



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

11 July 2025

Kingham Summer Fete – Sunday 13 July

We look forward to seeing you at this weekend's Kingham Summer Fete on The Green. This year's summer fun includes:

- Dog show
- Pony rides
- Farm animals
- Children's zone with giant slide and obstacle course
- Live music
- Stalls and games
- Amazing food (and a bar)



Please bring friends and family - it should be a great day out!

Kingham Music Concerts

This week our students have been performing Shakespeare, playing at two music recitals and every pupil in Year 3 showcased their violin and cello skills at the Year 3 strings concert. Thank you to the KPSA for helping to fund our whole class strings lessons which gives every student in Year 3 student the opportunity to learn cello or violin free of charge.



Clubs in September

We still have space in the following after-school clubs in September:

Monday	French (Years 1-6)
	Football - Just Camps (Years 1-3)
Tuesday	Spanish (Years 1-6)
	Tag Rugby - Just Camps (Years 3-6)
Wednesday	Multisports Just Camps (Years 1-3)
Thursday	Hockey Just Camps (Years 1-6)

To book French and Spanish, please email hgalimore@kingham.oxon.sch.uk ; For Sports clubs please book using this link: www.justcamps.co.uk

We are trying to run clubs that parents and students have requested, but may have to cancel some if we do not have the numbers.

KPSA Auction – Ends this Sunday at 5pm

There are still some amazing bargains to be had including days out, meals, treats for your children and, of course, teacher offers such as Head for the Day, Friday DJ, a Blenheim run with Miss Ralf or a smoothie with Mrs Mc Faul! 32auctions.com/KPSA

Sports Days

Junior Sports Day	Tuesday 9:15am- 11:30am
Infant Sports Day	Wednesday 9:15am-11:00am

We look forward to seeing you at our Sports Days next week. Please make sure that children come into school wearing their

sun cream, with a sun hat and water bottle. Children will also need their PE kit with a House-coloured top if they have one.

Macbeth



The tragedy of *Macbeth* is the telling of a loyal soldier turned king via murderous means. After his future is foretold by three witches, Macbeth returns home to his scheming lady, who convinces him to fulfil his prophecy by questionable means. Last night, our Year 6 students magnificently performed the original version of this play (slightly edited) and within the first five minutes of this production, the audience were silently gripped. The barren but beautiful staging set the scene for a magnificent but bloody adaptation.

Lauded actors including Sir Ian McKellen and David Tennant have starred as the tyrannical king but, last night at Kingham, several Macbeths including Elliot, Levi and Arthur gave them a run for their money. Their take on the monstrous ruler was spellbinding, and when Levi was horror-struck by the gruesome appearance of Banquo's ghost (played by Leo) the audience was mesmerised too.

Several actors took on the challenging role of the sleepwalking, hand-washing, regicide-plotting Lady Macbeth. All were intense and captivating in their portrayal. Florence, Anouk, Lydia and Eloise were each convincing, with a haunting beauty and a manipulative authority on stage. Effie was constantly enthralling as the female lead, perfectly capturing the pathos of the character and her decent into madness.

This Catherine Harrison masterpiece was a faithful adaptation that was mesmerising, devastating and stunning all in one. There were many whispers last night that this was the finest *Macbeth* production to ever grace the stage. Our producer and director truly deserved the praise she received for such an inspiring piece of work that we know will provide magical memories for years to come.

Diary Dates

Tues 15 Jul	Junior Sports Day (9:15am)
Wed 16 Jul	Infant Sports Day (9:15am)
Fri 18 Jul	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
Mon 21 Jul	Rock Bands Concert 9:30am
Mon 21 Jul	Year 6 Speedkix Adventure Day
Tues 22 Jul	Last Day of Term (School Closes 2pm)
Mon 1 Sep	INSET Day

Tues 2 Sep INSET Day
Wed 3 Sep First day of the academic year

Value of the Month: Determination

Determination:

is trying my hardest
to succeed, even when things are difficult
is trying to achieve a goal and not giving up

National Year of Reading

Sadly, it went largely unnoticed this week, when Bridget Phillipson, the Education Secretary, launched The National Year of Reading. We were delighted to see the Education Secretary in the garden at 10 Downing Street calling on parents to "lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure."



In a recent survey, just one in three children aged 8 to

18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time! Reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence, and even higher future earnings, with new data showing those proficient in reading and writing in primary school earn £65,000 more over their lifetime.

In a world dominated by screens, where children spend an average of six hours a day on devices, the quiet magic of books is being drowned out by the constant buzz of notifications, short-form videos and gaming loops.

Screens are a big part of childhood today which raises important questions about balance and impact. Tech can open doors to learning, creativity, and connection. But there's growing concern that excessive passive screen time is crowding out deeper forms of focus and reflection. According to Ofcom, children aged 3–17 now spend over four hours a day online on average – with many clocking up far more.

Research from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the UK's Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health suggests that excessive screen use can disrupt sleep, reduce physical activity, and affect emotional development, especially in younger children.

The campaign isn't about banning tech, but about creating space for stories again. Whether through audiobooks, graphic novels, digital platforms, or shared reading moments, it's about helping children reconnect with the power of narrative.

When parents take the time to read with their children early on (and regularly) they lay the foundations for strong literacy skills, helping kids to be 'school ready'. By making reading a daily habit, even just 10 minutes a day, we can enhance children's vocabulary and communication skills, develop their understanding of the world and give them the best start in life.

Eco Warriors Pre-Loved Sale

Thank you for your donations and purchases this week and thank you Eco Warriors for all your hard work. We raised £273! which will be used to spend on eco projects over the next few months. Thanks especially to Mrs McFaul for all your hard work with our Eco Warriors this year.

Top Ten Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work on TTRS over the last 7 days – 50 house points each.

Felix	STAGS	Evie W	OWLS
Angus	STAGS	Skyler	OWLS

Fran
Emme
Rex

OTTERS
STAGS
STAGS

Daisy
Alina
Monty M

OWLS
OTTERS
OWLS

KINGHAM FETE

- Bouncy Castles •
- Tea & Cake •
- Face Painting •
- Coconut Shy •
- Water Douser •
- Kids Zone •
- Pig Roll •
- Ice Cream •
- Dog Scurry •
- Craft Tent •

Sunday 13 July
11am to 4pm
KINGHAM VILLAGE GREEN

Local Craft & Community Stalls

fairytale FARM
Sensory Wonderland

DOG SHOW
Byron Dog Training

Equine Perspectives

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

THE CHEQUERS PUB FOOD / BANDS / KINGS HEAD INN BAR

Places available for 3 and 4 year olds

"Busy, curious and engaged learners making the most of everything on offer in this stimulating environment. Ofsted, 2024"

Kingham Nursery

KINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

WE NOW OFFER 30 HOURS OF FREE CHILDCARE TO WORKING PARENTS
SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY

Please contact our office manager Harriet Gallimore for more information:
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Nursery graded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, July 2024

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