



Kingham Book Week

Next week, it is our annual Book Week. With our focus on encouraging reading for pleasure, please send your child into school with their chosen favourite book to share with friends. Teachers have planned lots of book activities over the week. These are some of the highlights:

Story Museum Workshop

Following our special Book Week assembly on Monday, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6 will experience a personalised, online storytelling workshop.

Book Swap

Each class will participate in a 'Book Swap' on Tuesday and have the chance to pick one book to read and take home. Any remaining books will be donated to our class book corners. If you haven't done so already, and have a spare book in good condition that you are happy to donate, please bring it in first thing on Monday. Any additional books are also welcomed to increase the variety of books to choose from.

Dressing Up

Due to strike action on Thursday, our book character dressing-up day is now on *Weds* 1st March (Friday for Nursery students).

Book Tokens

Children should come home with their £1 book token today. Please help your child to spend this on a new book. Titles of books available for £1 can be found here: [WBD Tokens Link](#).

Book Bingo

On Monday morning, we will introduce *House Book Bingo*, to encourage children to read a broad range of books over the week and gain valuable house points. The deadline for completed entries is Friday 3rd March 3pm.

Key Stage 2 Author Visit

David Owen will be visiting Years 3, 4 and 5 on Monday 6th March to launch his second novel, *Alex Neptune: Pirate Hunter*. David Owen writes for children and young adults, alongside his career as a journalist. You can find out more about him [here](#). David's books can be pre-ordered, with 10% discount, through The Borzoi Bookshop as part of this event; these will be dedicated and signed on the day. Please pre-order using the links below by Thursday 2nd March, including your child's name, school and year group in the comments field.

- [Alex Neptune: Dragon Thief PRE-ORDER](#)
- [Alex Neptune: Pirate Hunter PRE-ORDER](#)

Any books ordered via the website will be delivered to Kingham Primary School on the day of the event. Purchased books will be signed and dedicated to your child (unless you request otherwise). If you miss the deadline, books will be for sale on the day, payable by cash, cheque or card.

KPSA Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo is back on Wednesday 29th March from 5pm in the *school hall*. We would really appreciate donations of Easter eggs, large or small, that can be used as prizes for each round. If you can help, please start dropping these off to your child's class teacher or directly to the office from Monday 27th February. Further details about the event will be sent out soon.

Industrial Action Thursday 2 March

As you are aware, on Thursday, there are some members of staff taking action.

Our school will remain partially open on Thursday and we can safely accommodate pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 3, Year 4, and Year 6. All transport links to and from school will run as normal.

However, the school will be closed to pupils in Years 1, 2 & 5

Our dressing up as a book character day has been moved to Wednesday 1 March (Friday, for Nursery children).

Thank you, in anticipation of your on-going support and understanding in this difficult situation.

Lunchtime Supervisor Required

We are seeking a patient and caring lunchtime supervisor who can supervise our children during the lunchbreaks on Monday to Friday. We need someone reliable and responsible who loves children and cares deeply about their well-being.

If you are interested then please apply as soon as possible [using this link](#) and/or speak to Mr Prockter or Miss Jenkinson. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you think may fit the above criteria. More details [available here](#).

Considering a Career in Teaching?

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Primary School teacher, our school is holding a School Experience Day on March 2023 to give potential applicants a sense of what it is like to train to teach and to be a qualified teacher. This is a great first step if you are unsure about whether this is the career path for you.

Visiting a school prior to application can help you:

- strengthen your teaching application;
- check your understanding of what it means to teach in the state school system;
- decide if teaching is the career for you and identify further the relevant age-range and subject areas of interest.

On our School Experience Day, candidates will:

- meet qualified teachers, including those who have been through the Oxfordshire Teaching School training programme;
- visit lessons and observe experienced teachers;
- find out more about the curriculum.

To book a place on this programme, [click on this link](#) and scroll down to *Start Request*.

Parking

We are sorry to write once more about parent parking outside school and in the Village Car Park. The school has received many reports about vehicles parking on grass verges, parking in front of other cars and even in the middle of the car park. We also have reports of parents with babies having to push their buggies and young children along the main road, as the pavement is actually blocked by cars.

We teach our children values such as *respect* and *responsibility* and we believe it is important as adults to model these values to our children.

There are many parking spaces further towards the village, as well as at the village hall. Parking further down the road will make your journey only a few minutes longer and will not endanger children or disrespect others.

End of Day Pick-ups

At the end of the school day our after-school Kids' Club children are not able to play in the playground until all other parents and children have left the area. If you need to talk with a teacher, that's absolutely fine, but otherwise please can we politely ask that you vacate the area as soon as possible and ask your children not to play on the equipment.

Value of the Month: Humility

Humility:

is recognising my own strengths and those of others

is *not* showing off

Is accepting everyone.

Diary Dates

Mon 27 Feb	Book Week
Mon 27 Feb	Online Storytelling Workshop (N, R, 1, 2, 6)
Weds 1 Mar	Nursery trip to Cogges Manor Farm
Weds 1 Mar	Year 1 Dance Workshop
Weds 1 Mar	Book Character Dressing Up (Nursery on Friday)
Thurs 2 Mar	Teacher Strike (Years 1, 2 and 5 Closed)
Fri 3 Mar	Year 4 Pottery Workshop
Mon 6 Mar	Year 6 trip to Ashmolean Museum
Tues 7 Mar	Hrothgar the Viking visiting Year 4
Weds 8 Mar	KPSA Meeting 3:15pm
Fri 10 Mar	Year 1 Class Assembly
Weds 15 Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs 16 Mar	Parents Evening
Fri 17 Mar	Year 4 Class Assembly
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 20 Mar	STEM Week
Weds 22 Mar	Year 2/3 Multi-skills Festival
Thurs 23 Mar	Year 5/6 trip to Leamington Gurdwara
Fri 24 Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly
Tues 28 Mar	Reception visit to Oxford Story Museum
Weds 29 Mar	Interhouse Benchball
Weds 29 Mar	KPSA Easter Bingo 5pm
Thurs 30 Mar	Interhouse Benchball
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 31 Mar	Last day of Spring Term – 2pm finish
Mon 17 Apr	First day back