



## Kingsclere CE Primary School Newsletter

### Edition 7 – March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an action-packed Spring Term and March has been particularly exciting with many enrichment activities taking place.

### Easter Cantata at St. Mary's

It was great to see so many of you join us at our Easter Service today and a joy to hear all the children participate in the Easter Cantata and readings along with the debut performance of our Samba Band! Thank you to all parents and carers who assisted in supervising the children on their walk to and from the church. We also extend our gratitude to the St. Mary's team for their continued support, and a special thank you to Mrs Bowden for her dedication in organising and preparing the children for today's performance.



### Sports News



We are incredibly proud of the 60 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who took part in this year's cross-country event at Newbury Showground. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who helped supervise the children during the event, as well as to the Running Club organisers for their dedication in supporting many of the children's training in preparation for the competition. Approximately, 1600 children from around 60 schools across West Berkshire and Hampshire took part in the competition. A special well done to Euan, Harrison, and Flo for achieving placements of



20th, 24th, and 40th, respectively. Additionally, several of our children made significant progress compared to their positions last year. Well done to everyone who participated!

As well as Cross Country events our boys Year 5 and Year 6 football team competed against Burghclere. The children played with enthusiasm, resilience and energy. Thank you to Mrs Scott for organising and Mr Crossland-Scott for refereeing the match.



We have several Sport Camps taking place in the May half term and Summer holidays. The sports events are led by Chais Sports for a very reasonable price. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter and contact Chais Sports by email on: [office@chaisports.co.uk](mailto:office@chaisports.co.uk) if you would like your child(ren) to get involved. We were delighted that Chais Sports provided a day of tennis activities for the children to take part in last week which many children thoroughly enjoyed.



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## Mini Orchard

We held our Grounds Day with a variety of Science, Art and Geography activities in place to support children's curriculum learning. We also planted a small orchard on the field, which was kindly obtained through grant funding by Laura, one of our brilliant Parent Teacher Association FKS Team members. With the help of Mr Derbyshire (our school caretaker), who dug the tree holes, and Laura, the children planted the trees and, as a whole school, enjoyed performing the song 'Let It Grow' during the tree-planting.



## Show Racism the Red Card

It was wonderful to see so many children participate in the 'Show Racism the Red Card' art competition. We are especially grateful to those who took the time to enter, demonstrating their understanding and appreciation of the important anti-racism message. A special well done to our winners: Sienna (1<sup>st</sup> place), Oscar (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Eden (3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Annie (4<sup>th</sup> place) for their excellent and original entries.



## Reading



During our World Book Day this term on 6<sup>th</sup> March it was brilliant to see the children embrace the event and the many reading activities that took place throughout the day. We continue to actively use our school library and celebrate the importance of reading through our weekly Reading Reward system and daily Reading lessons. We strongly encourage parents and carers to hear their child read throughout each week to support their child's learning and love of books.

## Farewells and Welcomes

We extend our best wishes to Mrs Lauren Taylor as she begins her maternity leave and Miss Coupe who will be beginning a new career as a driving instructor. After the Easter holiday, we warmly welcome Mr Paul Smith, who will be covering Hazel Class in addition to Mrs Verney after the Easter holiday.

We also say farewell to Mrs Kayleigh Scott, our lunchtime supervisor, and wish her all the very best for the future.

Huge congratulations to Miss Emma Rutter, who has been teaching in Rowan Class alongside Miss Randall. Emma is a third-year teacher trainee from Winchester University. Miss Rutter has been an outstanding teaching student, and we wish her every success in her future teaching career. Well done Miss Rutter!

## Science Competition

Well done to some of our Year 5 scientists who took part in a science competition at Horris Hill. The children came first place and used their brilliant science knowledge and skills to complete a number of tasks and experiments. Following a very positive review of our Science teaching and learning by



Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service some of the children have been asked to write about their science experiences and learning.

### Thank you

Thank you for supporting our Red Nose Day and Break the Rules. The children have enjoyed these days and thank you for your valuable donations to support these important fundraising events.

