



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

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Welcome Back

Welcome back! It's been a great start to the term, and wonderful to see our students working enthusiastically with their new teachers. We welcome our new Deputy Head, Mrs Balloch, to the team and our new Year 5 teacher, Mr Batty, who have both made an excellent start this week. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Orton (formerly Mrs Aylen), who will be working with Year 2 pupils this year.



We are thrilled to be able to finally show off our new technology classroom that you have been raising money for over the last couple of years. We are awaiting a few pieces of furniture and other resources and hope to have the room in use by the end of next week. Thank you all for your hard work and generosity in getting this amazing resource built! Thanks again to Katie and Nathalie, our KPSA chairs, and to Alice Theodorou (a kind Reception/Year 2 parent) who donated time and money to the planning stage. Alice is co-founder of local company, [Noto Architects](#).



The year, we have decided, that as well as having a Value each month, we are also going to have a Value of the Year which will be *Resilience*. This is because, over the last few years, teachers have really observed our children becoming *less* resilient. This may partly be a hangover from lockdown, but it is something that we noticed prior to Covid as well. We find that *some* children are so overprotected these days that they find it hard to manage when things do not go their way. We hope this is something you can help with at home too.

As the year goes on, we know there will be a few issues and problems to solve - this is inevitable when working with over two hundred children! Remember, we are always here to help. We look forward to making magical experiences, friendships, and lifelong memories with all of you over the coming year!

Exceptional End of Year Results

Once again, our results at the end of July 2024 were Outstanding. The number of pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was 26% higher than the national average! This is thanks to an amazing set of hard-working teachers and children, all the way from Nursery through to Year 6, and (based on last year's national results) would put us in the top 2% of schools. Well done all – we are so proud!

	% of pupils meeting expected standard: school	% of pupils meeting expected standard: nationally 2024	Average scaled score: school	Average scaled score: nationally 2023
Reading	97%	74%	111.3	105
GP&S	93%	72%	111.2	105
Maths	93%	73%	109.1	104
Writing	87%	72%	N/A	N/A
Reading, Writing AND Maths	87%	61%	N/A	N/A

Gate Times and Collection Arrangements – From Monday

Mornings

The main entrance to the school (Millennium Gate) will now be opened at 8:30am every morning. Children under 9 years old *must* be supervised while they wait for school to start. Although ideally *all* children should be looked after by a parent/carer in the mornings, as there is no school supervision until 8:45am, it is also useful sometimes for the teacher to be able to communicate with parents in the mornings.

Unaccompanied students who misbehave or choose not to follow the morning rules (*no ball games/no equipment*) will not be permitted to come into school unsupervised.

Breakfast Club pupils should enter through the kitchen entrance, and into school through the side door.

After-School

The Millennium Gate will be closed and locked at 3:20pm. Please vacate the playground as soon as possible at the end of the day.

After-School Clubs

Please collect children from the playground via the kitchen entrance. This is the small, gated entrance to the left of our building as you face the front of the school.

Please vacate the playground as soon as possible so that we can secure the school site.

Kids Club

Children will now be collected via the kitchen entrance after 4:15pm and whenever Kids Club are based in the hall prior to that. If you arrive earlier than 4:15pm and Kids Club are using a classroom, the kitchen gate will be closed, so please walk around to the main office to collect.

We apologise for any inconvenience the new arrangements may cause, but keeping the main Millenium Gate locked while children are in clubs will add a layer of safety and security.

Meet the Teacher

Year 1 to Year 6 parents are invited to our brief and informal *Meet the Teacher* sessions next week so you can catch up with your child's new teacher, find out a little about the coming year and ask any questions that you may have.

We have arranged supervision (for children who attend Kingham). If you wish to attend the meeting, please collect your child as normal, drop them in the hall and return to the classroom where the meeting will start soon after 3:20pm.

We have tried to stagger the meetings a little but, if you find you have sessions running at the same time, you may have to catch the beginning of one and the end of another. Years 1, 2 and 3 classes meet on Monday and Years 4, 5 and 6 classes meet on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you.

School Uniform

Our uniform policy is unchanged, with children in Reception upwards all expected to be wearing Kingham uniform:

- White or navy polo shirt or white formal school shirt
- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with school logo)
- Navy or dark grey skirt
- Dark grey trousers, or shorts (for summer)
- Navy gingham dress (for summer)
- Navy or black shoes
- Navy or dark grey tights
- White, black or navy socks
- Bookbag, PE Bag and PE kit

If children require an additional bag (e.g. for Forest School clothes or other equipment) we prefer them to also use a blue Kingham backpack. Further details about uniform and jewellery are on our website. Alternative, non-branded uniform in the same style and colour is also acceptable.

