

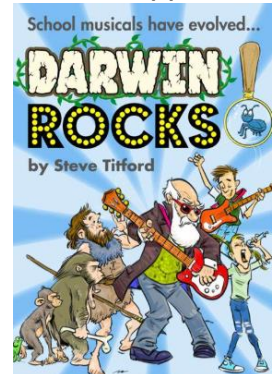
Dear Parents and Carers,

Although this half term has been short, it has been filled with enriching learning opportunities and exciting experiences for the children.

### **Well done Year 6**

We were incredibly proud of Year 6 and their hard work during the recent Standard Assessment Tests. These are national tests taken by children in England at the end of Year 6. To support the children, we offered a breakfast each morning in the school hall and a chance for them to socialise together before the school day started at 08:45.

Our Year 6 children, with the support of their Year 5 peers, are beginning to rehearse for their end of year play, 'Darwin Rocks!'. We are all looking forward to their performance. After the half term break, our Year 5 and Year 6 children will enjoy their residential trip to Runway's End - an exciting adventure awaits them!



### **A Warm Welcome**

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our Governing Body, Mrs Samantha Macnamara and Mrs Amy Adams. We are delighted to have them on board, and they each bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to support the school. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Mia Scannelli, a Winchester University teaching student who is working alongside Miss Hollie Randall in Year 1 until the end of June.

### **Mental Health Week**

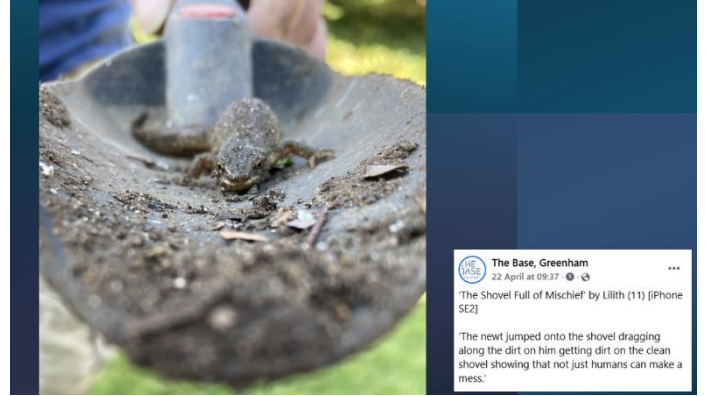
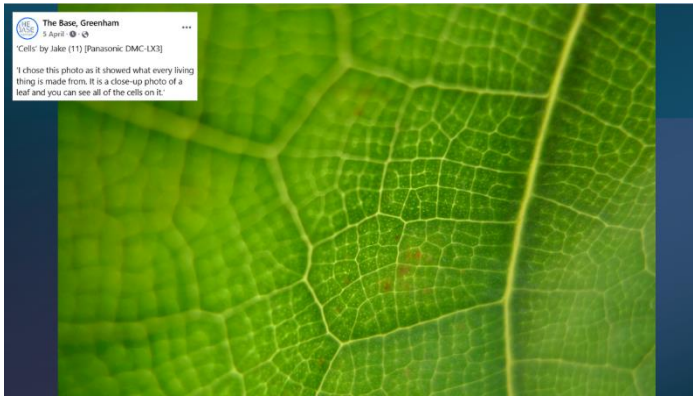


This term, our whole school took part in Mental Health Awareness Week, focusing on the power of breathing techniques to help support our wellbeing. It was great to see the children engage thoughtfully with this important topic. We continue to teach in each year group the My Happy Mind programme which is an NHS approved programme to help build children's resilience and positive wellbeing. Please do download the *My Happy Mind* QR code to see the resources available to use at home – see the attached poster.

### **Photography at Greenham Base**

We were thrilled by the enthusiasm and creativity shown by all the children who entered the Wildlife Photography competition, inspired by an assembly led by Lorna Crowther. Special congratulations to Lillith and Jake whose photos made the final of the competition. We are very proud of you! Please see Lillith's and Jake's photos below.

Our Year 2 have also been selected to visit Greenham Base on 23 June. The children will explore the photography exhibition through engaging activities, tour the Base, peek inside artist studios, and take part in a 90-minute artist-led workshop linked to the exhibition. The trip is fully funded by The Base and we are delighted to have been selected to take part in this super opportunity for the children.



