only to Year 6 students, and applications need to be in by Monday 20 September. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and then successful candidates will make a short presentation to all students in a special assembly. Finally, a staff/student election will decide who will be the Head Girl and Head Boy.

Diary dates

- Sat 18 Sep Daylesford Harvest Festival
- Mon 27 Sep Harvest Festival– St Andrew’s Church (pm)
- Weds 29 Sep U11 Football at CNS – 3:30pm
- Fri 1 Oct KPSA Quiz Night – Village Hall
- Weds 13 Oct Y6 trip to Hampton Court
- Weds 13 Oct Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents
- Fri 15 Oct Y4 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
- Mon 18 Oct Y2 at Warwick Castle
- Thurs 21 Oct Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents
- Fri 22 Oct KS2 House Football (am)
- Fri 22 Oct Last Day of Half Term**
- Mon 1 Nov INSET Day – School Closed
- Tues 2 Nov First Day Back**
- Tues 2 Nov Year 3 trip to Rollright Stones