Singing Lessons

We have a new singing teacher, Sera Baines, starting with us next week. Sera is a phenomenal singer with a wealth of teaching experience, so we are delighted to welcome her to the team. If you wish to sign up for lessons, [please click on this link](#). Lessons are only for students in Years 1 and above. If there are Reception children who want to try, we may be able to arrange a taster session with Sera to see how well they engage. Reception parents will need to contact the office to arrange.



Value of the Month: Responsibility

We teach our students that *values* are key principles that guide our behaviour. They are like guidelines that help a person choose between right and wrong or good from bad. Each month, at Kingham, we teach and promote one of 11 agreed human values in school. As well as teaching a little about the value, we weave the value into our lessons whenever it makes sense and endeavour to praise students that we see displaying the value. This month our value is Responsibility.

Responsibility:

is being fair

is doing my share of the work

is taking care of myself, others and the planet.

Reflecting Chipping Norton

Chipping Norton Town Council is hosting two free art workshops where residents of all ages are invited to contribute to a unique public art installation that will adorn the windows of the historic Town Hall.

The workshops are open to everyone, whether you are an experienced artist or simply looking to have fun and express your creativity. Workshop Details:

- [Town Hall Workshop: Sat 21st September, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM](#)
- [The Pillars Workshop: Sun 22nd September, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM](#)

Led by the talented local artist, Luke Embden, these workshops will focus on the theme: *"What does Community and Chipping Norton mean to you?"* Participants will use water-based paint pens to create drawings and illustrations that reflect their personal connection to the town.

For further details, and to register, go to www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk/events, or click on the workshop links above.

Diary Dates

Mon 9 Sep	Meet the Teacher Y1, Y2, Y3 (3:20pm)
Tues 10 Sep	Meet the Teacher Y4, Y5, Y6 (3:20pm)
Tues 10 Sep	Chance to Shine Cricket sessions (Y3-Y6)
Thurs 12 Sep	Year 3 Strings lessons commence
Thurs 12 Sep	KNPS AGM – 3:20pm at Kingham
Weds 18 Sep	Olivia in Year 2 is Headteacher for the Day
Weds 18 Sep	Year 5 Swimming sessions start
Mon 23 Sep	Flu Vaccinations
Thurs 26 Sep	Junior Interhouse Football
Mon 30 Sep	Year 6 at Mary Arden's Farm
Weds 2 Oct	CNPS U11s Football Tournament
Thurs 3 Oct	Individual/sibling photographs (am)
Thurs 10 Oct	Year 2 at British Motor Museum
Fri 11 Oct	Year 1 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Weds 16 Oct	CNPS U11s Boccia Tournament
Fri 18 Oct	Year 4 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Mon 21 Oct	Year 3 and Year 4 Open Door
Tues 22 Oct	Reception and Year 5 Open Door
Weds 23 Oct	CNPS U9s / U11s Cross Country
Weds 23 Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Open Door
Thurs 24 Oct	Nursery and Year 6 Open Door
Thurs 24 Oct	Junior Halloween Disco 4:30pm
Fri 25 Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 4 Nov	INSET Day
Tues 5 Nov	First day back
Thurs 7 Nov	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Hill End
Thurs 7 Nov	Year 4 trip to Lunt Roman Fort
Weds 7 Nov	Parents Evening (3:30 - 7pm)
Thurs 8 Nov	Parents Evening (3:30 - 6pm)
Fri 10 Nov	Remembrance at the Peace Stone (10:40am)
Mon 11 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 15 Nov	Children in Need
Weds 20 Nov	CNPS U11s Netball
Fri 22 Nov	Year 6 Street Dance Workshop
Fri 22 Nov	Reception Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Weds 27 Nov	CNPS U11s Sports Hall Athletics
Fri 29 Nov	Year 2 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Weds 4 Dec	CNPS U9s Ball Festival
Thurs 5 Dec	CNPS U11s Literary Quiz
Fri 6 Dec	Year 6 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Fri 20 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 6 Jan	INSET Day
Tues 7 Jan	First day back

Healthy Snacks

As a school we work with our pupils to promote and develop healthy lifestyles, which encompasses helping them to understand and enjoy balanced snacks and meals. Could we please encourage all families to try to send in snacks which align with this philosophy, such as fruits, vegetables, cheese or perhaps even a cereal bar. Where possible we would also encourage the same approach to lunchboxes, ensuring that treats are kept to a sensible level.

