



Kingham Primary School

Always learning to be our best

Bulletin

28 November 2025

Printing Workshops

This week, pupils from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed inspiring printing workshops led by Abi and Emma from Cotswold Arts Through Schools (CATS). Children experimented with mono-printing techniques, using materials such as bubble wrap, card, and string to create textured stencils on cardboard squares. With black ink and rollers, they produced striking insect prints and explored creative ways to bring their designs to life.



CATS, based at Kingham Lodge, now works with more than 60 schools and over 10,000 children. From 2 December, CATS will take part in the Big Give Christmas Campaign, aiming to raise £38,000 in one week. Look out for more information about how to support the appeal.



KPSA Christmas Movie Night

This year's Christmas Movie is *That Christmas* (PG), set in a snowbound town where a lonely boy, twin sisters, and stranded parents learn about love, community, and the meaning of Christmas. Tickets can be booked (by midday on Monday) on ParentMail for £5.50 including popcorn and a drink. Pupils will be ready to collect at 4:45pm via the clubs (Kitchen) entrance. Many reception children find sitting through a movie at this age hard, and start asking to go home 15 minutes in, so only book if you are confident they can manage.

Christmas Cards



The KPS Christmas Postal Service opens on Monday! Students can post cards to friends or teachers in the post box outside the school office, and our Year 6 elves will deliver them each day. Please remember to include the recipient's name and year group on every envelope so our elves can find them easily. We ask that cards are sent through the postal service (for all classes) rather than handed out in class or the playground.

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	Toby	OTTERS
Sadie	OWLS	Raff	OTTERS
Kit	OTTERS	Angus	STAGS
Lochie	OTTERS	Sky	OWLS
Grace	STAGS	Toby	OTTERS

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Responsibility:

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

Head's Blog – Is tutoring really necessary?

Over the past few years, it has often felt as though the world around children has become increasingly complicated. Childhood seems to be shifting faster than any of us can keep up with. As a headteacher, I see this daily: rising anxiety, pressure from social media, the pull of screens, the fading art of play, the rush of family life and the growing expectation that schools should somehow solve every challenge at once. It's no wonder so many parents tell me they feel overwhelmed. And truthfully, at times, the world seems a little mad.

That's why I've decided to write a regular blog—not yet sure whether it will be weekly, monthly, or simply whenever something needs saying. My aim is to pause, reflect and offer a fresh perspective on the educational challenges we are facing. This week's theme is **tutoring**.

The rise in tutoring is something I've observed for several years. It is entirely natural to want the best for your child, and the idea of "extra help" can feel reassuring. There can also be a quiet sense of "everyone else seems to be doing it," especially when tutoring comes up in conversation at the school gates. But every family's situation is different, and decisions should be shaped by *your* child's needs—not by what may (or may not) be happening around them.

It's important to remember that when classroom teaching is strong and the curriculum is well designed, tutoring is rarely needed. At Kingham Primary, we are proud of the curriculum we have built. It gives children the knowledge, skills and experiences they need for life and a confident transition to secondary school. Through an exciting, thematic approach, children develop understanding, independence and self-belief over many years—not through a quick boost or an extra weekly session. They grow into curious thinkers, strong communicators and morally grounded individuals. This long-term development cannot be replicated in an hour of tutoring. There *are* times, of course, when tutoring can be helpful: for specific exam preparation, independent school admissions tests or specialist support for dyslexia and other learning needs, provided it is delivered by a properly qualified specialist. Occasionally, a short period of tutoring can help a child revisit a tricky concept or rebuild confidence. But these situations are the exception—not the rule—and should complement, not compete with, the learning already happening in school.

Outside of these cases, routine tutoring can duplicate or even muddle the carefully sequenced learning planned by teachers who understand the full journey each child is on. It's also worth remembering that the word *tutor* covers a remarkable range of people—from highly skilled and qualified teachers to... well... people who once helped their nephew with fractions and decided it was a calling. Parents should always ask about qualifications, experience and understanding of the primary curriculum, particularly as subject knowledge in areas like grammar and maths has become increasingly complex. And finally, we must hold on to the value of childhood. An hour spent tutoring is an hour not spent walking, talking, playing, imagining, resting or simply being with family. These simple moments shape wellbeing far more deeply than an extra worksheet ever will.

Tutoring may have its place, but it is a small and specific one. For the majority of children, our school does not support or recommend tutoring. Often, the most valuable "extra" a child can have is the freedom to simply be a child.

Diary Dates

Tues 2 Dec	KPSA Movie Night (Ends at 4:45pm)
Weds 3 Dec	CNPS U9s Ball Festival
Fri 5 Dec	Year 6 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Tues 9 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 2pm
Tues 9 Dec	CNPS U11s Literary Quiz
Weds 10 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 2pm
Thurs 11 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 5pm
Thurs 11 Dec	Choir at Kingham Lunch Club
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (£2)
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 12 Dec	Interhouse Orienteering
Mon 15 Dec	Rock Bands Concert (9:30am)
Tues 16 Dec	Junior Carol Concert (Churchill Church 6pm)
Wed 17 Dec	Pantomime in the School Hall (am)
Thurs 18 Dec	Infant Christmas Parties (am)
Thurs 18 Dec	KPSA Junior Disco (pm)
Fri 19 Dec	Rec-Y6 at Kingham Church Service (am)
Fri 19 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)
Mon 5 Jan	INSET Day
Tues 6 Jan	First day back



Come and join in!
Open to anyone in school years 3-6
Baking, Fun talk, Games
All Saints Church, Churchill
Usually first Friday of month 6:30-7:30pm

2025 - 2026 dates

Fridays: 12th Sep, 3rd Oct, 7th Nov, 5th Dec, 9th Jan
 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 17th Apr, 8th May, 5th Jun, 3rd Jul

For more info: Rev David Salter 01608 652888

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Parents: On 12th Sep come early to fill in consent form and you are also welcome to come back early to join us for tea/coffee at 7:20pm.

Venue of 3rd July to be announced at a later date

Run by Kingham and Churchill Churches

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER

4PM

ST ANDREW'S, KINGHAM

All Ages Welcome



Scouts
 6th Chipping Norton
 Greystones, Burford Road,
 Chipping Norton, OX7 5UY.



You're Invited!

Monday 1st December
5pm - 6pm

Come and see our amazing Scout hut and try some fun outdoor skills, crafts, games and fun!

New Scout sections incoming!

Age 4-9? Want to try something new and exciting?
 Go on adventures? Meet new people and have lots of fun?
 Why not come along to our open event to take part in these exciting scouting activities and learn those all important #skillsforlife

Come along for free and find out more!

Send an email to katy.hadfield@scouts.org.uk to register your interest or scan the QR code to complete our booking form.





Squirrels

BEAVERS

KPSA 2025 CHRISTMAS

Film Night

Tuesday 2 December 3.15-4.50



Only £5.50

THAT CHRISTMAS



Kingham Primary
School Hall



Includes popcorn
and a drink

Book tickets on ParentMail