

Catherine Harrison – a Lifelong Inspiration to Kingham



It is with great sadness that we shared the news that our dear colleague and friend, Catherine Harrison, passed away peacefully this week surrounded by her family.

Catherine was an integral part of Kingham for over twenty-five years. During that time, she inspired generations of students and colleagues alike through her passion for literature, her love of learning, and her unwavering belief in the potential of every young person. Hard-working, dedicated, and endlessly compassionate, Catherine gave everything she had to her work and to the people around her.

Her devotion to her students was remarkable. Through her years of leading our much-loved Shakespeare performances, Catherine created magical opportunities for our young people to grow in confidence, creativity, and joy. Those performances were unforgettable — a testament to her high standards, her patience, and her belief that every child had something special to bring to the stage. Beyond the classroom, she helped generations of pupils to enjoy their school days and to see new possibilities for their futures.

Colleagues will remember Catherine for her intellect, her humour, and her determination. She was the sort of teaching assistant who always knew what to do, when to step in, when to stand back, and who to gently encourage. Her conversations were full of ideas, curiosity, and care — and she always had a way of making people think a little more deeply.

Even in her illness, Catherine faced life with quiet courage and dignity, without fanfare or self-pity, but with the same grace and integrity that defined her teaching and her life.

Catherine's legacy will live on in every corridor and classroom of Kingham: in the confidence of a student who once stood on stage for the first time, in the teacher inspired by her example, and in the enduring spirit of kindness, creativity, and high aspiration that she embodied.

In due course, we will also arrange a permanent way to remember and celebrate Catherine's extraordinary contribution to our school.

For those wishing to send flowers, Catherine's family have kindly asked that donations be made instead to the hospice that cared for her. You can make a donation here: <https://catherine-harrison.muchloved.com>.

The school has also set up a memories page where parents, pupils who worked with her, and ex-pupils can share photographs and memories of Catherine. You can visit the page here: [Memories of Mrs Harrison](#).

Catherine will be deeply missed by us all. Her influence, her warmth, and her belief in the power of education will remain at the heart of Kingham for many years to come.



Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, themed "Power for Good." We'll kick off with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday—wear your odd socks to celebrate what makes us unique! Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will host a special assembly and launch a fun competition. Throughout the week, classes will explore activities promoting kindness, inclusion, and positivity. Let's all use our Power for Good to make a difference!

Children in Need

Children in Need Day is on Friday 14 November! Funds raised will support charities helping children and young people across the UK. On Friday, pupils are invited to wear yellow and/or spotty clothing and bring a £1 (or more) donation.

All next week, our Student Council will sell merchandise before school in the playground: Pudsey pens (£1), wristbands (£1), ears (£2.50), small teddies (£5), and a limited-edition 11th Doctor Who Pudsey (£15). Cash only – while stocks last!

Parent Survey

To help us continue providing the highest standard of education for your child(ren), we would like to hear your views about our school. Your feedback helps us celebrate what's working well and to identify areas for improvement. Please complete the survey below that matches your child's age group:

- **Survey link:** [Parent Survey Nursery Reception](#)
- **Survey link:** [Parent Survey Years 1 - 6](#)

The survey takes around 5–10 minutes and should be submitted by **3pm on Wednesday 26 November**.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and for your continued support of our school.



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.

Fran	OTTERS	Angus	STAGS
Kit	OTTERS	Sam	ROBINS
Felix	STAGS	Daisy	OWLS
Grace	STAGS	Emme	STAGS
Emery	ROBINS	Bellamy	ROBINS

Value of the Month: Tolerance

Tolerance:

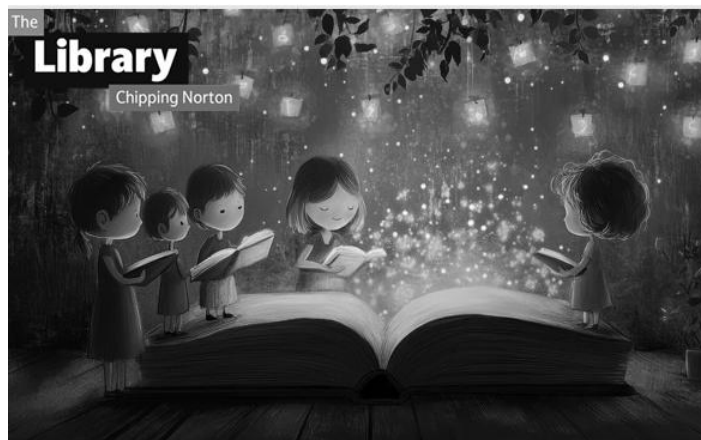
is accepting myself and others

is knowing we are all different

is being understanding and open minded

Diary Dates

Mon 10 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 Nov	Odd Socks Day (free)
Tues 11 Nov	Remembrance at the Peace Stone (10:40am)
Weds 12 Nov	Year 3 and 4 visit to Gloucester Cathedral
Thurs 13 Nov	Reception Story Workshop (am)
Fri 14 Nov	Children in Need
Fri 14 Nov	Year 6 Street dance Workshop (am)
Weds 19 Nov	CNPS U11s Netball
Thurs 20 Nov	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Hill End
Thurs 20 Nov	Year 1 visiting Chippy Fire Station
Fri 21 Nov	Year 5 Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Tues 25 Nov	Year 5 Solar System VR Workshop (am)
Tues 25 Nov	Printing Workshops (Y1 and Y2)
Weds 26 Nov	CNPS U11s Sports Hall Athletics
Weds 26 Nov	Printing Workshops (Y5 and Y6)
Thurs 27 Nov	Printing Workshops (Y3 and Y4)
Thurs 27 Nov	Year 5/6 Fire Safety Workshop
Tues 2 Dec	KPSA Movie Night
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 Dinner
Fri 12 Dec	Interhouse Orienteering
Mon 15 Dec	Rock Bands Concert (9:30am)
Tues 16 Dec	Junior Carol Concert (Churchill Church 6pm)
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



Saturday Storytime

Every Saturday at 11am

**Come and join in the fun! For ages 4+.
Must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Booking recommended. Please ask at the desk,
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chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



Winter Voices

St Leonard's Poetry Recital Festival

Sunday, 1st March 2026 at 2 pm

in aid of St Leonard's Church, Bledington

**Join us for an afternoon of spoken verse
and verse sung by 'Henry Laird and Friends'
to illuminate the winter darkness.**

Share your voice, celebrate the power of poetry and herald the coming spring.

Applications for a recital place are now open for children and adults.

Submit your suggested poem to Roger Blears (rogerblears@pm.me)
by 15th December 2025.

Accepted entrants will be notified by 15th January 2026
and will receive a copy of *The Lost Words* in return for their recital.

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" – Percy Bysshe Shelley

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