



Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Reading workshop yesterday. We really do appreciate the support you are able to put in place at home so your child(ren) have reading experiences. Please look out for the Weduc about the Reading Workshop shared by our English Lead Mrs Stephenson and we hope you find the bookmark questions and sentence stems as well as the links to paired reading useful. Thank you to all the volunteers who come into school to support children with their reading. As you know Reading has huge benefits. Please click on the link to find out more: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/impact-and-research/Research/the-benefits-of-reading/>



Today, Julie Pullen, one of our kitchen team, celebrated being at the school for 20 years. Thank you, Julie, for all the lovely dinners you have made for the children and the smiles you have given each child at the kitchen counter each day!



Well done to all the children who participated in the Harvest Festival which included singing, sharing poems, prayers, facts about farmers as well as letters of thanks to our farmers. Thank you for your kind contributions to St Mary's Food Bank. The children were also very excited to see and learn about harvest time this week, from Mr Harding one of our local farmers. We were absolutely enamoured with Mr Harding's tractor which he very kindly brought onto the school playground.

Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Didcot railway station on Wednesday. Thank you to all our parents who supported staff in supervising children on the trip. The weather remained dry and the children participated in a variety of interactive activities which included a ride on the steam train, learning about Mr Brunel, steam engines and train signalling. All of these tasks supported the children in answering their Enquiry question: 'What was the impact of the railways in the 19th century?' The staff at Didcot also shared how impressed they were with the children's quality of questions asked throughout the day.

We are looking forward to seeing Kingsclere CE Primary School pupils perform at the Mayor's Variety Show on Saturday. Good luck children and well done for all the rehearsing you have put in place prior to the event.

**BASINGSTOKE
VARIETY SHOW**

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Jo Messenger
Headteacher

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Notices



Year R Open Days

We have Year R Open Days available for new parents or existing parents to attend if you have a child due to start school in September 2025. We look forward to showing our school in action! Please do share all we have to offer at Kingsclere CE Primary with new families and their children and we look forward to welcoming them to the school.

Friday 11th October at 9.30 am
Friday 8th November at 9.30 am
Tuesday 19th November at 1.30 pm

Secondary School Applications

Secondary school applications are open until 31 October for all Year 6 children. Please do apply for your child's place before the end of the month. Applications can be [submitted online](#), or parents can request an electronic form by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.

Harvest at the Barn

Reverend Pete will be running a service to celebrate the Harvest Festival. Please do support and enjoy celebrating the harvest with the local community.



We'd love you to join us at our
Harvest Celebration

Harvest in the
BARN

Family harvest crafts, tractor,
animals and refreshments

Sunday, October 6th at 10 am

Harvest gifts will go to the St. Mary's Community Larder
Strattons Farm, Newbury Rd, Kingsclere, RG20 4SZ
Parking available

Please note ~ There will be no service inside the church that morning

Safeguarding End of the Day Collection

Please ensure that if you have asked a friend or relative to collect your child from school they have the password to share with the class teacher so we can hand over your child to their care at the end of the school day.

Bike Helmets

We have seen a number of children on bikes in the village without their helmet on. We strongly encourage children to wear a helmet to avoid a fatal accident.

NSPCC Parent Safeguarding Advice

There are some super parent/carer leaflets on the NSPCC offering advice regarding safeguarding. Please do have a look to see if there is anything that may be useful to you:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>



Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please
Tuesday 8 th October	Year R Height and Weight with School Nurse	
Friday 11 th October	2025 – 2026 New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
Saturday 5 th October	Mayor's Variety Show Choir Performance	School Uniform
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day	
28 th – 1 st November	Half Term	
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school	
Tuesday 5 th November	Flu vaccination	
Friday 8 th November	2025 – 2026 New Year R Parents Tour 09:30 – 11:00	
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Sunday – Kingsclere Village	School Uniform if part of parade
Monday 11 th – 15 th November	Anti-bullying week including Odd Socks Day (12 th November)	Odd Socks on 12 th November
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent/Carers Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Thursday 14 th November	Parent/Carers Consultation Evening 15:45 – 18:45	
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day	TBC
Tuesday 19 th November	2025 – 2026 New Year R Parents Tour 13:30 – 15:00	
Wednesday 20 th November	Grounds Day or Grounds Afternoon	Outdoor clothing and wet weather gear
Friday 29 th November	Non-Uniform Day – Christmas Fayre donations	Own home clothes
Monday 9 th December to Friday 13 th December	Last Teacher/School Led club week	
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Wednesday 18 th December	Nativity Performance 09:30 – 10:30	
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Christmas Jumpers and school trousers/skirts
Monday 23 rd Dec. – Friday 3 rd Jan.	Christmas Holiday	
6 th January 2025	INSET Day	
Monday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school for the Spring Term	
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term	

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Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	
Friday 7 th – Friday 14 th March	Science Week	
Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children return to school	
Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Monday 26 th – 30 th May	Half Term	
Monday 2 nd – 4 th June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential
Wednesday 11 th June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
30 th June 2025	INSET Day	
Wednesday 23 rd July	First day of the Summer Holiday	