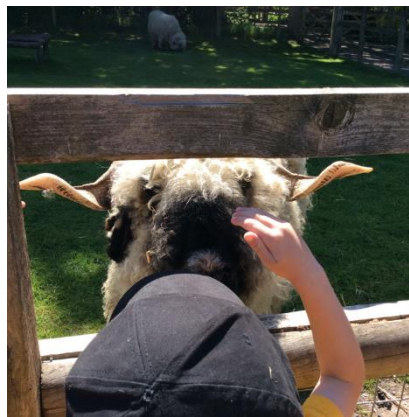
## Lead Learning Partner Report

We are delighted to share that our recent inspection of Kingsclere CE Primary School by the Lead Learning Partner Hampshire Inspector and Advisory Service was extremely positive. The audit is carried out annually in Hampshire maintained schools to recognise, support and drive progress. Here are some highlights from the report:

- *'Teachers bring learning alive, helping pupils gain essential knowledge and skills to thrive beyond primary school.'*
- *'There is a clear vision for high-quality teaching and learning, with staff working collaboratively to provide consistent and effective education. (Leaders)...have worked with focus and dedication to successfully move the school forward.'*
- *'Outcomes in phonics and reading are at or above national averages, reflecting strong teaching.'*
- *'Pupils engage with purposeful, stimulating tasks, enriched vocabulary, and creative assessment approaches.'*
- *'Governors provide valuable challenge and support, ensuring strategic oversight and a clear focus on school improvement.'*
- *'Leaders foster a shared mission and a collaborative culture, encouraging continuous improvement and clarity of roles.'*
- *'Safeguarding systems are robust, with daily case reviews and ongoing staff training to maintain vigilance.'*
- *'There is a strong culture of teamwork, reflection, and continual development across the school.'*

## Wellington Country Park – Year R Trip

Year R recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Wellington Country Park, where they learned about animal life cycles and had fun climbing, exploring, and moving in the great outdoors. The children were complimented on their excellent behaviour by visitors to the park. A lovely moment shared by our teaching staff was watching the children walking back to the coach in line, with geese quietly following behind!



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### **VE Day**

The whole school came together to learn about the importance of peace and the VE Day Celebrations. We were also incredibly proud to take part in Kingsclere's VE Day Service, in the village, marking 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe. Our Year 5 children represented the school with pride and maturity. They read the Wartime Prayer and laid a wreath in memory of those who served. The service was completed with a moving rendition of Flanders Fields performed by the children. It was a truly special occasion, bringing our school and community together in a shared moment of reflection and gratitude for peace. There is a lovely photo on the school ReachMoreParents showing the children at the event. Our kitchen staff also got into the mood of VE day dressing up for the day!



### **Walk to School Week**

A big thank you to everyone who took part in Walk to School Week, as well as to all those who regularly walk to school whenever possible. We know that not everyone lives within walking distance, but we truly appreciate the support and enthusiasm from all families that are able to travel to school without a car. Despite a few rainy and blustery moments, it was fantastic to see so many children enjoying the fresh air and the benefits of walking!

We are all back to school on Monday 2 June 2025 at 08:45. Thank you for your ongoing support this half term.

We look forward to an equally rewarding next half term.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher

### **Notices**

#### **Advice and a Slice for parents and carers – all welcome!**

Come and join Mrs Attiya Khawaja, our school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer from 09:00 – 10:00 on **Tuesday 3rd June for a meeting about dyslexia**. The session will provide an opportunity for a tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about dyslexia as well as a chance to chat with other parents and carers.

### **Sports Day**


We look forward to seeing you all at our Sports Day on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. A letter has been sent out on ReachMoreParents about the event. We do hope you can join us and cheer on your child! Please bring your trainers – we may have parents, carers and family races also - only for those who would like to take part of course! 😊





## **Swimming**

In other news, our teachers have completed their swim training, and we are excited to begin swimming sessions for the children after the half term break. Many thanks to Mr Derbyshire for preparing the pool so well and the staff team for completing their 6 hours of swim training after the school day. We also offer after-school swimming lessons with professional instructors - please see the information below if you are interested in booking a place for your child. Please contact 'Cali Kids Swimming' on the email below.



**KINGSCLERE SWIMMING LESSONS**

**KINGSCLERE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, RG20 5RE**

**JUNE 2ND - JULY 18TH**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 3:30-6PM**

**£13 PER LESSON**

**£10 PER LESSON IF BOOKING 2 OR MORE DAYS A WEEK**

 **calikidsswimming@gmail.com**

## **Safety Focus: Water, Online, and On the Road**

At school, we are committed to helping children stay safe in all areas of life - whether in the water, online, or on the road. Please take a moment to explore the following resources and discuss them with your child.

