



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

5 September 2025

Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school and to see such a positive start to the term. Students have settled quickly into their new classes, are already working hard with their new teachers, and we are excited about the learning opportunities ahead.

A particular welcome to our new families who are joining our school for the first time this week. We are delighted that you have become part of our community and look forward to working closely with you.

We are also pleased to introduce new members of staff: Mrs Hodgson, who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Year 4, and Mrs Tustian, who is training with us as a teacher this year. We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Pearce (formerly Miss Allemann) was recently married. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to her and her family for this new chapter in their lives.

We also share news that our Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Balloch, will be leaving at the end of December to take up her first Headship in Cirencester. While we will be very sorry to see her go, we are proud of her achievement and wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

As the year progresses, please remember that *we all* have the best interests of our children at heart. If you have any concerns, we ask that you get in touch at the earliest opportunity. We kindly remind parents that WhatsApp groups are not the appropriate place to raise concerns, as these can sometimes amplify such matters or spread misinformation. Direct communication means we address issues swiftly and effectively.

We look forward to a successful year ahead with opportunities for our students to achieve, to grow in confidence, and to enjoy magical new experiences and friendships.

End of School Day

Please can we ask parents to leave school as soon as possible at the end of the school day. As much as we love you, we need to lock the school gate so that our clubs can come out on to the playground. Thanks for your co-operation.

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 4, 5 and 6 classes meet on Tuesday and Years 1, 2 and 3 classes meet on Thursday. We look forward to seeing you.

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in sending children in looking so smart this week, and for hopefully keeping this up all year. We believe that wearing school uniform helps to create a sense of community and also improves students' focus on learning - it makes a real difference. Our policy is unchanged, with children in Reception upwards all expected to be wearing school uniform. Please have a look at the list below and make sure you have all the correct items ready at the start of term:



- 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
- Navy or black shoes
- Navy or dark grey tights
- White, black or navy socks
- Bookbag, PE Bag and PE kit

Non-branded uniform in the same style and colour is perfectly acceptable. In addition to the above: all shoulder length hair must be tied back using a black, white, grey or navy-blue hair band; make up (including nail polish) is not allowed; and, other than a watch or small piercing studs, nor is jewellery.

Please remember to label *all* items of clothing, including shoes, hats and coats – do it this weekend, if not done already!

[Further details about uniform can be found on our website.](#)

Nut-free and Healthy Snacks

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



We also remind you that Kingham is a [nut-free school](#). Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening reaction from contact with nut products. Please check packaging carefully and do not send in nuts to school in any form. For example:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Some chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars containing nuts
- Cakes and biscuits that contain nuts
- Sauces that contain nuts

Value of the Month: Unity

At Kingham 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 and bad. Each month 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 *Unity*.

Unity:

is togetherness

is collective strength and harmony

is sticking together even when things are tough

Diary Dates

Tues 9 Sep	Meet the Teacher Y4, Y5, Y6 (3:20pm)
Tues 9 Sep	Year 3 Strings lessons commence
Thurs 11 Sep	Meet the Teacher Y1, Y2, Y3 (3:20pm)
Mon 15 Sep	Year 6 at Junior Citizens Afternoon in Oxford
Thurs 18 Sep	Junior House Football Tournament
Fri 19 Sep	Prefect Training (pm)
Weds 24 Sep	Year 2 at British Motor Museum
Weds 24 Sep	Year 5 Swimming Lessons commence
Weds 24 Sep	Year 6 Sports Leaders Training
Weds 24 Sep	Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop (9am)
Tues 30 Sep	Year 6 at Mary Arden's Farm
Weds 1 Oct	CNPS U11s Football Tournament
Thurs 2 Oct	Individual/sibling photographs (am)
Fri 10 Oct	Year 4 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Weds 15 Oct	CNPS U11s Boccia Tournament
Thurs 16 Oct	Gardening Club at Kingham Lunch Club
Fri 17 Oct	Year 1 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Mon 20 Oct	Year 4 and Year 5 Open Door
Tues 21 Oct	Year 6 and Year 2 Open Door
Weds 22 Oct	CNPS U9s / U11s Cross Country
Weds 22 Oct	Reception and Year 3 Open Door
Thurs 23 Oct	Nursery and Year 1 Open Door
Fri 24 Oct	Reception Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Fri 24 Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 3 Nov	INSET Day
Tues 4 Nov	First day back
Weds 5 Nov	Parents Evening (3:30 - 7pm)
Thurs 6 Nov	Parents Evening (3:30 - 6pm)
Fri 7 Nov	Remembrance at the Peace Stone (10:40am)
Mon 10 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 14 Nov	Children in Need
Fri 14 Nov	Year 6 Streetdance Workshop (am)
Weds 19 Nov	CNPS U11s Netball
Thurs 20 Nov	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Hill End
Fri 21 Nov	Year 5 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Weds 26 Nov	CNPS U11s Sports Hall Athletics
Weds 3 Dec	CNPS U9s Ball Festival
Fri 5 Dec	Year 6 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Tues 9 Dec	CNPS U11s Literary Quiz
Thurs 11 Dec	Choir at Kingham Lunch Club
Fri 12 Dec	Interhouse Orienteering
Fri 19 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)
Mon 5 Jan	INSET Day
Tues 6 Jan	First day of Spring Term

**SUNDAY
14TH
SEPTEMBER
10AM**

2km & 5.6km
Walkers welcome

Breakfast BBQ

FIFIELD FAMILY FUN RUN
ALL AGES · ALL STAGES · MEDALS FOR ALL

Register at fifieldvillage.co.uk or SCAN here

RAISING FUNDS FOR FIFIELD RECREATION GROUND

Jaffé & Neale
BOOKSHOP & CAFÉ

Invites you to a Chameleon Party!

Join us in celebrating the launch of **Chameleon's Colour Quest** a bright and brilliant new picture book by local author and illustrator Sarah Hutchinson-Jarman

At Jaffé & Neale Bookshop & Café, Chipping Norton, on Saturday 6th September
From 2pm - 3.30pm
Story time at 2.15pm & 3pm

There'll be colourful crafts, chameleon games, and lots of rainbow fun. Wear your brightest colours and bring your big imaginations! Everyone's welcome. We can't wait to see you there.

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CHIPPING NORTON SWIFTS

RECRUITMENT
FOR THE U11 TEAM

Does your child want to play football for their local club?
Will they be in Year 5 or 6 in September 2025?

COME AND JOIN THE SWIFTS!

To register your interest in being part of the U11 for September 2025 please email our club:
registration@chippingnortonswifts.co.uk

INFORMATION ABOUT CHIPPING NORTON SWIFTS FC

Each season starts in September, and we field teams in the Witney & District Youth League and Oxfordshire Girls Football League across several age groups, from U7 to U16.

Teams play 5v5, 7v7, 9v9, and 11v11 format matches depending on the age group.

All our volunteer coaches are FA qualified including first aid, safeguarding, and DBS cleared by the FA.

The club committee consists of a chairperson, secretary, welfare officer, and treasurer. All of them are local volunteers responsible for running the club.

CLUB WEBSITE: WWW.CHIPPINGNORTONSWIFTS.CO.UK

The FA Charter Standard Youth Club.

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