I hope you have a lovely Easter with your families, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Kind regards,  
Jo Messenger  
Headteacher



## Notices.

### Photography Competition for Kingsclere CE Primary School Pupils

Lorna Crowther, the community engagement coordinator from The Base, Greenham met with the whole school and shared the joy of photography. Lorna also shared details of an exciting photography competition titled 'My Wildlife'. This competition provides an opportunity to get outside and look closely at nature. Budding photographers of all ages and expertise can enter – whether it's a spectacular sunset, wildlife discovered on a family walk or snaps of your beloved pet! Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for further details.

### Advice and a Slice for all 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**. The session will provide an opportunity for a tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat to talk about anything linked to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and/or Emotional Wellbeing and a chance to chat with other parents and carers.

### 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](#)

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## **Kingsclere Youth Club**

Please see the poster near the end of the newsletter linked to the Kingsclere Youth Club.





# KINGSCLERE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS CAMPS

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 9-4pm £35 per day

Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th July 9-4pm £35 per day

Monday 28th to Thursday 31st July 9-4pm £35 per day

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd August 9-4pm £35 per day

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August 9-4pm £35 per day

email us at  
[office@chaissports.co.uk](mailto:office@chaissports.co.uk)



# 'MY WILD LIFE' PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2025

We are excited to bring back our popular 'My Wild Life' photography competition, inspired by the return of the Natural History Museum's 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year 60' exhibition to The Base in June/July.

Budding photographers of all ages and expertise can enter – whether it's a spectacular sunset, wildlife discovered on a family walk or snaps of your beloved pet... we are looking for creative thinking when it comes to capturing the wonders that surrounds us, both in your town or countryside.

Finalists from two age categories (**Under-18s** and **Over-18s**) will be selected by a panel of expert judges. The general public will then choose the winners from each category in a online vote on The Base's Facebook page.

Wildlife Photographer  
of the Year 60



## Don't miss out! You could win...

- **Under-18s:** A Family Base Pass, a Family Day Ticket to Marwell Zoo, and a Marwell Zoo goodie bag and featured in Newbury Weekly News.
- **Over-18s:** A Base Pass Plus, a Family Day Ticket to Marwell Zoo and a Marwell Zoo 'Animal Experience' and featured in Newbury Weekly News
- **All 1st place, 2nd place, finalists and highly commended entries** will have their photographs displayed as part of the 'My Wild Life' exhibition in Honesty at Parkway and The Base's Runway Gallery.



More info and regular updates at [www.thebasegreenham.co.uk/news](http://www.thebasegreenham.co.uk/news)

THE BASE  
Greenham

In association with

honesty

 Marwell Zoo

Email a completed entry form, including the communication release form ([see www.thebasegreenham.co.uk](http://www.thebasegreenham.co.uk) to download) and your photo attached to [admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk](mailto:admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk) by **Monday 21 April 2025**.

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For young people  
aged 7-14 yrs  
EVERY MONDAY  
during term time

5.30—7.30 PM

THE FIELDGATE CENTRE

£3.50 per session



First  
session is  
**FREE!**

Arts & Craft  
Sports  
Games  
Quizzes  
Team building  
Cooking



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# Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Events

Date	Event	What pupils should wear please or other information
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Deadline for Year 5/6 final residential payment	If you are not able to meet the deadline, please speak to the school office to make them aware.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole Class Photo Day	School Uniform (no need for PE kit for any year groups on this day – thank you)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Awareness Week	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R trip to Wellington Country Park	PE Kit
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Walk to School Week	
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
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Advice and a Slice 09:00 – 10:00	SEND and Wellbeing Adult Meeting with the school SENCO and Safeguarding Officer
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	House colour T Shirt and school PE shorts
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Cystic Fibrosis 'Wear Yellow Day'	Casual clothing which includes some yellow clothing
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Soiree	School Uniform
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Choir rehearsal at the Fieldgate for Kingsclere Singers Concert.	Casual clothing
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	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 to attend 09:30	School Uniform
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	First day of the Summer Holiday	

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