**Water Safety:** As part of each child's swimming lessons, a key focus is the importance of water safety. We encourage you to talk to your child about the Water Safety Code, which is a simple and effective way to stay safe around water. <https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/water-safety/>

**Online Safety:** Following our recent Safer Internet Day, we invite you to read the latest Impact Report, which highlights how the day reached more parents, carers, and young people than ever before. [Safer Internet Day Impact report - 2025 - AL](#)

For further guidance on helping your child stay safe online, the link below offers clear and up-to-date advice for parents: <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

**Seatbelt Safety:** Please continue to reinforce the importance of wearing a seatbelt at all times when travelling in a vehicle. It's a simple but vital habit that helps keep everyone safe.  
[Seatbelt safety](#)

### **Kingsfest 2025 – Come and join the fun!**

Please save the date to come and enjoy this super event:

#### **A message from Newbury Young Farmers...**

'To give you a bit of insight into this event, Berkshire Young Farmers' Clubs consist of four clubs across the county - Bradfield, Newbury, Shefford and Windsor and Maidenhead. It is a fantastic organisation for 10 - 28 year olds and is open to anyone interested in agriculture however, you don't need to be from a farming background to join.

There are two events we are hosting in June - the music event on Friday 13th of June evening with a local renowned band (The Extra Covers) and a ABBA tribute act as well as a disco to follow and a large Country Fayre on Sunday 15th of June.

The Sunday consists of a fun family day out. There is lots of entertainment on hand as well as a dog show and lots of craft and food stalls. Also, the Young Farmers will be participating in show classes throughout the day in a frantic bid to win the silverware. At the end of the day, there is a fabulous display of the clubs' floats pulled by tractors in the main ring. These will be decorated to the theme The Best of British and it is always a fabulous spectacle to watch.

Everybody is welcome and early bird tickets are available now from: [Berkshire Young Farmers' Club - You don't have to be a farmer..... to belong to a Young Farmers' Club](#)

#### **Parent and Carer Workshops**

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight have been reviewing how to provide support for children, young people and their families on the neurodiverse pathway. There are a number of links below sharing information for families and support available:

- [Family Information and Services Hub | Parenting Support](#)
- [Family Information and Services Hub | Family Support](#)
- [The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council](#)
- [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder \(ADHD\) :: Healthier Together](#)
- [Autistic Spectrum Condition \(ASC\) :: Healthier Together](#)





- [Introduction to Autism – CAMHS](#)



**INSET DAYS next academic year are:**

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 19th September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Please also see the attached calendar for 2025 – 2026 holidays. We kindly request that holidays are not taken during school time so that children do not miss out on their academic and pastoral development. Thank you.



## Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events



Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential	Outdoor clothing for Year 5 and 6 attending the residential. Arrive at school at 8.45am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> June, return end of school day on 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Advice and a Slice 09:00 – 10:00	Focus of the session: dyslexia
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R trip to Fieldgate Centre	School uniform
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Cystic Fibrosis 'Wear Yellow Day'	Casual clothing which includes some yellow clothing
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2 trip to The Base	School uniform
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Newbury and District Swimming Gala	Swimming Kit. Leave at 8.30am, packed lunch
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Soiree	School Uniform
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last week of school led clubs	All school clubs end on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir rehearsal at the Fieldgate for Kingsclere Singers Concert.	Casual clothing. Early Evening, time to be confirmed
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production – 13.15	Tickets on sale after half term via Parentpay
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 Production – 18.30	Tickets on sale after half term via Parentpay
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp Out Weekend	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingsclere Singers Concert at the Fieldgate 12:00 – 14:00	School Uniform
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming Gala 10:00 – 11:30	PE kit and Swimming kit
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Grounds Day	Casual outdoor clothing with relevant sun protection clothing and cream
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Gala 10:00 – 11:30	PE kit and Swimming kit
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1/2 Trip	More details to follow.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Oscar's Evening Year 6 (Year 5 guests)	Dress for the Oscars!
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	FKS Disco Year R, 1 and 2: 17:00 - 18:00 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6: 18:15 - 19:15	Disco Wear!
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Service for Year 6 families and friends to attend 09:30	School Uniform
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	First day of the Summer Holiday	

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